

A SAD TALE.

Bill Nye Tells a Story with a Doubtful Moral.

This is the story of William Johnson, a Swede, who went to Wyoming territory, perhaps fifteen years ago, to seek his fortune among strangers...



PLEADING BEFORE THE GOVERNOR.

Everybody laughed at the idea of Jake Feim owning a team worth \$300, and, as he was also a chronic litigator, it was generally conceded that Johnson would be discharged...

Finally the regular term of the district court opened. Men who had come from a long distance to vaunt their ignorance and other qualifications as jurors could be seen on the streets...

William Johnson was peculiarly unfortunate in the selection of his counsel. The man who was appointed to defend him was a very much over-estimated young man who started the movement himself...

Seeing how the sentiment ran, I resolved to start a petition for Johnson's pardon. I got the signatures of the court, the court officers, the jury and the leading men of business in the country...

"This was all lucky for me, and when I presented the petition to the governor I had a strong case, made more so by the heroic action of a man who had been unjustly condemned."

"I spoke earnestly of his good character since his incarceration, and the governor promised prompt action. But he was called away in December and I feared that he might, in the rush and pressure of other business, forget the case of Johnson till after the holidays..."

A Visit to Ancient Carthage.

But the chief interest in Tunis is its nearness to the site of one of the most famous cities of the ancient world. It is but a drive of six miles to the spot where once stood Carthage.

No city of antiquity has left so few ruins as Carthage. When it was taken by the Romans the decree of implacable hate, Carthago est delenda—Carthage must be destroyed—was memorably carried out.

"A rat that is caught by the tail will not squeak," said a professional rat-catcher. "In those cases where they squeaked I had caught them by the body, not having time to get my favorite grip on them."

"People become lullid from washing the head," said an English barber. "The use of water on the scalp may make a man feel buoyant for a time, but you will notice that the hair becomes dry and brittle afterward."

The popular idea is that we put some sort of greasy preparation on our faces to make the burnt cork come off easily, said a famous negro minstrel to a reporter; but if a man wants to become permanently black, all he needs to do is to grease his face before he blacks up.

Eastern Man—Yes, I like this climate and have about concluded to send for my family and settle here. Boom City Man—Well, sir, I can show you some of the finest lots in—

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NEVER OLD.

Spring still makes spring in the mind, When sixty years are told; Love wakes anew this throbbing heart, And as it never old.

HOUSEKEEPING MADE EASY.

What Modern Invention Has Done for Our Matrons and Maids.

In former years it was no easy task for a young married couple to "go housekeeping," and it required no small expenditure of cash.

But modern invention has rendered housekeeping very easy. A couple may now set up for themselves with very few utensils, scarcely any provisions, and next to no knowledge of cookery.

It is no longer necessary to be a cook, or have a cook, to keep house. It requires scarcely any cooking utensils to provide a warm meal.

Not only is Russia the greatest military power in the world, but she is the European power with the largest homogeneous population and the greatest expansive force.

In London recently a well known artist of the camera was called in to photograph the body of a young lady who had just died under peculiar and distressing circumstances.

An error concerning water has arisen from a remark imputed to Faraday that "in every drop of water is stored up the energy of a stroke of lightning," which has been largely used by Keeley motor and other speculators to further their schemes.

An odd effect of the interstate commerce law is the resurrection of the various dead towns along the Mississippi river. The old steamboat wharves are being propped up ready for business, and yawning inhabitants are rubbing their eyes and wondering if the days of railroad traffic since the war have only been a horrible nightmare.

A firm of silk manufacturers at Northampton, Mass., about two years ago began sinking an artesian well there. It has now reached a depth of 3,400 feet. All but 200 feet of the boring has been through sandstone.

Contending with Kooks.

In the autumn when the nuts are ripe the rook is busy. Walnuts are his especial favorites. You will not see a bird near the place until they are ready for thrashing down.

It is no use thinking of shooting them; you may point a stick at them and flourish it about as much as you like, and it will not disturb them in the least.

When the captive had his neck twisted, and he was spread eagled out on a stick for his companions' inspection, the business was settled; not a single rook has been near the place from that time.

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AN EPIC IN FIVE FITS.

The editor in general mood, sat in his office chair, he ran his powdered fingers through his mass of tawny hair; he took his golden pen and wrote some grand and fiery screeds, of wars abroad, of politics, and of his country's needs.

The office herald came to him; an ugly youth was, with freckles scattered on his face, most wonderful to see, he jerked the pen, this herald did, he swept the dirty floor, he stuffed the coal into the stove and did the other chores.

Then trembling went the freckled youth, as he'd instructed been; he let the Bat Man to the door, and quaking, showed him in; the door was closed behind him then, and Absalom stood near, that all the sounds of raging war securely he might hear; there was a silence, long, profound, and then his master's voice, rang out in loud, defiant tones that made his heart rejoice; it sounded through the oak door and echoed down the hall; it ceased, the silence came again, and then a heavy fall.

With winged feet, young Absalom flew to his master's side; all still and pale that master lay, as though he just had died; but soon he opened wide his eyes that fell the boy upon, they swept the room to see Old Smith, but Smith, he'd vanished, was gone.

It doesn't pay. Out of fifty counterfeiters arrested in the last eighteen months only twenty-three of them had passed \$50 worth of the "piece," and only five of them had made a profit of \$3 per day for the time engaged.

All who use Dobbins' Electric Soap praise it as the best, cheapest and most economical family soap made; but, if you will try it once, it will tell a still stronger tale of its merits itself. Please try it. Your grocer will supply you.

The Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, is universally pronounced by the public the model hotel of the Pacific Coast. Everything is perfection to the minutest detail, and guests are made to feel entirely at home.

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THROUGH THE WEARY HOURS.

"Now, m'um," said the English servant, "how will you like the duck to-day? Will you heat it cold, or shall I do it for you?"

"I was confined to the house two weeks with rheumatism, but St. Jacobs Oil cured me; no return, Wm. A. GORTER.

"I suffered with a rheumatic neck which swelled very much. Found great relief in use of St. Jacobs Oil and swelling disappeared. MOLLIE HICKS.

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Advertisement for St. Jacobs Oil, The Great Remedy for Pain, Cures also Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, A Big Flood. Includes text: "The only thing that will wet a man who wears a 'Fish Brand' sicker is a flood; but even then he must be under water."

Advertisement for Oregon Blood Purifier, W. Pfunder's. Includes text: "WANTED YOUNG MEN & LADIES TO LEARN TELEGRAPHY. And secure positions paying from \$60 to \$75 per month."

Advertisement for J. McCracken & Co., Dealers in Portland Cement, Portland Cement, Portland Cement. Includes text: "J. McCracken & Co., Dealers in—Roche Harbor Lime, Portland Cement, Brick and Fire Clay."

Advertisement for Steinway, Gable and Pease Pianos. Includes text: "STEINWAY, Gable and Pease Pianos. Meaning the Best Piano Made, and the favorite choice of France, all Musical Institutions, Bands, Churches, large halls of Shreve, Steinway Hall, 206 and 208 Post Street, MEXICAN GRAY CO. Call on our agents and see our stock."

Advertisement for Eggs Perfectly Preserved, James Morse. Includes text: "EGGS PERFECTLY PRESERVED. For 6 months at a cost of 1 cent a dozen, and cannot be distinguished from fresh eggs. Full directions sent for \$1. JAMES MORSE, 317 Eddy St., S.F."

Advertisement for Regan Vapor Engine, Regan Vapor Engine Co. Includes text: "BUY THE Regan Vapor Engine. For Pumping Water or Wine, Spraying Fruit Trees, Sawing Wood, Running Lathes, Electric Light Plants, etc."

Advertisement for Asthma and Hay Fever Cured, Stay Cured. Includes text: "ASTHMA AND HAY FEVER CURED. Stay Cured. A NEW DEPARTURE. BUFFALO, N.Y."