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A Picture of an Average 'Frisc' Boy.

[From the Argonaut.]

He resides in San Francisco. I first saw him while visiting a friend near North Beach, where he 'hangs out.' He is now as much as twelve or thirteen years of age. My first introduction to this manly boy was in this wise: I was standing, one Sunday afternoon, in company with a friend, at the menagerie in the locality referred to, regarding with deep interest an unusually intelligent monkey, whom I was refreshing with ten cents worth of peanuts, when a boyish voice behind me exclaimed, authoritatively:

'Here now! How's this? Let a fellow see what you? Gold-darn you, you are always in the way'—only he used a less mild expletive—and at the same time I was honored by a violent push from behind, and the Boy of 'Frisc'—for it was he—stepped in.

I ventured to remonstrate.

'O, you be darned?' he exclaimed. 'You fellows must think cos a feller's not as big as you that he's no 'count and hasn't no rights that yer bound to respect.'

I probably displayed some indications of displeasure, for the next moment there were two rapid concussions and two bullets went flying past my temple. He had merely emptied two chambers of his revolver—a useful article he always carried—at me, my life being providentially saved by his missing me.

'What, not killed?' he exclaimed. 'Well, it's not worth while a-wasting any more powder on you, as I've got other shooting to do to-day if certain fellows comes round.'

Thus my life was saved a second time.

A boy who will deliberately shoot twice at a man, with a view of killing him, must be a Boy of 'Frisc'.

Well, I kept my eye on that boy. Says I to myself:

'How precocious! Why, there's no end to the Congressmen he may be one of these days!'

After killing one of the monkeys, and threatening even a bear that merely looked at him, he lighted a cigar and went into a neighboring saloon for his drink. There he called all hands out to drink with him, after which he said he had no money to throw away in that manner, and swore he'd shoot the first man who didn't pay for the drinks in his stead.

The first man paid it, and the Boy, after knocking down a couple of gentlemen, left the saloon.

I asked the bartender if it was customary to submit to these little annoyances from the Boy.

'O, he's a dangerous character,' said the bartender, turning pale, 'and it is best to get along quietly with him.'

I walked out to see what new precocity would be developed. I arrived at the door just in time to see him stab and kill a Chinaman whom he happened to meet, and could not but help admiring his strict sense of economy with reference to his powder. Perhaps he did not consider the Chinaman worth a bullet, and I remember with pride that he had honored me with two.

He now went to the beach with several companions to where he had a small yacht of his own anchored, and they sailed out upon the Bay. Thus I lost sight of him for an hour or two; but he returned by-and-by, with one companion less than he had sailed with, having drowned one during the voyage for disputing his word.

His next movement was to enter a saloon, call for drinks and cigars all round, and this time, through some whim, he did not force any one to pay for them, but simply waved his hand gracefully to the bartender, saying:

'Them's on me!' Which was an intimation that they were to be charged to his account.

He now referred to his watch; and after cursing a few minutes, remarked that it was about time for him to go to the prize-fight, as he had heavy bets on it and was determined that his champion shouldn't be licked.

The prize-fight was between two boys of nine years each; and as the Boy of 'Frisc' stated that no man—not even a policeman—should be allowed to be present, I was unable to witness the masterly exhibition.

I saw the Boy of 'Frisc' no more that day, but have carefully watched his career since. I learned that he finished that day a pleasure by getting very drunk towards evening and going home and murdering his mother.

This Boy is not without his good traits of character. He will stick by a friend to the last, and has already killed three boys in defending a young gentleman of eight years, who is the son of wealthy parents and always has plenty of money. He also knocked a man's eye out for venturing to speak disrespectfully of another companion, whose father kept a cigar store. He also showed some goodness of heart, on one occasion, by taking all the money from the hat of a blind beggar, to keep for him, lest other boys should steal it. He has kept it faithfully to this day. Another redeeming trait of his is, that he goes home very 'full' every night, prepared to lie down peacefully in a drunken stupor until morning, provided nobody irritates him, as did his late unfortunate mother, by not having a hot whiskey-punch quite ready for him. The poor Boy has no father; he killed him with a shoe knife some three years ago. He had a little sister, but he took her out boat riding one day, and came back alone. 'Drowned,' said he 'by accident,' but he winked when he said it, and laid a significant emphasis on the word accident; so that the coroner was of the opinion that he must have thrown her out of the boat. But as it could not be proven that he had first killed her, no action was taken in the matter. In fact, being the biographer of the Boy of 'Frisc', I, of all men, should do him justice when he deserves it; and I must say, in all candor, that it is not positively known that he ever committed more than seven

murders. There must be some natural, inborn goodness about a boy of his age who has killed so few people.

Of course I have said nothing of the burglaries and robberies he has been concerned in, and the houses he has set on fire. These are simply the result of the natural weakness of humanity, inherited by all boys of his age.

Far be it from me to say that this youth of twelve years is the worst boy in San Francisco, or even as bad as some others. I have merely presented him as a fair average. I know other boys that are very wicked, compared with him.

I do not even wish to convey the idea that, as the times go, he is at all 'fast'—still not concealing the fact that I humbly hope, with a Christian yearning that I shall one day see him fast—to the lower end of a rope.

A RUSTIC 'Tweed ring' has been discovered in Warren county, New Jersey, and its stealings are set down at the modest sum of \$150,000. The community there is an agricultural one, with but little direct interest in the ups and downs of commerce, and Belvidere, the county town, is more deeply stirred by the appearance of the Hessian fly than it would be by the greatest financial crash that might happen in Wall street. Here, one might think, would be a most unlikely field for 'ring' operations, and yet we learn that it has been the scene of 'as shameless a set of robberies as was ever perpetrated by public officers.'

The method of plundering in this case was in great part the same as that of the Tweed ring in New York city, the stealings being, however, on a scale that appears microscopic beside the great municipal robbery of the world. Vouchers for county work done and supplies furnished were 'raised'—from \$900 to \$1,900, from \$160 to \$460, and such like—while bills for fabulous quantities of Paris green, Epsom salts, etc., were 'passed' by bogus auditors regardless of expense. A lot of carpets put down at \$400, for instance, charged as being for the county buildings, never reached there at all, but was taken to the houses of certain officials, and another carpet, bought for \$40, was charged to the county at \$400.

The 'boss robber' turns out to be one Dr. Mattison, who was Clerk of the 'County Board of Chosen Freeholders,' and who held all bonds and other records. He and some others implicated have left for parts unknown, and some who remain are in imminent danger of arrest.

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