

WILLING TO DODGE.

The Old Man's Opinion of "a Lot of Them New York People."

A traveler in Tennessee came across an aged negro seated in front of his cabin door basking in the sunshine. He must have been eighty years of age.

"Good morning, uncle," said the stranger.

"Mornin', sah, mornin'," said the aged one. Then he added, "He you the gentleman over yonder from New York?"

Being told that such was the case, the old darky said: "Do you mind tellin' me somethin' that has been botherin' my old head? I have got a grandson—he runs on the Pullman



"WELL, YOU SUTTENLY SURPRISE ME," said the negro, and then he passed as if in deep reflection. Finally he said: "You all know I am a Baptist. I believe in the resurrection and the life everlastin' and the comin' of the angel Gabriel and the blowin' of that great horn, and, Lawdy me, how am they evah goin' to find them folks on that great mornin'?"

It was too great a task for an off-hand answer, and the suggestion was made that the aged one consult his minister. Again the negro fell into a brown study, and then he raised his head, and his eyes twinkled merrily, and he said in a soft voice:

"Mornin' no offense, sah, but from what I have heard about New York I kinder calculate they is a lot of them New York people that don't want to be found on that mornin'."—Cosmopolitan Magazine.

Time and Eternity.

The efforts and strivings of our threescore years are not adjusted to the scale of seventy; they are adjusted to the scale of immortality. "This life is not the opera; it is the overture. It is not the book; it is the first chapter of the book. A man must be wakeful to his eternal destiny if he would know the magnitude of things.—G. H. Morrison.

Marry, Come Up.

A middle-aged Welsh market woman visited a theater for the first time in her life and was much interested in the piece, which was founded on Kingsley's "Westward Ho!"

"Marry" sat in a front seat. In one scene an actor, representing famous old Admiral John Hawkins, came on the stage and wraithfully testified against "croakers," concluding his speech with the old-fashioned epithet: "Marry, come up!"

"No, thank eu, surr," said Marj, rising in her seat and courtesying respectfully. "I will do famous down by here."

The audience roared, and Marj gazed about in wonder. Quiet restored, the actor continued his vigorous tirade against "croakers," again concluding with "Marry, sneak up, I say!"

"I can see splendid by here, surr; thank eu, surr," protested Marj. "I am 'shamed to go on the platform."

A Good Reason For Silence.

Lord Courtney was once addressing a political meeting and spoke in favor of the much debated deceased wife's sister bill.

On the conclusion of Lord Courtney's remarks a man put the question, "If your wife were to die, would you marry her sister?"

"To answer that I must put another question," replied the speaker. "Are you married?"

The man answered in the affirmative.

"Is your wife present?"

"She was not."

Then silence! came the telling retort, and a storm of applause greeted the reply.

Outraged.

A traveling phrenologist visited a village and advertised a lecture. During the performance he offered to examine any one's bumps for a dime. A burly blacksmith's helper said he would have his bumps examined, and as he took his place another man whispered in the phrenologist's ear: "He's very fond of veal."

At this hint the phrenologist nodded gratefully. He then read out the blacksmith's bumps, crediting him with all sorts of virtues, and finally he said in a loud, positive tone:

"Now I come to your diet. Gents, if there is one thing in the world our subject dotes on it is veal. Why?"

But the sentence was never finished. The blacksmith rose suddenly and knocked the phrenologist down.

"Blast ye!" he roared. "What's it got to do with you if I did steal a calf?"

ARCTIC PLANT GROWTH.

Effects of Electricity on Vegetation in Polar Regions.

Electroculture is an old subject, upon which opinions are still at variance. Some investigators have definitely rejected the hypothesis that vegetation is affected by atmospheric electricity. On the other hand, Professor Lemstrom of the University of Helsinki, Finland, vigorously sustains this theory and adduces experimental evidence in its support. Lemstrom asserts that when plants cultivated in the polar regions receive elec-

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struction by nocturnal frosts they grow far more rapidly and luxuriantly than plants growing in milder climates. Rye, barley and oats especially yield very large crops in spite of primitive methods of cultivation with wooden plows and harrows. The growth of plants depends not only on the fertility of the soil, but also on the supply of heat, light and moisture. In the polar regions the supply of heat is very small. The rapid growth of plants in these regions has hitherto been attributed to the continuous daylight of two or three months in summer, but this explanation must be abandoned, since it has been proved that even in those months less heat and light are received from the sun in the polar regions than at the latitude of 60 degrees. Lemstrom finds several reasons for believing that the cause of rapid growth in the arctic is to be found in the electrical currents which flow between the earth and the atmosphere and produce the phenomena of the aurora borealis. The pointed leaves of conifers and the bars of ears of grain facilitate the transmission of these currents through those plants, and this function supplies a reason for the existence of these peculiarities.

From a study of the concentric annual layers of growth of conifers growing in various latitudes between the sixtieth and sixty-seventh parallels Lemstrom finds that the thickness of the annual layer varies according to a definite law showing maxima and minima, which indicate a period of ten or eleven years, coinciding with the period of sun spots and auroras. The differences furthermore are greater in the great firs within the arctic circle, at 67 degrees north latitude, than in trees growing farther south. This appears to indicate that the atmospheric electricity of the polar regions exerts a beneficial effect upon vegetation.

Lemstrom has also made experiments on the effect of electricity produced by a Holtz machine upon barley, wheat and rye growing in pots and in the open ground. The results of these experiments appear to him to give support to his theory of the favorable influence of electricity upon the growth of plants.—Cosmos.

Had It In For Them.

Harvey Nangan's mother-in-law was taken sick at his house one night and helped herself to a large dose of rat poison, thinking it was painkiller. They had a frightful time with the old lady. She had consumed sufficient poison, the doctor said, to kill a dozen persons. But she pulled through.

"It was a close shave," said the doctor the next morning. "She took enough to kill the whole family, but the stuff fortunately must have been in stock for some time, and nearly all its strength was gone."

A month later a friend asked Harvey Nangan to recommend a reliable druggist to him.

"Squire is a good man, I understand," said the friend. "Know anything about him?"

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Notice is hereby given that Robert L. Kitching, of Prineville, Oregon, who, on November 23d, 1904, and additional January 31st, 1910, made homestead (Serial Nos. 03383 and 03384) No. 14008, for Sec. 3 and N.E. 1/4, NE 1/4, NE 1/4, and S.E. 1/4, Sec. 2, township 18 south, range 10 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final 5-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, county clerk at his office, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 10th day of July, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Dagastin, Joaquin Gerardo, G. Edward Smith, Lily Wilson, all of Prineville, Oregon.
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Notice is hereby given that James A. Griffin, of Powell Butte, Oregon, who, on July 8th, 1904, made homestead (Serial No. 03250.) No. 13839, for SW 1/4, section 22, township 10 south, range 14 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, county clerk at his office, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 24th day of July, 1910.

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