A SMALL WISH.

If I might do one deed of good,
One little deed before I die,
Or think one noble thought, that should
Hereaster not forgotten lie,
I would not murmur, though I must
Be lost in death's unnumbered dust.

Upon the careless wind to earth.

Of its short life has only need
To find the germ it place for birth;
For one swift moment of delight
It whirls, then withers out of sight.

—F. W. Bourdillon.

BILL KINNY, OF DRY FORK

Bill Kinny, of Dry Fork, killed a prominent man of the community, and the authorities, after some little meditation, decided that he ought to be arrested. But Bill objected, and when three deputy sheriffs called on him he laid a Winchester rifle across one corner of his homestead, killed one of the deputies and so painfully wounded the other two that they strolled back to the Shady Grove court house. Several days later, while Bill was sitting in front of his door, Mark Townsend, the sheriff in chief, walked up to the fence and lazily placed his arms on the top rail. Bill reached back and took up his rifle. "Good mornin', Bill."

"Hi, Mark." "Had a good bit of frost last night." "Yas, ruther. Which way you trav

elin', Mark?" "Oh, no way in particular. Lowed byou mout be lonesome, an' I thought I'd drap over and talk with you a while. Don't make no difference how lively a feller is he's apt to get lonesome once in a while, 'specially this time of the year." "I reckon that's true," Bill replied.

day, and one of them got so lonesome that he just natchully had to lay down." "So I hearn," said the sheriff. "By the way," he added, "them fellers that you speak about wanted you to go to Shady Grove with them, didn't they?"

"Some fellers come out here the other

"Yas, they 'lowed that a jedge down thar wanted to make my acquaint-"You don't say so!" exclaimed the sheriff. "W'y, the jedge is a mighty big

man, an' I'd think you'd like to meet him, Bill." "I would, but you see I ain't in so-

ciety this year." "Sorter retired, air you?"

"Yas, thought I was a-gettin' a leetle too old fur the bright foolishness an' yaller trimmins of this here life." "Yes, that mout be," the sheriff re-

plied. "A feller does withdraw mightily as he gets along in age; but, say, the jedge is a friend of mine an' I want you to meet him." "No. I'm obleeged to you. I never

hankered after these here fellers that pride themselves on their book larnin'.' "I don't exactly crave them," the

sheriff rejoined, "walloping" his tobacco about in his mouth, "but still I think we ought to meet them once in a while. But say, Bill, there's a man down at Shady Grove that I do want you to

meet."
"Who is he?" "Sam Powers."

"He's the jailor, ain't he?"

"Yes, an' the best one you ever seen." "So they say," Bill replied, fondling was here the other day wanted me to meet him."

"So I hearn," said the sheriff; "but 1 Plowed that mebby they didn't extend the invertation in a soft and gentle

"Oh, I'didn't have no fault to find with the invertation. I jest didn't wanter go. one of them land down an' the other two

limped might'ly. "So I hear said the sheriff. "Still I thought there mout be a easier an'

smoother way of puttin' the invertation. Gentleness always pays. You can sometimes lead a man with a string of beads when you couldn't drive him with a hoop pole. You recollec old Wash Bowles, that was once the sheriff of this if you tell an untruth?" county, don't you?" "Mighty well."

"Ah, ha! Well, that old feller had more gentleness and consideration for the feelins of other folks than any man I ever seen. One time he had to hang a feller named Brice, an' Brice sorter kicked against it, bein' a feller that was hard to please anyhow, so Wash, in that soft way of hisn, stepped up to put on the rope, an' says, 'Brice, you'll please excuse me, but I'll not detain you but a moment.' So I thought that if I'd come here today with strong consideration an amooth gentleness you mout accept the jailer's invertation to come an' spend a while with him."

"No, I'm obleeged to you. I don't care about goin' today. I've got to go ever the ridge an' whip a feller tomor-rer, an' if I don't do it I'm afeered he mout be disappointed. Well, now. Mark," he added, "ef you ain't got no further bus'ness with me I reckon you'd better be shovin' along."

"But I have got some further busi-ess with you, Bill. I want you to go with me an' see the jailer."
"Wall, I ain't goin'."

"I 'lowed you would, Bill."

"You don't say so."

"Yas, an' I want you to go with me." "How many men did you bring with

"None at all, but you air a-goin'."
"Mebbe; after all these here cartridges is shot off.'

brass an' powder hav riz mighty of late."

wants to put me in jail and afterward

"I know that, Mark, and I'm allus tryin' hard to keep that charge from bein' flung agin my reputation." "I'm pleased to know you think so

much of yo'self; but say, I told the boys over at Shady Grove that you would come back with me, an' I wish you would.

"I'd like to accommodate you, Mark. but I don't feel like strollin' today.' "Sorry to hear that, for I told the boys that I'd have you in jail by 12 o'clock

today.' "I wish you hadn't told them, Mark, an' you oughtenter done it, fur you

didn't know how busy I mout be." "Yas, mebbe I done wrong," said the sheriff, "but I didn't know after all that you couldn't fling aside your business and come along with me. The boys air all expectin' you."

"Yas, the boys up the river expected Gineral Jackson once, but he didn't

"So I hearn," said the sheriff; "an' you air not comin' with me?"

"That's what I ain't." "I'll bet you fifteen dollars, Bill, that

"I'll take that bet, but in the meantime if you don' take yo' arms offen that fence I'll drop you right in yo' tracks."

"That's the way I like to hear a man talk, Bill. Say, last night the jailer and his two sons went 'possum huntin'. They called up the dogs—and they have got some of the finest hounds you ever saw and here they came with brightness in their eyes an' deep music in their voices. You ought to have heard them go 'ounk, ounk, ounk.' Well, they went out. an' about midnight they came back with two of the biggest and fattest 'possums you ever saw. Well, they dressed them right thar an' then, an' put them out on the top of the house so the frost could fall on them, an' this marnun' they took them down an' began to bake them along with some sweet potatoes. Then the jailer's son he says, says he, 'Pop, we ain't got no regular wildcat licker to go with these here 'possums.' So the old man, havin' a mighty eye for art, gave a jug to the young feller an' told him to go up in the mountains.

"The young feller went, but he couldn't find no licker, an' at last he seen a ole feller drivin' a wagin, an' when he asked the ole feller if he could git any licker he swore that he didn't know nothin' about it; 'but,' says he, 'if you will take a jug up the hillside an' put a dollar under it I don't know what mout happen. but when you come back I don't bel eve the dollar will be there.' Wall, he went up on the mountain side an' put a dollar under a jug an' went away, but bless yo' life when he came back the dollar was gone, but the jug was filled with the best licker that had passed its teens. An' so at dinner today they are goin' to have them possums an' sweet potatoes an' that old licker that's got a bead on it like a dewdrop; an' say, the jailer says that you may share the feast."

"Look here, Mark, you sin't tryin' to trifle with my feelin's, air you?"

"No, I'm tellin' the Lord's truth; an' say, that ain't all. The Perdue boys caught a big bear down in the bottoms. an' after dinner they air goin' to set the dogs on him in the jail yard right in' full view of yo' cell. Think of that."

"Look here, Mark, I am about converted, an' I'll go with you if you'll let me take my rifle along.

"No, can't do that, Bill, an' besides I'll have to handcuff you. Possum, sweet potatoes, licker with a bead on it "In fact, them fellers that like a dewdrop an' a bear fight in full view of yo' cell."
"Mark," said Bill, as he put down his

rifle, "fetch on yo' handcuffs. Blamed if I ain't with you."-Opie P. Read in New York World.

One Kind of Teaching.

A good story is told by Mr. Montagu Williams concerning an argument that took place as to whether or not a certain boy of very tender years was old enough to be sworn as a witness. At the suggestion of one of the counsel engaged in the case he was interrogated by the judge, when the following colloquy took

"Now, my little man," said the judge, "do you know what will become of you "Hell fire," said the boy, without mov

"Well, and what will become of you," continued his lordship, "if you play truant and do not go to school?

"Hell fire," said the boy. "What if you don't like your brothers and sisters?

"Hell fire," again said the boy. "What if you stay out late when you mother sends you on an errand?"

"Hell fire." "What if you spill the milk?"
"Hell fire."

His lordship ran through a long list of faults, some of them of a very slight description, but the penalty was always the same-"hell fire

At the end of the examination the learned counsel said: "My lord, I hardly think this little boy

sufficiently intelligent or instructed for his evidence to be admissible." "Indeed!" exclaimed the judge. "Well, now I entirely differ with you. He seems a very good little boy, and if he grows up in his present belief, and thinks the direst punishment will be visited upon him for every fault he may commit, he will probably make a much better man

than you or I." The boy was sworn.-Pall Mall Ga-

A Man Who Has Worked Hard. Sir Henry Parkes, the premier of New South Wales, commenced to earn his "No, I thought you would go with me without having to waste any of the carridges. You know the price of from then till now. He never went to school for more than three months in his "Oh, now here, Mark, I don't care mothin' for expenses. I don't mind ahootin' a few balls into a feller that man without friends, without money, and with no letter of introduction to any "I am glad you ain't stingy, Bill.
Some of the boys over at the store said that you was mighty economical, but I'm glad to see you ain't. It hurts a Now he has been premier of New South man mightily, you know, to have it lieve there is a man in all Australia who lieve there is a man in all Australia who has worked harder than he has at manual and other labor. He is close upon seventy-five years of age.—London Tit-Bits.

WHAT DISINFECTION IS.

PEOPLE GENERALLY DO NOT UN-DERSTAND THE PROCESS.

Deodorants and Disinfectants Are Com monly Confused-Facts About So Called Harmless Preparations-Simple Rules for the Sick Room.

"There is a common error in the public mind which confounds the idea of odors with that of disinfection," said Mr. Cooper McGinn, chief clerk of the department of public health. "Whenever the question of disinfection arises deodorants and disinfectants should be removed as far as possible from one another in consideration. Disinfection is one thing and deodorizing another.

It is all very well to supply an odor that is agreeable in connection with the use of an agent which accomplishes its purposes as a 'germicide,' but the idea that substituting an odor of carbolic acid, or I might say 'attar of roses,' for any one of the indefinable odors or putrefaction results in the purification of the atmosphere upon which the two are borne is entirely fallacious.

"People do not think of using oil of of the numerous agents whose pungency acts acutely upon the membranes of the nose, but they take it for granted that the carbolic or pine tar odors accomplish something different. They do not.

"The agents employed in disinfection which accomplish results are generally injurious, and are to be handled with care. Whenever a person tells you that he has a disinfectant which is absolutely harmless, then set it down that he is telling you the truth in every respect. If it cannot harm the human in any way then it certainly won't do any damage to the 'micro-organisms' it is intended to destroy. If you can give it to the children to play with, then the best thing to do with it is to put it in the sewer and look for something that is dangerous to the 'bacteria,' and which you can, under proper instructions and with an intelligence supposed to be superior to that of the infinitesimal enemy you are combating, use to destroy him.

ABOUT DISINFECTANTS. "The unquestioned authority in the United States on this subject is Dr. George M. Sternberg, and the information evolved from his research, taken in connection with that of his colleagues of the American Public Health association, forms the text book which is followed by every health officer, health organization and intelligent practitioner in the land.

"He has told us of the misapprehension and the injurious consequences which result from such misapprehension and misuse of the term disinfectant. He cites as an example the use of sulphate of iron, a salt which has been extensively used with the idea that it is a valuable disinfectant, and he informs us that this salt in saturated solution does not destroy the vitality of disease germs or the infective power of material containing them, while, nevertheless, it is very valuable as an antiseptic, and its low price makes it one of the most valnable agents for the arrest of putrefactive decomposition.

"The health officer has issued a circular giving information in extensoregarding the methods to be employed in disinfection of various kinds, and this circular may be obtained upon application; but to give as briefly as possible an idea of what, in the information of the present day, it is proper to use in order to secure results in the work of disinfection, I cannot do better than condense from Sternberg about as fol-

"In the sick room, in case of diphtheria, scarlet fever, etc., the sputa of the sick can, and should be, destroyed by fire. Excreta may be disinfected with a solution of chloride of lime, made by dissolving the chloride in the proportion of six ounces to a gallon of

DISINFECTING THE SICK ROOM. "Clothes can be thoroughly disinfected by boiling for half an hour in water. If the heated water is not at hand, the clothes should be immersed in a solution containing one dram to the gallon of corrosive sublimate (mercuric chloride), or one ounce to a gallon of pure carbolic acid, care being taken not to place the mercuric chloride solution in metal vessels, but rather in a wooden tub or earthen crock. This method does not apply to clothing or bedding which cannot be washed; this can only be properly disinfected by being subjected to superheated steam in a suitable steam disinfecting apparatus.

"The general plan employed in disin-fection of the atmosphere, together with the surroundings in the room, is by means of sulphurous acid gas, secured by the combustion of sulphur. The sulphur, in powder or small fragments, is placed in a shallow iron pan (about three pounds for each 1,000 cubic feet of air space), which, after being moistened with alcohol, is ignited, all measures for thorough closing of every aperture in the room having been previously taken. In

order to guard against fire, it is advised that the pan should be set upon a couple of bricks in a tub partly filled with water.

"After the room has been thoroughly fumigated the walls should then be washed with a disinfecting solution, such as that referred to for use in immersing clothes previously to their being boiled. There are any number of other agents employed in the field of disinfection, but this is about all I should consider it esary to refer to.

"Prevention, it should be remembered is better than cure, and cleanliness is certainly better than godliness in warding off disease that comes by means of infection."—Washington Post.

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