

THE ADVOCATE

One of Sunset Cox's Jokes.

"The late Sunset Cox," said Judge Abbott, of Texas, to a reporter, "was a man whose love of humor did not find exclusive vent through his facile pen. His merry nature delighted in getting the laugh on some one of his friends, and I shall never forget a little prank he played on my colleague, Judge Hare. Hare and Cox had struck up a friendly acquaintance, followed closely upon the former's entree into the Fortieth Congress. One day they chanced to meet about noon in one of the Capitol corridors and Hare invited the New-Yorker to go down stairs and lunch with him. "Much obliged," said Cox, "but won't you wait on me five or ten minutes; I must see a man on the floor on important business; then I'll join you."

"All right," said Hare, "I'll await you down stairs, and if you see a friend you would like to have, bring him along, too."

"Into Cox's fun-loving cranium a scheme straightway crept. He dispatched what business he had in a twinkling, and then proceeded to confer with first one Congressman and then another till at last nine of us followed him out of the Chamber and down into the House restaurant, where Judge Hare was sitting at a table alone. A rather surprised look came over the face of the Texas Representative when he saw the company Cox had brought. But it vanished in a moment, and he bade us all welcome in the heartiest manner.

"Now, gentlemen," said he, "by the way of an appetizer, what will you like?" Cox, who was next to him, spoke up without a moment's hesitation: "I'll have a bottle of champagne also," said Moore. "Ditto," ordered Crane, and thus it went round, each man ordering a small bottle, until the waiter got back to the eleventh and last man, the host of the day, who, bringing his first down on the table with some emphasis, said, "Why, I'll take a bottle of champagne, too."

"Nobody smiled, but when the fluids were disposed of, it was a study to note the changes of our entertainer's face as each man began ordering the most expensive dishes on the bill. But things went on swimmingly, and hilarity rose to a great height—among ten of us, at least. Finally, the feast ended, and Hare beckoning the waiter to him, said: "I don't know whether I've got enough money with me to pay this account, but bring on your ticket and I'll see."

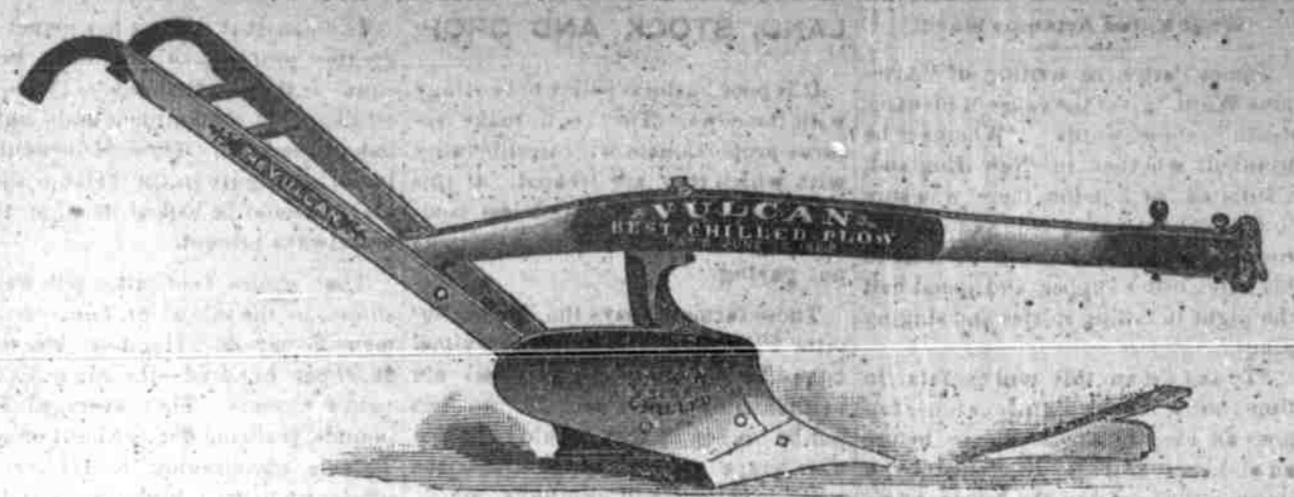
"He looked more puzzled than the waiter when the waiter came back, saying that there was nothing to pay. Then it dawned on him that Sunset Cox had been playing a little joke, and amid roars of laughter from the crowd he protested that Cox should not pay a farthing. But it had all been pre-arranged, and the statesman-humorist got more than the \$50 that the luncheon cost him out of the fun watching the bewildered looks of Judge Hare."—[St. Louis Republic.

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After the evidence was all in he wrote out his instructions as Judge, and handing it to one of the attorneys, requested him to read it to the jury. After listening to the instructions in his capacity of jury, he had himself conducted from the room by the Sheriff and locked up in the jury-room to consider the verdict. He stayed out six hours, and at the end of that time filed into court, reported that the jury could not agree, and, as Judge, discharged himself and taxed the jury fees \$3.—[New York World.

Stepping into a Carriage.

In the ethics of fashionable life carriage etiquette occupies a prominent place. One of the several things supposed to indicate whether a woman is purple, or at least accustomed to carriage life, is the way in which she enters and leaves her vehicle. She should have one foot out and firmly set upon the carriage step before she relinquishes the sitting posture; then the body should follow easily and naturally. Nothing is more awkward than to see a woman thrust her head forth first and then find herself forced to double up to accomplish the rest of the exit. Watch one who knows how to gracefully sink her weight from one foot to the other, almost without losing a perfectly perpendicular position, securing instantly a walking poise, as she touches the ground, and the difference between her method and that of another who lands very nearly in a crouch on the sidewalk will be discernible.—[N. Y. Times.

Whipped the Guard.

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We receive our best instructions in conflicts with the world, not in those frays in which we are victorious, but in the encounters that often witness our defeat. We need the stern and rigid discipline of outside trouble; of trials and temptations which it must meet and resist we would soon degenerate into a race of characterless beings. We cannot suffer too much in order to be strong. Adversity is a teacher whom none should despise.—[Aitchison Globe.

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Pennies in the Post Box.

"The postoffice department makes a small sum of money out of the people of this city, every year in a way that is rather out of the ordinary," said Mr. L. M. Bergman, assistant superintendent of the city delivery division at the postoffice. "The collectors in their rounds, you know, frequently find in the letter boxes pennies, two or more. "Where do they come from? Why, people put them there of course. Very often a person wants to mail a letter and has not a stamp ready, so what more simple, thinks he, than to drop the letter along with a couple of pennies into the nearest box, taking it for granted that the good-natured postoffice officials will buy him a stamp and save him the trouble of sticking it on. "Again, a person may mail a letter and remember afterward that he failed to stamp it, and, feeling a little doubtful about it, he goes back and drops a couple of coppers into the slot, thinking that it will be all right. So it would if there were only twice as many pennies collected as there are letters. But this is not the case. Lots of people forget to stamp their letters and then fail to drop two pennies into the box afterward, and it is impossible for us to tell to which letters the pennies belong. All the letters and money are carefully preserved, and eventually transmitted to the department. In this way I have collected and turned in \$6 within six months."—[Washington Star.

A Neat Trick.

At what a gentleman loses the odd trick, upon which the rubber tried, through the bad play of his partner, who failed to respond to his call for trump, and so ruined a magnificent hand and good game. "Hard lines," said a friend who was looking on, sympathetically and significantly, "was the reply, 'but what against three aces?' the Y.

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