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Getting Ready for the Next State Fair.

I am a farmer, and I hear you are going to have another agricultural fair next fall at Salem, and I thought I would write and tell you that I am getting ready for it. You probably don't remember me, but I attended your fair last year. I brought the doggondest biggest punkin on the ground, though I reckon mebbey you didn't see it, most of your time being took up keeping a record of the different racing-horses entered. I also had a fine blooded cow, while my wife brought a big loaf of bread so light it wouldn't hardly lay still, and two bottles of homemade wine; though you might not have saw these either, as I noticed that besides the boss business you had enough work for one man issuing permits to those sturdy farmers with three-card monte outfits and such other agricultural products.

And after all, it cost me \$10 to see the other side of the cards one of these gentlemen exhibited. I reckon I may say I had hard luck at your fair last fall. When I first drove in the folks were making such a hollering 'bout a hoss race that had just come off, that my team got scared and run away and sprained my wife's ankle. While I was looking around for a good place to put the big punkin, a man came along and said he was judge on wines and drunk up both bottles of ours. I afterwards saw him standing in front of a tent and yellin', "Ere's yer chance! Ere's yer chance! Ere's yer chance! See the livin' half-woman an' the man what was tittooed all over on the island of Chattanooga! Only one dime!"

I then went to tie up the cow, and when I came back a tramp had his face in the loaf of bread. I didn't care so much about that as I missed him when I kicked at him. I stayed three days, and each night some gypsies, which were camping right on the grounds, milked my cow and pounded her with a lumber wagon whiffle because she switched her tail. I watched the races most of the time, there not being much else to look at. One day I had to pay a man \$15 because the boss that came in way ahead the first two heats was the very last one on the other three. I think that boss must have been too sick. I know I was.

The next day a pickpocket got my silver watch. About every hour Bill (that's my boy) would come to me and get another half dollar. He said he had a system that he was certain must finally beat the wheel-of-fortune, and the nutshells, roulette, and the man down back of the barn who was throwing the loaded dice. I couldn't say nothing, because I took Bill with me to show him how I was going to clean out the three-card monte man that time it cost me \$10.

My wife bought a bottle of liquid glue, which proved to be mostly water, and a receipt for soap which she afterward discovered was printed in Norwegian. She would have bought some other things, probably, but she lost her pocket book. In the meantime I mention that somebody stole the whip, and spring seat, and end board, and neck yoke off'n my wagon, and cut all the ivory rings off'n my harness. When the fair was through I demanded my diplomas on my cow and punkin, as they were the only ones there. I got, after some talk, two little pieces of paper with some printing on them, and when I turned round to go out a big fat man stepped on one of my corns. He was the owner of one of the race-horses, and was looking down rolling up the \$6,500 the treasurer had paid him as his share of the purses to put it in his pocket, so didn't notice me.

That Mr. Secretary, is a brief and condensed history of my experience at your fair last fall. I shall come again this year, but as Bill says, I shall come heeled. I shall make no exhibits, but I have got a two wheeled sulky, and every day I hitch old Doll to it and run her round the five-acre

field. I shall enter her in the senior class—as I believe she is old enough. Bill has got himself a thimble-rig outfit and has whittled some dice out of the bone of a mule's leg, and has inserted lead in the opposite side of the big numbers.

My wife is preparing liquid glue by the wholesale, the same kind she bought, and will peddle it on the ground. For myself, besides entering old Doll, and betting all my money agin her, I shall work the three card monte business for all it is worth. I can already throw the cards so as to nearly always mix up my wife and occasionally fool Bill.

I am also painting the end of the ox yoke to look like a face, and shall stick a clay pipe in its mouth and let people throw rolling pins at it, three whacks for a quarter. Come over and try it. If you break a pipe you get six nickel cigars.

We shall all of us bum our feed on the grounds and sleep under the grand stand. If I can get a two headed calf to exhibit in a tent (not to enter for a diploma) I shall do so. In fact, to sum the whole matter up, we shall come prepared for an agricultural fair, as we understand it. Yours truly,
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