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DOWN IN A WELL

An Old Georgian's Fright and a First Attempt at Prayer.

For twenty years an old man of our county, whom we will call Jack Baldwin, has cultivated the soil and drawn therefrom a support for himself and wife; he is childless. Not long since Jack left his house in search of a missing cow. His route led him through an old worn out piece of clay land, of about six acres in extent, in the center of which was a well, about twenty or thirty feet deep, that at some time had probably furnished the inmates of a dilapidated house near by with water. In passing the spot an ill wind drifted Jack's hat from his head and maliciously wafted it to the edge of the well, and in it tumbled. Now Jack had always practiced the virtue of economy, and he immediately set about recovering his hat. He ran to the well, and finding it was dry at the bottom, he unrolled the rope which he had brought for the purpose of capturing the cow, and after several unsuccessful attempts to catch the hat with a noose, he concluded to save time by going down into the well himself. To accomplish this he made fast one end of the rope to a stump hard by, and was soon on his way down into the well. It was a fact of which Jack was less obvious than the reader hereof—that a mischievous fellow whom we will call Neal, Neal was in the old building and saw Jack go down into the well, and it so happened that Jack's old blind horse was near by with a bell on his neck. The devil himself, or some other wicked spirit put it into Neal's head to have a little fun; so he slipped up to the old horse, unbuckled the strap, and approached the well with the bell in his hand, ting-a-ling. Jack thought the old horse was coming, and said in an audible tone: "Hang the old blind horse, he's coming this way, sure, and he ain't got no more sense than to fall in here on me—whoa, Ball!" But the sound of the bell came closer, and Jack was resting at the bottom of the well. "Great Jerusalem!" said Jack, "the old blind fool will be right on top of me in a minute—whoa, Ball, whoa, haw, Ball!" Just then Neal got close to the well and kicked a little dirt on Jack's head. Jack thought Ball was about to come, got close to the side of the well and began to pray: "Oh, Lord, have mercy on—whoa, Ball—a poor sinner—I'm gone now, whoa Ball—Our Father who art in—whoa, Ball—heaven, hallowed be Thy—jee, Ball, jee!—what'll I do?—name. Now I lay me down to sl—jee, Ball, out of your liver! (just then in fell more dirt). Back, Ball, Oh, Lord, if you ever intend to do any for me—back, Ball, whoa, ho! Thy kingdom come—jee, Ball."

"Oh, Lord, you know I was baptized in Smith's mill dam—whoa Ball, hol' up! murder! whoa—farewell worked."

Neal could hold in no longer and showed himself at the top of the well, with a big, hoarse laugh, which might have been heard two miles. This was more than Jack could bear and he started up the rope like a monkey. "Blast your pictures, I'll give you fits; I'll make your ears ring worse 'an that bell." Neal took to his heels and ran like a quarter horse, and the last that was seen of him he was half a mile from the well, with two big dogs grabbing at his coat, and Jack was close behind him, yelling at the dogs.—*Montezuma, Ga. Weekly.*

—Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis immediately relieved by Shiloh's Cure. Sold by W. E. Dement.

By Telegraph

The New York papers talk disparagingly of Cleveland's inaugural address.

Work progresses on the Panama canal. DeLesseps says he will surely finish it by 1888.

Thirty convicts were drowned last Saturday while crossing the Turkasseegee river, North Carolina.

Great floods in Austria and Bavaria are destroying million's worth of property and occasioning loss of life.

The national park at the Yellowstone is to be enlarged to include a large area of country to the eastward, not suitable for agriculture.

The latest Langtry story is that she called last Friday upon Mrs. Stevens a well-known New York society lady and was refused admittance.

J. D. Taylor, Republican, was elected last Wednesday in the 17th Ohio district to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of J. T. Updegraff.

In congress, last Wednesday, Page of California said that there would certainly be a river and harbor bill prepared during this session of congress.

A high toned Japanese prince, now visiting Washington, is so mighty a potentate in his own estimation that he has refused President Arthur's invitation to dinner.

The post office department has contracted for a new style postal card or combined letter and envelope. It is thought probable that all letter postage throughout the United States will be reduced to two cents per half ounce.

Villard will immediately place \$50,000 in N. P. six per cent bonds in the hands of the regents, as an endowment for the university of Oregon. The regents of the university contemplate an enlargement of the curriculum of studies.

The senate is still arguing the Fitz John Porter case. It attracts universal interest from the fact that Grant and Logan are opposed to each other, the former claiming that Porter was wronged; Logan charging that he was a coward and deserved death.

There was a funny scene in the House of Representatives, last Wednesday. A bill was up for consideration, and the house being weary was about to pass it, when Neal, of Ohio, who was in a barber's chair, heard of it, and being opposed to its passage he bounced from the chair, wiped the lather from his face and ran into the arena in his shirt sleeves, demanding the speaker's attention. Having succeeded he ran back after his collar and coat, and between intervals occupied in getting himself into presentable shape, managed to hold the house from any rash vote and had the motion rejected.

The Pervercity of His Parishioner.

Sometimes what appears to be a very wicked wish may turn out to be entirely proper and kind. Of a certain man who had just died, a sweet-tempered, Christian neighbor said, solemnly: "John Stark is dead, and I hope he has gone to—," well, one of Mr. Vanderbilt's dashes will express the locality. The minister was shocked. "And what could he have done to you," he asked, "that you indulge in a wish of that kind?" "Oh," was the reply, "my hope was based on my love for my fellow-men. John was a queer body. He never belonged to an organization of any kind, but he somehow managed to

smash the whole thing in a little while, and I thought if he had gone to the place above mentioned there wouldn't be much of it left by the time you and I get—I beg pardon, parson."

A petition has been circulated and signed in Coos county praying a further appropriation from congress of \$50,000 in behalf of the Coquille—\$40,000 for the jetty and \$10,000 for the improvement of the river.

Both ends of life is shrouded in mystery. A man don't know when he's born or when he dies. Dar's room enough, however, between dese two acks ter get in a mighty heap ob debilement.—*Arkansas Traveler.*

Seven thousand men are now working on the British Columbia section of the Canada-Pacific railway, and such rapid progress is being made that the contract will, to all appearances, be completed within the settled time.

The case of J. Paschal Smith, charged with assault upon Wm. Robertson, occupied the attention of the court yesterday. C. W. Fulton appeared for the defense, and District Attorney McBride for the prosecution. The case went to the jury at 9:15 last night.

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