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BILL ARP AND THE BOYS PICK SWEET POTATOES

For some time past I have been anticipating a big frolic for me and the children, for my sweet potatoes were very fine, and so the other day we got an early breakfast and set in for the day. It took the plowboy an hour or so to clean off the vines for a start, and I helped him with the four pronged hoe when the plow got too full to carry. Then me and the three little boys undertook to pick up as fast as the plow turned 'em out. I was to give a quarter to the chap who found the biggest potato, which I soon found was bad policy for it made 'em run over and skip a good many little ones and it kept me busy picking up what they had left. The frolic was splendid for half a day and I enjoyed seeing the big ones roll up to the surface almost as much as I did when a boy, but after dinner I didn't feel much like going back, but I had to go, and I went and stuck it out until night and we bunched 'em in little piles and covered 'em up with vines, and the next day we went at it again, but I didn't go with the same alacrity, and the boys got tired of hunting for the biggest one and one of 'em took the headache and laid down in the shade, and I thought he might have overworked himself and sent him to the house to rest, and in fifteen minutes he was setting the dog on a cat up a tree and having a bully time. We only counted on a day and a half to close out the job, and we worked hard and faithful, and it took us three whole days, and I never saw the like of potatoes on an acre of ground, and towards the heel of the last day, which was yesterday, I was so tired of seeing 'em roll out and picking 'em up I wouldn't have dug another patch if anybody had given it to me. The last day's digging was among the yams, and the milky glue that runs out of 'em got so thick on my hands I had to soak and rub and scrape 'em for an hour to get it off, and it ain't all off yet, and my fingers look like they use to when I had been hulling walnuts all Saturday. But I believe in potatoes and take comfort in having plenty of 'em during the winter, and I have always felt a feeling of pride and confidence in our sunny south, because we can raise to perfection four things that the Yankees can't, and these are cotton and cowpeas and Bermuda grass and potatoes. When our farmers learn how to raise these things to perfection, we can defy the world and the flesh, and mighty nigh keep the old devil at a respectable distance.—Atlanta Constitution.

In a new volume on Norseland is the following bit of description: Norway faces the sea with a line of cliffs so massive that their foundations seem everlasting. Islands without number rise out of the tossing waves; the deep, tranquil waters of the fjords overhanging with fir-covered mountains, and bright at night with the quenchless splendor of the stars, flow through narrow channels to the outer ocean; and against the sky great mountains stand vast and immovable, as if from eternity to eternity. No Norseman, steering his adventurous galley along those rocky shores, seeing, perhaps, the mighty rush of the polar seas against the North Cape, and hearing the long reverberations of Thor's hammer roll from mountain peak to mountain peak, would have believed that these things had not been as he saw them from the very beginning, if the Eddas, wiser than any wisdom of man, had not told him of a time when even the gods had not begun to live, and in the vast space when no worlds hung and no heavens shone, there was nothing but the unseen spirit of the great All-father, solitary and silent in the depths.

Albany is to have an anti-corset society, and the young men of that place have vowed never to marry a girl who laces.

The Miseries of a Mean Man.

Sometimes I wonder what a mean man thinks about when he goes to bed. When he turns out the light and lies down. When the darkness closes in about him and he is alone, and compelled to be honest with himself. And not a bright thought, not a generous impulse, not a manly act, not a word of blessing, not a grateful look, comes to bless him again. Not a penny dropped into the outstretched palm of poverty, nor the balm of a loving word dropped into an aching heart; no sunbeam of encouragement cast upon a struggling life; the strong right hand of fellowship reached out to help some fallen man to his feet—when none of these things come to him as the "God bless you" of the departed day, how he must hate himself. How he must try to roll away from himself and sleep on the other side of the bed. When the only victory he can think of is some mean victory, in which he has wronged a neighbor. No wonder he always sneers when he tries to smile. How pure and fair and good all the rest of the world must look to him, and how cheerless and dusty and dreary must his own path appear. Why, even one lone, isolated act of meanness is enough to scatter cracker crumbs in the bed of the average ordinary man, and what must be the feelings of a man whose whole life is given up to mean acts! When there is so much suffering and heartache and misery in the world, anyhow, why should you add one pound of wickedness or sadness to the general burden? Don't be mean, my boy. Suffer injustice a thousand times rather than commit it once.—Burdette.

Newspapers in Schools.

At a teachers' meeting in Pennsylvania the other day, Superintendent Lockey, of the Pittsburg public schools, opposed the use of the spelling book. When a word stood by itself it was dead, he said; when put into a sentence it had life; and a spelling book generally did more harm than good. He then ridiculed the popular method of teaching elocution, and declared that pupils could deliver the speeches of Webster, Calhoun and Clay finely, but when asked to read a newspaper could not do so intelligently. He advocated the reading of newspapers in schools, and stated that in the Pittsburg public schools the geography was only a book of reference, the daily papers being the means by which geography was taught. Scholars thus associated places and events readily, and were not likely to forget either.

In Montana.

Park City is becoming a Northern Pacific town, changes her name to River Rock. The waters from the Park, between Boulder city and Butte, run partly into the Atlantic and partly into the Pacific ocean. The Northern Pacific has commenced the construction of a freight depot on the south side of the railroad track at Billings. Fort Keogh soldiers are put to good use. They are sent out on buffalo hunting to supply the post with meat instead of letting beef contracts. The Yellowstone Press pronounces the Kitsee parlor cattle cars a failure, so far as the shipment of Montana cattle in them is concerned, and says they are being sent out of the territory. The Indians have a regularly organized police force along the Cannon Ball, and white men caught on their agency will not be killed, but simply turned over to the agency as prisoners. The world pays but little honor to promises unless they are clinched by fulfillment; and this is why the world praises St. Jacobs Oil; it promises to cure rheumatism, and does so in every instance without fail. —Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis immediately relieved by Shiloh's Cure. Sold by W. E. Dement.

What is Good English?

Some persons are unwilling to be convinced about "in this connection" and "in our midst." "To me," writes one, "there is no grammatical difference between 'in their midst' and 'in the midst of them,' both of them being absolutely correct." This is a mistake. "In the midst of them" is absolutely correct; "in their midst" is absolutely incorrect. "Yet," writes another, "these phrases are grammatically correct, exceedingly useful, and highly idiomatic." This gentleman is also mistaken in every respect. The phrases are neither correct nor useful, and they are directly the reverse of idiomatic. Idiomatic phrases are old phrases growing out of the very roots of the language, sometimes apparently incorrect, yet always correct when profoundly examined in the light of philosophy and history. Phrases that are truly idiomatic are always beautiful and congenial to all the rest of the language; but phrases like "in our midst" are not only the opposite of idiomatic, but they have no congruity with the genius of the language, and are mere inventions and clumsy devices of modern ignorance and presumption.—New York Sun.

On the road from Pendleton to Centerville, says the Tribune, several log houses are being erected by Indians or half-breeds, who have picked out their one hundred and sixty acres and will commence farming a la white man. It will be only a little while longer till the whole reservation is one vast wheat field.

Mr. Vanbibber has sold his homestead claim in Puyallup Valley to a Portland firm for \$12,000, with the understanding that he is to receive a royalty of twenty-five cents on every barrel of oil taken from the wells that are soon to be sunk.

Some notion of the importance of the Russian caravan trade may be seen in the fact that about \$3,000,000 pounds of tea have been annually conveyed to Krachta.

The new charter makes the town of Ashland one mile wide and two miles long, rectangular in shape.

Over two million pounds of wool have been shipped from Alkali, Wasco county, this year.

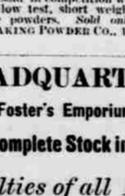
Four dairy farms in Coos county made 33,300 pounds of butter during the past season.

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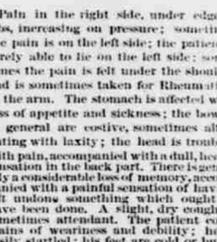
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