

The Lima Kiln Club.

An Kurnal Paradox Johnson in de hall dis evening handly inquired Brother Gardner, as the regular weekly meeting opened on the forty seventh degree in due and regular shape.

The "kurnal" arose. He was there. Some time ago he invented the theory, that Canada thistles could be cultivated to bear mustard plasters, and his countenance now betrayed the fact that he expected to be patted on the back and ordered to take the stool of honor under the Bear Traps.

Kurnal Johnson will please step this way," continued the President, and the kurnal advanced to the front, bestowing a look of three-ply contempt on the Hon. Erasmus Farlong as he passed him.

Brudder Johnson, said the president, as the victim stood before him with folded arms, I want to spoke to you in plainest English language. I larn dat you hev invented a theory?

Yes, sah. It has bin a long time workin' up to a climax, hasn't it? 'Bout a yar, sah.

I thought so. I was 'bout a yar ago dat I noticed you quit workin' began to sot around on de curbstone. You didn't catch on to dis theory widout a hard struggle, did you?

No, sah. It jist almos' upnot my mind. I thought so. I remember when you gin up de curbstone far saloon society. Later on you began to play 'craps' an' 'policy. Towards de last 'gony of your struggle you began to shake dice an' buy lottery tickets on de money your wife aimed at the wash tub. Inventin' a theory an powerful hard work, Brudder Johnson.

Yes, sah. It am so hard dat your wife an' children am now beggin' fur bread an' ogle clothes, while you am in debt to everybody who'd trust you and your landl'rd am guine to frow you out o' de house.

I—I is sorry, sah, but I couldn't help it. Brudder Johnson, said the president, in a voice which made Elder Twine shiver like a faded burdock in a winter's gale, I want to talk to you, an' to all other members of de club treaty, dat no cub's nose in Annerica has any bizness wid a theory—an original theory. If white folks has got time 'nuff and money 'nuff to loaf around an' disperse—in deir own minds—dat de moon am full o' jack asses which gallop up an' down, or dat de north star contains a race o' people who walk on deir heads an' feed demselves wid deir toes, dat's all right. De problem wid de culled man am, fast, bread and butter; second, house rent and raimen; third, sich eddica shun as will enable him an' his'n to write and receive letters, keep posted on current events, figger up how much a week's wages will come to at \$1 a day, realize dat de Atlantic an' an' on de side of us an' de Pacific de oder, an' hev de sense to get to de polis an' wote fur honest decent candidates, no matter on what ticket deir names appear. I shan't find you, an' I doan want to expel you, but you will retire to the ante room with Giveadam Jones fur de space of ten minutes. If you hold to any particular theory arter he gets free wid you it will be sunthin you am perfectly welcome to!

When the "kurnal" returned to the hall after the "proceedings" he was a changed man. One coat tail was entirely missing, the other badly battered, and his general appearance was that of a man who had met the tail end of a cyclone in a country where there was nothing to hang to.—"Detroit Free Press."

A DELUDED CHILD.—Appearance are very deceiving. A little boy at the opera, who noticed the gentlemen looking through their opera glasses at the ballet dancers, was of the opinion that the opera glasses were for an entirely different purpose. He said: "Mamma, buy me one of those things, so I can cover up my eyes with it when those women come on the stage.—[Texas Siftings.]

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