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Buying Illicit Whisky.

It [illegible] North Carolina factor to buy illicit whisky as one might imagine. This is the way it is done: The purchaser puts his jug or bottle in the hollow of stump of a certain tree with the price of the liquor. Returning the next day he finds the jug full and his money gone. There is also what is termed the "horn racket." Alongside the road is hung a big horn attached to the limb of a tree by a string. If you want to buy the juice, you blow a blast, and pretty soon a girl comes out of the house and puts a bottle in your hand; you give her the money and without a word she disappears. To the uninitiated the circumstances would be dangerous, as a stray "moonshiner" is in all probability a good shot range with his hand on the trigger of his invisible persuader. During the two years I have spent among the North Carolina "moonshiners" I have seen half a dozen girls in search of form and feature would discount most of your New York belles. These girls are a quiet, unassuming set, as the following incident will illustrate.

One of the distiller's daughters went to a dentist in Columbia to have four teeth extracted. They were back teeth, and big ones, so the dentist inferred the girl—who was particularly pretty—to take nitrous oxide gas. As she was such a handsome subject, the dentist, who was an unmarried man, could not resist the temptation to steal a kiss for every tooth he extracted, while she was unconscious. The young woman was not so much under the influence, however, as he thought, and she determined to pay him back in a novel manner. On arising from the chair she said she had forgotten the money, but would send the amount—$2—by her father next day. The next morning a six-foot "moonshiner" came to the dentist's office and presented the dentist a bill from his fair customer, in which she gave him credit for extracting four teeth ($2), and charged a dollar each for the four kisses, adding at the bottom of the bill the agreement words: "P. S. will collect the balance, two dollars." The dentist used "P." up in a hurry, from the toothbrush in his hat to the nave of his foot in the bill. He paid the bill.

Practical Philosophy.

Be willing sometimes to yield in the form of wish.

Be passive when you must be passive when you must. Be grateful for what you have and don't be made worse by unanswered prayers.

Be self-reliant, but allow to others their due. Be willing to receive mighty grand on, but grow Lowell, be a man yourself.

Under cover of passive to overcome the [illegible] pick on flaws in the [illegible]. Be a nigger and say that the president is a fool.

Be sure a man has as much right to his faith or notions as you have to yours, and his faith would become as plentiful as lies or scarce as honesty if he would submit unbelief to virtue of the truth.

Honesty may run for a long time in a family, but it sometimes runs out. So was and [illegible] seed will in due time bring forth an [illegible]. It isn't right for rum or milk to believe that he's wont to be home yet 'cause his father was. Honesty will or man is like youth will or not. It may run in the line, but be right sure a rabbit pulls it mighty.—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

The Washington monument will be the highest work of man to be found in the world. The highest point reached [illegible] for the [illegible] Cologne, which is 530 feet high, and was completed in 1882. The Washington monument will be 555 feet high when completed. The tallest of the great pyramids is only 481 feet in height.

She Could Keep a Secret.

"We're bound to be equal to you, ma'am," said the Mason's wife, "we intend a secret society of our own [illegible] night." "Indeed," said the worldly-wise master, compassionately, "then I hope, my dear, your purpose will be accomplished. Is it a benevolent society, or what?" That's one of your business. It's a secret society, and we're bound by honor and not to divulge anything relating to it." "Very good, my dear," observed the worldly-wise master, returning to his paper. "I'm sure I do not wish you to violate your oath. It wouldn't matter if you did, I wouldn't. You keep your secrets close enough—and to think of that stupid Mrs. Perkins—and she could recollect neither the grip nor the sign. It took us an hour to teach her. When I gave her the sign, like this (gives the motion to the word), she would make it in this way, ha! ha! Her stupidity would have been exasperating if it hadn't been ridiculous, and as for learning the grip, why, she would have it that it was this way—give me your hand a minute—there, she would have it that way while it was this way, and the pass word! she couldn't keep it in her memory two minutes. Over and over again I told her it was 'Be just and fear not,' and she would have it, 'Sweet and so all.' Or Do unto others as you would be done by,' and ha! ha! almost despaired of getting it through her head. She would make her understand at last. Oh, yes, we are going to have a flourishing society, and we can be as secret about it as you men are about yours."

Then the wife went off to attend to the household duties, and the worldly-wise master of the house resumed his paper and smiled.

Treating Children.

Treating children is at least unjustifiable amusement; but when sensitive children are made the object of ill-[illegible] ignorance and cruelty. Do there are some very good people who indulge in this outrage against the innocent and helpless. We know people who never miss an opportunity to torment sensitive children. It seems impossible for them to come near one without making it miserable. They cannot be a better case where the child is suffering from nervousness. As a consequence, children soon learn to fear as well as hate them, and no wonder. It is true that these people would [illegible] from inflicting needless pain on any little one in the presence of its [illegible] when the senseless teasing ceases on the sensitive child.

Children should be a study of grown-up [illegible]. It is no time for [illegible] our neighbors. They come soon enough with the entrance of the youth upon the scenes of life, practical, serious struggle for self-maintenance. Then, good friends, you who thoughtlessly tax the innocent enjoyment and mental [illegible] which characterize the unperverted child, stop to think what you are doing. Do not accumulate [illegible] there. Do not [illegible] the [illegible] of an [illegible] mind [illegible] to [illegible] in every touch. Do not [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Do not inflict the [illegible] of pain on one whose innocence should shield it from the [illegible] of even [illegible]. Do not do [illegible] a wrong for which you can never atone; you are doing a wrong whose evil effects may follow [illegible] in the grave.—*Christian Advocate.*

Two Sinners.

"Lost my luck!" he grunted as he came down stairs.

"Lost anything?"

"Everything!" I wanted Brown, on the third floor, to sign a note with me. When I got to the second landing I met a dog coming down."

"And you raised your hat?"

"Raised hat! I raised my fist."

"And it was Brown's dog?"

"It was, and he was looking over the railing."

"Why didn't you plead ignorance?"

"I did, and so did Brown. Sampel the dog's dash me three times and then presented to find out who I was. Under the circumstances I couldn't sell him to any one."—*Detroit Free Press.*

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