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resolution might not hold out very  
long. The child looked amazed,  
but turned to go, hugging her dolly,  
and at the door stood the Texas, with  
a very suspicious moisture on his cheek  
and a big lump in his throat.

Well, you may be sure that the sick  
mother and the little girl were read-  
ers of more comfortable, for an hour after-  
ward she had a receipt for a month's  
rent in her hands, and a doctor's  
carriage stood at the door of that tenement  
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That Bad Boy  
HIS PA JOKER'S HUM.

What on earth is that you have  
got on your upper lip, said the gro-  
cery man to the bad boy, as he came  
in and began to peel his rutabaga, and  
his upper lip hung down over his  
teeth, and was covered with some-  
thing that looked like shoemaker's  
wax. You look as though you had  
been digging potatoes with your nose.

O, that's some of this data, said  
the boy. I asked him if he knew any-  
thing that would make a boy's mous-  
tache grow, and he told me the best  
thing he ever tried was tar; and for  
me to rub it on thick when I went to  
bed; and wash it off in the morning.  
I put it on last night, and by gosh I  
can't wash it off. Pa told me all I  
had to do was to use cayenne pepper.

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Pa's feet somehow slipped backwards  
and he turned a summersault and  
struck full length on his back and  
one heel was across the minister's  
neck, and he fell down the steps and  
the other deacon fell over them; and it  
was the worst looking lot of pious  
people I ever saw. I think if the  
minister had been in the woods some-  
where, where nobody could have  
heard him, he would have used lan-  
guage. The big girl told me there  
was a big fight out on the side-  
walk fighting pa, and she took the  
pious and started to help up. I and I  
tried to stop her, but her constitu-  
tion isn't very strong and I didn't  
want her to do any flying trapeze  
business, but I couldn't stop her, and  
she went out with the broom and a  
rag and washed her head. Well, I  
don't know where ma did strike, but  
when she came in she said she had  
painted the broom, but that was  
not where ma put the arnica. O, but  
she did go through the air like a bul-  
let through cheese, and when she  
went down the steps bumpily, bump,  
I felt sorry for ma. The minister had  
got so he could get up on the side-  
walk with his back against the lower  
steps when ma came sliding down, and  
one of the heels of her gaiters hit the  
minister in the hair, and the other  
foot went right through between his  
arm and his side, and the broom like  
to pushed his teeth down his throat.  
But he was not mad at ma. As soon  
as he saw ma, he said, 'Why, sis-  
ter, the wicked stand on slippery  
places, don't they?' and ma she  
made and said for him to let go her  
stocking, and then pa was mad and he  
said, 'Look-a-here, you sky-pilot, this  
has gone far enough, and then  
a policeman came along and first he  
took the broom and then he took the  
stocking, and he found they were respect-  
able, and he got a chip and scraped the  
soap off of them, and they went home,  
and ma they got in the house some  
way, and just then the letter carrier  
came along, but he didn't have any  
letters for us, and he didn't come into  
the steps, and then I went up  
stairs, and I said, 'Pa, you think  
it is real mean, after you and I  
fixed the soap on the steps for the let-  
ter carrier, he didn't come on the  
steps at all, and pa was scraping the  
soap off his pants with a piece of  
shingle, and the hired girl was put-  
ting jam on, and heating it  
in for palpitation of the heart, and pa  
said, 'You dam, idjut, no more of this  
or I'll make the liver out of you'; and  
I asked him if he didn't think soft  
soap would help a moustache to grow,  
and he picked up ma's work-basket  
and threw it at my head, as I went  
down stairs, and I came over here.  
Don't you think my pa is unreason-  
able to get mad at a little joke that he  
planned himself?

The grocery man told him it was  
the worst looking boy he ever saw,  
but he could cure it by rubbing a little  
cayenne pepper. He said, the tar  
would irritate the pepper, and the  
pepper would loosen the tar, and act  
as a cooling lotion to the lacerated  
lip. The boy went to a can of pep-  
per behind the counter and stuck his  
finger in and rubbed a lot of it on his  
lip, and then his hair began to raise,  
and he began to cry, and rushed to  
the water-pail and ran the water over  
the water to wash off the pepper. The  
grocery man laughed, and when the  
boy had got the pepper washed off,  
and had resumed his rutabaga, he  
said:

That seals your fate, no man  
ever tried to cure a boy's mous-  
tache with cayenne pepper, and he  
boldly came to the Spanish door  
without living to rue it. I will  
tell you, old man, and don't you  
forget it. Pa thought he was smart  
when he got me to put tar on my lip,  
to bring my moustache out, and to-  
day he has on a bed of pain, and to-  
morrow your turn will come. You  
will regret that you did not get down  
on your hands and knees, my man,  
and say to the grocery man, 'You  
will be sorry that you did not pre-  
scribe cold cream for my lacerated  
lip, instead of cayenne pepper. Be-  
ware, you base fellow, once to the  
pound buckster, you ginned a feel-  
ing of dog sausage, you sanded an-  
gry idiot, you small potato, three cold  
mout-sleight of hand rotten egg feed,  
you villain that sells smoked sturgeon  
and dogfish for smoked halibut. The  
avenger is on your track.'

Look here, young man, don't you  
threaten me, or I will take you by the  
ear and walk you through green  
fields, and beside still waters, to the  
front door, and kick your pistol pocket  
clear around so you can wear it for  
a watch pocket in your vest. No  
boy can frighten me, by crimus.  
But tell me how you got even with  
your pa?

Well, you may be sure that the sick  
mother and the little girl were read-  
ers of more comfortable, for an hour after-  
ward she had a receipt for a month's  
rent in her hands, and a doctor's  
carriage stood at the door of that tenement  
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