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THE KING GOES EXPLORING.

and Returns With Disastrous Results Also a Better Knowledge of Bees He Meete a Peasant, an Ass and an Unpleasant Earthquake.

By M. QUAD.

NE day the king of Persia and ruler of the earth took it into his head to wander out into the country alone and have a Coming across a peasant at work in his field, the king halted to say:

"I have heard a traveler to say that in the fields where the grass is thick and tall there dwelt a species of bird which made and stored up honey. Hath seen a flock of such birds around

"I don't think I have," replied the



and shy. "He described them as about the size of my thumb.

"Haven't seen any." "With yellow lines across their backs

nd many feet." "Haven't beard 'em singing around

"But they singeth not," protested the king. "Instead of a song they make a

noise as of 'up-m-m-m-' "And do they sometimes light down

on a log?" "Truly they do." "And the man who sits down on one

imagines he has a bradawl for a "Now you are hitting it. Even so did

the traveler relate. birds at once."

"You'll find a nest of them over by the gooseberry bush," said the peasant as a grin spread over his face, "but I'd leave a few young ones for seed if I was you. A nest of 'em makes the head, "him berry good stool, massa, place seem homelike, you know, and but the cows won't sit on it"-New their bites keep the boys from getting

The King Explores. The king climbed the fence and waded through the grass to the spot, and his yells and antics soon proved that he had found the birds. After galloping three times around the meadow and rolling over it once he got rid of their company, and, limping up to the peasant, he said:

"Hath a name for these birds?" "They are called bumblebees."

"And how long are their teeth?" "About the legth of a crowbar." "And, knowing this, you still let your king place his life in peril! Caitiff, the

ax of my executioner awaits thee!" "I let thee go forward, O king, not knowing that thou wert king, but instead of deserving the ax thou shouldst reward me with a bag of gold."

"S'death! But how so?" "Because, O king, thou hast never had a circus within thy realm, though often longing for one. Here a one Times, ready made. Let thy suit of a hundred follow thee out here tomorrow, and when all are assembled send them into the meadow to find the nestlings."

"B'gosh, if I don't do it!" exclaimed the king as his frown disappeared and a balmy smile stole over his face, and next day the performance came off as advertised and was reported as an unprecedentes success.

One day as the ruler of all Persia and a large slice of the rest of the world was riding out with his courtiers he came across a peasant who was pulling hard at a rope attached to the neck of an ass. The ass was sagging back on his haunches, and it was a question whether be would be pulled shead or have his neck pulled off.

He Interferes. "By the corns of my grandfather, but what a fool that man is!" exclaimed the king as he came to a halt. "Ho, thou idlot! I would speak with thee!" The peasant let fall the rope and came forward and rubbed his nose on the earth to prove his humility, and the king continued:

"Do my eyes deceive me when I see a man of fifty pulling to get an ass along? In all these years haven't you learned that the way to treat an obstinate beast is to push from behind?" "I dare not push on account of his beels. O ruler," replied the man.

"They are on springs, O wise and they take them more often.-Life.

"I never beard of such a thing. Ho, Abraham, grand secretary of agriculit the proper way to push 'em along?" been too busy with onlons and turnips | the sea and is continually shrot to try it."

beels of an ass?"

"In a dim, undefined way, O mighty." find out about it. I want to know what I'm running in this country."

It was in vain that the grand secretary, secretary of war, high chamberlain and the rest of the crowd protested. The king was a determined man when he got his dander up, and he swung out of his saddle and approach- they that even the Indians have no idea ed the ass.

The King is Jarred, "O king, but I am afraid of a jar," chat with some of his honest subjects. face. "Please poke him with a fence rall when you look for springs."

"Not by the hat of Sardanapalus! Here, you old beast, get along with you! Now, thep, heave, oh, heave!" Twenty minutes later the mighty ruler opened his eyes to find ammonia at his nose and ice on his stomach, and when he asked if the earthquake had killed any one his grand secretary

"O high and mighty, but the heels of the ass were on springs, and the

springs worked!" "In other words," said the king, T've been kicked into the middle of pext week by an ass?"

"That's about it, O king." "I see. As I pushed he kicked. Well, I can't let things go this way. Grand secretary, for not knowing more about asses you are bounced from your position. Peasant, for not knowing all about 'em you shall receive

fifty lashes!" "But we ask for justice!" cried both men together.

"Then you shall exchange places!" "But it was the ass that did it!" they chorused again. "Then be shall die!"

"O ruler." said the peasant, "If you had kept away from the ass' beels you wouldn't have been kicked."

"Ah, that's something like!" replied the king as he rose up. "As it now transpires that there were two asses instend of one and as it is hard to tell which ass was most to blame, we'l call the whole thing off and go over and look at those pumpkins. I want to know how the seeds get inside 'em."

### Misunderstood.

On a farm in South Africa there was Kaffir whom the men used to call "Coalscuttle." He milked the cows morning and evening, but one day the boss came to his hut, bringing a three legged stool.

"Here, Coalscuttle, is a stool from home," said he. "You can use it when you are milking."

"Yes, boss," said the man. That evening he went a-milking as

usual, holding the stool at arm's length and looking a trifle bewildered. A full hour elapsed and he did not bruised and battered, the cans shapeless and not a drop of milk in them. "Why. Coalscuttle. what's wrong?

said the boss, appearing. "Ah," said the servant, shaking his York Journal.

A Definition. The difference between life and love is that life's just one darned thing after another and love's two darned things after one another. - Chicago Record-Herald.

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The Old Man's Hint, Mother (at 11:30 p. m.)-What's the matter, John? You look disturbed. Father - 1 thought I'd give that young man calling on our daughter a vigorous hint it was time to go, so i walked right into the parlor and deliberately turned out the gas.

Mother-Oh, my! And did he get Father-Angry? The young jackanapes said "Thank you."-St. Louis

They Wanted to Hear It. "Now, children," said the teacher to her kindergarten class, "I want you all to be quiet, so quiet, in fact, that you could bear a pin drop.'

Everything had quieted down nice ly and the teacher was about to speak when a little voice in the rear of the schoolroom squeaked forth, "Go ahead, please, teacher, and let her drop."-

His Downfall, Philip-Work become of Frayed

Gritty George-Pete? Oh, he's gone to de bad. Frayed Philip-In jall, is he? Gritty George-Worse'n that; he's

working reg'iar in a factory.-Boston

Transcript.

He Knew the Kind. The guide in referring to the Egyptian pyramids remarked: "It took hundreds of years to build

"Then it was a government job-eh?" replied the wealthy contractor .- London Tit-Bits.

More Often Now.

First Chicago Dame-People take shorter weddings trips than they did formerly "But what have heels to do with it?" | Second Chicago Dame-Perhaps, bu

The highest navigable body of water in the world is Lake Titicaca, which lies in South America about o ture, what is this about asses? Isn't between the Born and the equator With a size nearly as great as Lake "It might work, O king, but I have Erie, it is two miles above the level of the clouds and mists of the Andes "Did you ever hear of springs on the Rugged, rocky islands dot its surface, and it possesses dozens of great, unexplored bays. Its average depth is "Well, I never did, and here goes to 1,000 feet-nearly twice that of Lake Superior-but in many places bottom has never been found. The lake never freezes, although, because of beight, it is situated in a land of almost perpetual winter. Along the shores are ruins of great cities, probably of the Incas, but so ancient are of their origin or history. Several steamers ply over the lake and carry on a valuable trade in gold and other said the peasant, with alarm in his products of the mountains.-New York Mail

> The Too Good Alibi. There is no defense so familiar to criminal courts as the alibi, proof that the accused was not near the scene of a crime when that crime was committed. There is no defense more satisfactory, except when it is too good. A too good alibi is one of the most suspictous things on earth. When an accused man brings witnesses who swear to his whereabouts for each minute of the period in question the jury begins to doubt. The foreman of the jury cannot prove where he was at the same time with that much assurance. Probably the judge cannot. How does the accused man happen to have that proof which others lack? Are his witnesses lying, or was the crime committed earlier than the state thinks, and is the alib! a "plant?" Honest men. going unthinkingly about monest business, can seldom prove their whereabouts minute by minute. The fellow

> > How He Would Take It.

ready.-Chicago Journal.

who knows the need of an allbi has one

President Lincoln used to tell a wildcat currency story. It was to the ef-Get that he was going down the Mississippi river on a steamboat when the pilot announced to the captain that they were out of wood. The captain said, "Well, put into the first wood

The flat bottomed boat was run up to the mud shore, and the captain hailed a man who was walking among

several piles of wood. "Will you sell your shouted

"Yes," came the reply. "For cash?"

"Yes." "Take wildcat currency?"

"Certainly." "Well, how will you take it?" The answer came back without hest tation, "Cord for cord."-New York

What Would You Do?

"What would you do if you were a millionaire?" was the question pro pounded to the little boys of an east The little east siders' answers were

interesting. Some of them wrote: "I would have a house with room for each kind of use, such as sitting room, bedroom and dining room. "I would buy banks and be a bank

president at a large salary." "I would five on Fifth avenue in a clean house and buy autos and charl-

"I would be proud of my situation and also glad, and I would own autos and earn money by hiring them out." "I would feast my peasants; also in-

stitute an education school." "I would buy the subway and get rich by charging 10 cents."-New York

A Queer View of Education. Opposition to state education in the past was due largely to a belief that too much learning was not good for the masses. The worthy Hannah More even, who was one of the most earnest supporters of the movement for the establishment of schools for the poor in England, had very definite ideas as to how far the children should be educated. The curriculum, she declared, should comprise only reading the Bible and the catechism, and "such coarse works as may fit the children for servants," adding decisively, "I allow of no writing for the poor."-Chi-

Way Behind the Times. He-Is this the new cook's brend? 1

cago News.

never ate better. She-Yes, but she's woefully unscientific-not up to date at all. I asked her if she knew what caused the bread to rise and she said it was the yeast. Said she'd never beard of fermentation! I'm not at all sure I want to keep ber.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Good Enough to Dire With. "These Millers are dreadful peoplehardly fit to be associated with!" "Yes; if they didn't give such eccellent dinners they would be altogether unbearable!"-Fliegende Blatter.

When Language Faile. Wife of His Bosom (in course of do-

mestic difference - Coward! Brutel Ruffian! Pig! Monster! Beast! Oh, 1 wish you knew what I thought of your -London Punch.

Not His Say. Beggs-What do you say to your wife

when you come home late at night? Jaggs-Foolish man! What makes you think I get a chance to talk? No rush to battle atones for sin to

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