

SMILES AND SUCH

HUMOROUS GLEANINGS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

NEIGHBOR'S JOKE ON BRYAN

Secretary of State Bryan has a large tract of land in Dade county, Fla. Much of this land is overrun with a dense jungle of "gumbo limbo" trees and other luxurious vegetation. Col. Bryan's tract adjoins some land owned by Col. Billingslea, the prosecuting-attorney of Dade county, and the two are eternally trying to get the laugh on each other.

One hot day last winter when Col. Bryan had just arrived from the West, he was seized with some irresistible desire to do some strenuous work, for he felt that he needed exercise badly. He had long been annoyed by the thick growth of jungle on his place and he decided to annihilate it while he was in the spirit. So, arrayed in a "new hickory" shirt and overalls and armed with a brand new ax and brush-hook, he set to work with a will.

All day long he labored, and to his great satisfaction he surveyed an expanse of about an acre which he had slashed down by nightfall. At that moment his neighbor Col. Billingslea happened to come by, and Col. Bryan called his attention to what he had accomplished.

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