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## IN A GALLOP.

That is the Rate at Which Bill Brady is Hastening to the Poor-House.

Coming down from Northern Michigan, one morning, the train was crowded with lumbermen going to a new camp. The men were all stout, healthy looking fellows, quite rough in their appearance and talk, with long hair and unshaven faces. About daylight they began to eat their breakfast from all sorts of food they had with them, and the united strength of the mixed odors suddenly created from cheese, onions, oysters, dried herring and so on was nearly strong enough to stop the train. About seven o'clock the breakfast station was reached, and one of the lumbermen went into the hotel along with the other passengers, and did his utmost in the limited time at his command to bankrupt the keeper of the establishment.

When the train was again in motion a savage looking fellow, with a jaw strong enough to grind glass, who was devouring great strips of codfish and wiping his mouth on his coat sleeve after every bite, peered out from the wilderness of hair that surrounded his back eyes, upon the man across the way, who was picking his teeth with a jack-knife, and said:

"How is this, Bill? You ain't been squaring your substance on a store breakfast, hey?"

"Well, I reckon I jist hev, Pete," said Bill, with a look of importance that could not be expressed in print.

"What do they tax a fellow for warm, hot grub in these parts now, Bill?" continued Pete, as he tore off a strip of codfish big enough to make a meal for a small family.

"A half a dollar's what they lifted me for, Pete."

"Did you say a half dollar, Bill?"

"That's what I said, Pete."

"Do you mean to tell me that you had to pay a half dollar jist for eatin', Bill?"

"That's what I'm sayin', Pete. That's jist what I had to do."

"All that money throwed away jist for a little grub! Didn't you have any biters, Bill?"

"Not a small, Pete."

"No, Pete."

"Didn't you make no bargain for the grub beforehand, Bill?"

"Of course I did."

"It wasn't a gouge game they come on you, though?"

"No, I knowed what I was a doin' afore I bittered a biscuit."

"And you knowed you'd hev to fork over a half dollar jist for eatin', did you?"

"Why, certainly, Pete."

"Well, my goodness, Bill! What on this arth do you mean? A half a dollar jist for eatin'! Jist for eatin', mind jist no sugar nor no biters! All throwed away in one lump, and nothin' to show for it ten minutes afterwards! Bill Brady do you know what you're a doin'?"

"I'm a doin' well enough, Pete."

"No you ain't, Bill. You're a gallopin' toward the poor-house jist as tight as you kin jump, and if some of your friends don't interfere and git you a garden appointed for you, goodly one only knows what'll become of you. A half a dollar jist for eatin', and that, too, all one grub! Bill, yer brains is a turnin' to water; I'm act'ly 'fraid they'll holdin' it up by the tail. 'I only paid a quarter for it a week ago, and I'll stand me another week or so, and it'll be like nothin' and yet you'll throw away four bits all in one whack for a few bites in a tavern as unconcerned as though money growed on trees. I'll ever you're a darned silt bigger fool a Bill, you're a to be, and that's a sayin' heaps."—*Lige Brown, in Chicago Ledger.*

CURIOS NAMES.

A German's Chest Concerning Remarkable Curious Names.

"What a name that young man has," said a clergyman yesterday to a New-gatherer, as the person indicated left his presence.

"What is it?"

"E. P. Baxter, he writes it. Nothing remarkable about that, but what amount of hard thought is concealed in those initials."

The man was born on January 3, 1863, and his parents named him Emancipation Proclamation Baxter in honor of the occasion.

"That's pretty bad."

"Yes, but there are some parents with cranks ideas on the subject of naming children. One boy I christened Perseverance Jones. I endeavored to dissuade the father, but he said the mother was called patience, and he saw no reason why the boy should not be called Perseverance, because the two always went together. Within a few years of the grave of Benjamin and Deborah Franklin, in the old cemetery at Fifth and Arch streets, there is a headstone bearing the inscription: 'Sacred to the memory of S. L. U. Lloyd. If the owner of that name were living now his friends would probably call him 'Celoid.' I had a colored man named Alexander doing some work around here once. I used to hear the other workmen call him 'Trib' and 'Hole,' and it struck me one day to ask him what his name was. 'Tribulation Wholesome Alexander,' he replied.

"It may have been some relative of his who came to me with twins to have baptized."

"What name will you call them?" I asked.

"Cherubim and Seraphim," replied the mother.

"Why?" I asked, in astonishment.

"Because," she replied, "de pr'a book says 'de cherubim and seraphim continuously do cry,' and dese yere chil'en do noin' else."

The New-gatherer edged toward the door, and when he had got in the lobby, shouted "cheer up, and skip down stairs."—*Philadelphia News.*

Perhaps as startling an account of a funeral as ever was penned appears in a London society journal's description of the grave of a recently deceased person. The grave was lined with porcelain tiles, and presented a most charming appearance.

—*Burdette, in Brooklyn Eagle.*

THE GREAT WALL.

China as Seen from One of the Towers of This Ancient Fortification.

Of the ancient Great Wall, only a low rampart remains, with square towers diminishing towards the top. These towers are generally placed on the summits of the mountain across which the wall winds, ascending one of them, the better to contemplate the view, but had no one with whom to share all the admiration that I felt at this moment. It is quite impossible to describe all that the eye took in—mountains, valleys, gorges, grass-covered slopes, pastures, farms, lakes. The presence of man is to be felt; the life of the local villages of town life, but the life of a great State. To the east a superlative valley dotted over with Chin settlements, surrounded with bushes and trees, the better to contemplate the view, but had no one with whom to share all the admiration that I felt at this moment. It is quite impossible to describe all that the eye took in—mountains, valleys, gorges, grass-covered slopes, pastures, farms, lakes. 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