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No Mystery at All.

"Speaking of strange and unaccountable experiences," remarked the man with the bulbous nose, "I am reminded of one that happened to a friend of mine in the summer of '93, while he was at the Columbian exposition. He was in the Fine Arts building, looking at the picture they called 'Breaking Home Ties,' when he heard a voice behind him say distinctly, 'That's what is happening at your house, over on the west side.' He turned and looked to see who it was that spoke, and there was nobody near him."

"Is that all?" asked the man with the fishy eye.

"No; the strangest part is to come. When he went home in the evening he found that his youngest brother had eloped with the hired girl and gone to St. Louis. It had taken place, too, at the exact moment when he heard the voice. How do you explain that, I'd like to know? Was it telepathy? Or what was it?"

"Humph! Who tells that story?"

"The man himself—like Stringham."

"O, Stringham tells it, does he? Why, you gourdhead, that's the explanation!"—Chicago Tribune.

The new administration and jobbing house building erected by the W. L. Douglas Shoe Co. as a part of its mammoth manufacturing plant in Brockton, Mass., was dedicated June 19. The program included open house from 11 in the morning until 8 in the evening. There was a musical program and refreshments were served all day. Fifteen thousand invitations were sent out including over 11,000 retail dealers in the United States who handled the W. L. Douglas shoes. Mr. Douglas says that his three large factories, also the new building just dedicated, will always be open to inspection and visitors from everywhere will be welcome.

The new jobbing house just dedicated will enable hurry orders for Douglas shoes to be shipped the same day they are received. The new building is 260 feet long, 60 feet wide and two stories high. The jobbing department occupies the entire lower floor and the new offices of the Douglas Shoe company occupy the entire second floor. In the new building there will be special offices occupied by the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies; also by the telephone companies and there is an elaborate mailing department. The completion of this new administration building marks the establishment of a modern, up-to-date wholesale jobbing house and office building.

Mr. Douglas has long considered the advisability of a jobbing house, not only for the purpose of supplying his own retail stores more readily, but that the 11,000 dealers throughout the United States handling the W. L. Douglas shoes might be able to obtain shoes for immediate use with greater facility.

The new building is said to be the most complete and convenient of any ever built for a commercial house in the United States, so were the expressions of appreciation by the many persons who visited it for inspection since and of a highly congratulatory nature. Architectural beauty as well as adaptability to the uses to which it is to be put has been the aim in construction, and the result is most satisfactory, to the visitor as well as the firm.

An Advantage.

"You claim that your flying machine is superior to the automobile?"

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THE SONGS MY MOTHER SANG.

And dream? Ah, fair Queen of the sea,
Not all thy witchings can enthral
And fold the wings of memory!
A thousand leagues one tone can call,
A thousand leagues one picture bring
In fadeless form and scene to rue;
And through thy Angelus thrilling ring
Out o'er the Adriatic sea,
I hear through all its rhythmic rung
These dear old songs my mother sung!

O angelus-hour to heart and soul,
O angelus-hour of peace and calm,
When o'er the farm the evening stole,
Enfolding all in summer balm!
Without, the scents of fields—the musk
Of hedge, of corn, of winnowed hay—
The subtle attars of the dusk;
And glow-worms like some milk way;
Within, as from an angel's tongue,
Those dear old songs my mother sung:

"From every stormy wind that blows";
"Softly now the light of day";
"Thou hidden source of calm repose";
"I love to steal awhile away";
"My days are gliding swiftly by";
"Depths of mercy can there be";
"Jesus look with pitying eye";
"Rock of ages cleft for me";
"Saviour, on me Thy grace bestow";
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

—Edgar L. Wakeman.

REFORMING OF RED QUIMBY.

"He'd kick if he was hung," said the storekeeper, with bitter jocularity.

"Not if they tied his legs," grinned Sol Baker.

"He must ha' been hittin' the shafts," continued the storekeeper regarding the broken buggy whp, mournfully. "I don't know why I changed it for him. Because I'm too good-natured an' easy-goin' for my own good."

"That ain't the reason," corrected Washington Hancock. "It's because you kaint afford to lose his trade in the first place, an' in the second you won't lose nothin' by it. You'll make a roar to the house that sold you them whips an' make 'em take it off the bill, an' then you'll sell it to somebody fer a quarter, bein' the tip's broke off. You ain't got no kick, Rufe."

Baker and Parsons sniggered.

"An' yet," continued Hancock, "there ain't no denyin' 'at the ol' man's sorter



hard to please. He a'lus was more or less that a way. But he ain't as bad as Jed Quimby afore he reformed. Jed would kick whether his legs was tied or not. An' he had more luck than any man in the county—good farm, brick house, money in the bank an' a right nice family. That was over in Saline—before my folks moved here.

"He's got a pensio'n o' \$15 a month from the government on account o' gittin' shot in the arm by a pistol he was cleanin' the same week he was mustered in. That let him right out agin an' he didn't have to live no substitute, but he couldn't never hit the backs of his hands together behind him, after that wound, an' he uster cry whenever he thought of it."

"Fifteen dollars a month was pretty good, though," commented the storekeeper.

"Jed didn't think so," said Hancock.

"He uster ezy, 'Look at Gin'ral Grant an' what they give him.' He uster worry about Grant every time he drawed that \$15. I worked for him a week once an' blame if he was satisfied with me."

"Shoo!" ejaculated Parsons. "You're a foolin'."

"He was a master hand to eat," said Hancock, "only there wasn't nothin' that ever jest suited him. I've seen him set down to fried chicken an' mashed 'taters an' bixin' an' lemon pie, an' then make a row because there wasn't no salt pork on the table. For some reason he a'lus got the biggest crops of anybody around him, but if it was corn he'd pity himself because it wasn't wheat he'd raised an' then if it was an extra good year the prices wouldn't be as big as if it had been a bad year an' he'd say that was jest like his ornery luck."

"I remember one year it was dry an' everything was a-burnin' up. They'd been a-puttin' up petitions for rain for three Sundays hand runnin'. Jed had in mighty nigh 200 acres o' corn, b'sides all the garden truck. Well, just when it looked like there's be a teetotal failure, there come a rain—a soker. It opened up good an' strong an' kep' rainin'. Now an' then it 'ud quit long enough to let the sun come out an' warm things up an' after that it 'ud start in ag'in. You could see the corn grow and everything else shot right up. I seen Jed a day or two after an' he was goin' around with his face drawed down like he'd hit inter a green persimmon. "That was a right good rain," I says.

"'Plague take the rain,' says Jed. 'I didn't know it was a-comin' an' I left the buggy cushions out leavin' against the barn an' the dad burned things ain't dry yit—sp'iled 'em, I wouldn't wonder."

"Another time the insurance run out on his barn an' he was two days with-

out any insurance because he figgered the company was a-chargin' him too high a rate. The third day he went downtown an' took out a policy in another company an' while he was downtown the barn ketch'd fire an' burned down to the ground. He jest done it in time. He took out the policy at 2 o'clock an' the barn burned about a quarter to 3. He collected all right, but he was mad because the barn didn't burn a week sooner so's he could have collected from the old company afore his policy expired.

"Now I'm insured for a year," he says, "an' there ain't no chance in ten thousand that that cussed barn'll burn in that time after I build it again."

"Folks need to say there ought to be a judgment on Jed, an' sure enough it comes at last. It begun with the bog cholera. Inside of a week he didn't have a shot to his name. Then his cows got some sort o' epizootic that cleaned out the best part o' them an' the branch flooded an' drowned out his chickens an' the seventeen-year locusses took the crops an' he got into a lawsuit over some foot thing or erunner an' there was forty-two of his peach trees got the yellors an' he broke his leg. That wasn't the half o' what happened, either. In two years he had the farm mortgaged an' was scribbled to get a bare livin' an' the intrust out of it. That's what cured Jed Quimby of his sinful kickin' an' unthankfulness for his mercies."

"Cured him, did it?" asked the storekeeper.

"Well, yes," replied Hancock. "One day his boy Ellery found coal croppin' out along the barre ridge by the brash an' he went an' got some fellers to come an' look at it an' the upshot was Jed sold eighty acres at \$1,000 an acre an' 10 cents for every ton mined. He didn't seem very enthusiastic about it at first, but Ellery kep' a peeterin' him after they closed the deal to say he was satisfied, an' then all of a sudden he kind o' realized his luck an' loosened up for the first time in his life."

"Well," says Jed, stickin' out his lips, "I won't say I'm satisfied—not to say satisfied, Ellery, but then after all it ain't so measly bad."—Chicago Daily News.

TACTICS OF ZULUS IN WAR.

Their Crescent Formation Adopted by British Against the Boers.

Once more the falling of some of the Natal natives has turned men's thoughts to the famous Zulu tactics. In the minds of most these are associated with the name of Ayaka, the ruthless Zulu conqueror, who waded into the stock of the Amazulu, the people of the heavens, all the young men of the various tribes he conquered, incorporating them into regiments and thus building up a powerful military nation. Yet it was to Dingiswayo the Wanderer that the inception was due. This man, the son of the chief of the Umketwa, was driven into exile in consequence of an abortive plot to seize the reins of power.

During that exile he lived in Cape Colony and saw the military methods of the British. With instinctive genius he saw how the idea could be adapted to his own nation and on his return and accession to the chieftainship he divided his people into regiments, distinguishing them by names and by a special color of shield for each regiment, though for a time they retained the umkonto or throwing assegai as their chief weapon. He heard the great use made by the British infantry of their favorite weapon, the bayonet, and so he replaced the umkonto by the ixa, or broad-bladed stabbing assegai.

The peculiarity of the Zulu tactics has earned it the name of the crescent formation for attack and it is noteworthy that, broadly speaking, it was the method employed by the Boers in their invasion of Natal and adopted by Lord Roberts in his advance through Orange River Colony, and it was the fear of its success which kept the Boers continually on the run. The best thing with which to compare it is the head of the stag-headed beetle. Horns are thrown out widely on either flank, while the main body forms the head itself. From the main body a small force is detached to engage the enemy while the horns creep around the flanks.

This force in the days of Tyaka was frequently dispatched with the command, "Go, sons of Zulu, go and return no more," and death at the hands of their fellows was the fate of those who returned. While this force was holding the enemy the horns carried out their task if possible and as soon as the two horns had met in the rear of the enemy the head or chest was launched upon the position and in the upshot, as a rule, the whole force of the foe tasted the assegai. For in that war no quarter was given o' asked.—South African Sun.

The Peril of It.

A lady at whose house Leigh Hunt was dining solicitously said to him at dessert:

"Don't you ever venture on an orange?"

"I should be delighted to do so, my dear madam," the poet replied, "but I'm so afraid I should tumble off."

Clerk of a Modest Demeanor.

First Business Man—Your new clerk seems somewhat lacking in self-confidence.

Second Business Man—Yes, he doesn't even seem to think he can run the business better than I can.—Philadelphia Record.

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