

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

BY SYDNEY ORT.

When over youth's rosy track... The moonlight of romance throws a tender charm...

Alone and loveless, year by year... My life as lived, one way or planned; I have not known a more devoted hour...

We saw the victor's laurel wave... But never proud success have known; Alack, but glowing laurel wreath...

Here was the glittering plaything prized... Whose worthlessness we saw too late; And there the single chance despised...

GEORGE AND HIS HATCHET.

BY ORVA T. WELLS.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, who succeeded King George and Pontiac in the year 1776, did many useful and ornamental things...

At an early age he commenced going to school. Some claim that it was George who first invented the crooked pin...

In those days, the school benches were made of rough slabs, split from logs. These slabs were original bark upon seats...

George's first trial of the crooked pin was simply an experiment. Having bent the pin, he imbedded it in the rough bark of the seats in front of him...

It proved so satisfactory that he made a practice of repeating the operations, whenever opportunity offered. One day George was a night hunter in his day...

And the natives would fall down on their faces, waiting for him to execute them. He was a model of the good traits which all young men should possess...

First: He was exceptionally clean and neat, taking a bath once a day, and cleaning his finger nails every morning...

Second: He was respectful to his superiors, until others recognized him as their superior. Third: He never lied...

The historians relate an incident that occurred at an early age, and which illustrates the true nobility of his nature. While playing in the garden one morning, he espied a cherry tree which had been imported from Europe...

The elder Washington caught sight of George, Jr., and the mutilated tree at about the same instant. "George, did you chop that tree?" asked the father...

"Father," replied George, falteringly, "I would say no but that would be a lie, and I know you won't lick me if I tell the truth."

History says that the father fell on the neck of his truthful son and wept tears of great joy, but he didn't. George's irate parent grieved George with one hand where his coat fits...

LAUGH AND GROW FAT.

A HEALTHY TONIC FOR INVALIDS OF ALL KINDS.

Humorous Anecdotes Gleaned from Various Sources—Something to Read Which Will Make Anybody Sleep Well—Better Than Medicine When Taken Before Retiring.

"Look here," said a dude to a reporter, "you tell me a couple of good jokes. I want to get them off as original, you know, at a little social gathering to-night. I'll load you \$5 if you do."

"I don't think it will work," replied the newspaper man, pensively. "Why not?"

"I am so blamed poor that if I am found with \$5 on my person I'll be suspected to have stolen them; and you are so blamed stupid that if you get off a good joke everybody will suspect right off that you stole it."

Mr. Turnbull—It's too bad that your husband cut off his flowing beard. Mrs. Gimple—Yes, but he had to do it. I gave him a diamond pin for Christmas.—Life.

Mr. Latitude—I am opposed to the railroad companies charging passengers by weight. Mr. Longitude—And I am opposed to their charging them by the mile.—Puck.

His eye lighted on the man wearing the wolfskin overcoat as soon as he entered the door, and the presumed far Westener had scarcely got seated when he was accosted with: "From Colorado or Nevada, I presume?"

"No, sir; from Idaho." "Anywhere near Boise City?" "Right from that place, sir."

"Ah! glad to have met you. Wanted to talk with you about the weather out there. Been very cold this winter?"

"Not so very. It was only 15 degrees below when I left." "Is that the coldest?"

"Well, we had it 23 degrees below for a few days in December." "Did, eh? I have been keeping track of the weather, as reported by the signal service. Here is Boise City pasted in this column."

"I see. You must have an object?" "Certainly. I travel a good deal, and I always like to stop a lair in the first round. This report does not show that you have even touched zero this winter. How is that?"

"My friend, is that the weather-bureau report?" asked wolf-overcoat, "It is." "Official?"

"Yes, sir. Can you get over it?" "I don't have to, sir. I should have told you on the start that our town is divided. Half of it is built on an old glacier and the other half in the crater of a volcano. The signal office is located in the latter half, and even in January they have to pour water on the floor to cool it off. Up in my half we often have it 20 degrees below while they are picking roses down in the crater. Signal service is only for half the town, sir, and before you call a Boise City man a liar you should find out which half he lives in. Go away from me, sir! You look like a bad, bad man!"

Friend—I should think you would find hard wood rather an expensive fuel these days. Suburban Resident—That wood-pile is not for fuel. It's for protection against tramps.—Street & Smith's Good News.

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EMBRASSING.

A Quarrel at the Club.

First Club Man—You should respect my gray hair, and not use such language to me. Second Club Man—But, my dear sir, you are excited. You forget you are bald-headed.

First Club Man—That makes no difference. You should respect the gray hair I would have had if I had remained single.—Texas Siftings.

Embarrassing. Mrs. Padsby coming forward at prayer-meeting—My husband wanted me to explain that he ain't laughin' at your remarks. He got his new teeth in upside down 'an' can't git them reversed till he gets outside.—Judge.

It Was Singular. "What was it you wanted?" asked Officer Enten at the 3d street depot of a man who appeared to be looking for somebody or something.

"I—I came in on the train from the East half an hour ago." "Yes." "Are the passengers all gone?"

"I was in hopes not. I wanted to find a young man who rode from St. Thomas with me." "Anything wrong?"

"Oh, no. Something a little singular. I have unintentionally done him an injustice." "I see."

"He asked me to give him two fives for a ten, and come to look closer at the bill I find it is a twenty. He has robbed himself of \$10." "Exactly. Let me see the bill." "Certainly."

"Yes, it is singular," said the officer, as he returned it. "It is singular you did not know the bill was bad." "Mercy! But is it?"

"Of course. That bill wouldn't fool a news-boy." "Dear, dear me! And he talked so plausible, and he was so interested in me, and so hated to bother me for change! Is it possible he knew it was bad?"

"Of course he did." "Dear, dear me! And he was on his way to California in hopes to stay his consumption! Why didn't he ask me for two tens for this twenty?"

"Probably thought he had hit your pile at ten." "You don't say! Well, I now remember saying I had only \$10 left. Is it possible! And he so young and one lung already gone!"—Free Press.

No Head for Business. Hands-up Ike—Hand out your vally-balls! Lord Wishty-Werome—My dear sir, you have to speak to me valit in the smoking carvage. He carries all me money, and attends to all me business, doucher know.—Puck.

Naming a Wife. "What's the name of your little girl, Hans?" "Her name vos Vaccine." "Vaccine? Isn't that an odd sort of a name?"

"Mebbe it vos, but it vos de best name I dinks of, don't it? She vos non mein own little girl. I finds her on mein doorstep von day in a schnall pox, unt so I calls her Vaccine."

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EXERCISE IN ROCHESTER.

The Commotion Caused by the Statement of a Physician.

An unusual article from the Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat and Chronicle was recently published in this paper and was a subject of much comment. The article caused even more commotion in Rochester the following from the same paper shows:

Dr. J. B. Henton, who is well known not only in Rochester but in every part of America, sent an extended article to this paper a few days since, which was duly published, detailing his remarkable experiences and rescue from what seemed to be certain death. It would be impossible to enumerate the personal inquiries which have been made by our readers as to the validity of the article, but they have been so numerous that further investigation of the subject was deemed necessary.

With this end in view a representative of this paper called on Dr. Henton at his residence when the following interview occurred: "That article of yours, Doctor, has created quite a commotion. Are the statements about the terrible condition you were in, and the way you were rescued, such as you can sustain?"

"It is very one of our many additional ones. I was brought so low by neglecting the first and most simple symptoms, I did not think I was sick, but I had frequent headaches; felt tired most of the time; could eat nothing one day and was ravenous the next; felt dull pains and my stomach was in a bad way. I did not think it meant anything serious."

"The medical profession has been treating symptoms instead of diseases for years, and in high cases the result is death. The symptoms I have just mentioned or any unusual action or irritation of the water channels indicate the approach of kidney disease, but by not attending to the cooling of consumption. We do not treat the cough, but try to help the lungs. We should not waste our time trying to relieve the headache, but about the body or other symptoms, but go directly to the kidneys, the source of most of these ailments."

"Is this, then, is what you meant when you said that more than one-half the deaths which occur arise from Bright's disease, is it, Doctor?" "Precisely. Thousands of diseases are torturing people to-day, which in reality are Bright's disease in some of its many forms. It is a hydronephritic monster, and the slightest symptoms should strike terror to every one who has them. I can look back and recall hundreds of deaths which physicians declared at the time were caused by paralysis, apoplexy, heart disease, pneumonia, malarial fever and other common complaints, which I see now were caused by Bright's disease."

"And did all these cases have simple symptoms at first?" "Every one of them, and might have been cured had they been treated with the same remedy. I am getting my eyes thoroughly opened in this matter and think I am helping others to see the facts and the proper remedy. I have been cured by Dr. Warner, who was visited at his establishment on North St. Paul street, spoke very earnestly."

"It is true that Bright's disease has increased wonderfully, and we find, by reliable statistics, that from 70 to 80% growth was over 25% per cent. Look at the progress of the disease, and it is taking off every year, for while many are dying apparently of paralysis and apoplexy, they are really victims of kidney disorder, which causes these diseases, paralytic, apoplexy, etc. Nearly every week the papers record the death of some prominent man from this disease. Recently, however, the increase has been checked, and I attribute this to the general use of my remedy."

"Do you think many people are afflicted with it to-day who do not realize it, Mr. Warner?" "A prominent professor in a New Orleans medical college was lecturing before his class on the subject of Bright's disease. He had a number of pupils, and was making analysis and was showing the students what the indications of this terrible malady were. 'And now, gentlemen,' he said, 'we have seen the healthy indications, and in less than a year he was dead. The slightest indications of any kidney difficulty should be enough to strike terror to any one.'"

"You speak of your own experience, what was it?" "A fearful one. I had felt languid and unfit for business for years. But I did not know it was Bright's disease. When, however, I found it was kidney difficulty I thought there was little hope and so did the doctors. I have since learned that one of the physicians of the city pointed me out to a gentleman on the street one day, saying: 'There goes a man who will be dead within a year.' I believe his words would have proved true if I had not fortunately used the remedy now known as Warner's Safe Cure."

"Did you make a chemical analysis of the case of Mr. H. H. Warner some three years ago, Doctor?" "I was asked Dr. S. L. Lathrop, one of the analysts of the State Board of Health."

"Yes, sir." "Did this analysis show you?" "A serious disease of the kidneys." "Did you think Mr. Warner could recover?" "No, sir, I did not think it possible."

"Do you know anything about the remedy which cured him?" "I have chemically analyzed it, and find it pure and harmless."

The standing of Dr. Henton, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Lathrop in the community is beyond question, and the facts of the case cannot be doubted. Dr. Henton's experience shows that Bright's disease of the kidneys is one of the most common and dangerous of all diseases, and that it is exceedingly common, but that it can be cured if taken in time."

Fitted Both Ways. A gentleman who lived to be an old bachelor, studied law, now proposes to marry. He bought a ring, composed of a neat little speech, and rehearsed the performance until he got it all down fine. Drawing the ring from his pocket, he struck an attitude and said: "Will you wear this beautiful ring for my sake? It resembles my love for you. It has no end." To which she replied: "Keep your ring, sir. It also resembles my love for you. It has no beginning."

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Little Roger—Pa, what are the three elements? Pa—Fire, water, and air. "Then, what are political elements?" "Fire-water and wind."—Puck.

Her Devotion's Secret. Caller—How perfectly devoted you are to your husband. Young Wife—Yes, I am trying to pet and spoil him so that if I die and he marries again no other woman can live with him.—Spare Moments.

For the deadliest of all wet blankets, give me a middle-aged man, who has been most of a visionary in his youth."

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Singular. An incurable lunatic seemed fond of reading, and in taking up a newspaper it was noticed that he would read aloud without hesitation, whether the paper was sideways or bottom side up. As a further test of his powers, one of the attendants held a newspaper spread out before him, keeping it steady, and the lunatic continued to read uninterruptedly. To test him still further, a reel was procured and the paper spread out and attached to the arms, the whole then placed before the patient. No matter how fast the reel was turned, the wonderful feature would read article after article aloud without seeming to be disturbed in the least.

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