## BOY. SKINNER

He : Sent on an Errand of Mercy ....J Sorrow.

a to Friend the Nature of His Liberal Foot. \_opyright, 1907.1

: maner had his books under r was on his way to school ue 1 ed a house painter standa .....er at work with his brush, a ladder broke, and the 3 a cown and broke a leg. A ID. . with a gathered, the ambulance CT. innoned, and the policeman Wat and charge of things looked aro. ad and then said to Humpy:

"Log, this poor painter is to be taken to the Ninth Street hospital."

"Yes, sir." "He will probably die of his in-Juries."

"Yes, sir; he will."

"His wife ought to be notified. Here

is her address, and I wish you would



LAS. AND EDBURAL BOOT HELPED HIM AL. OFF THE STEP.

go to the place and tell her what has happened. The poor thing ought to kno it at ouce."

"Int I am on my way to school, sir." Own Une." rand of mercy and sorrow. If your fa- the-heaver' his wife again. You'd always have it hay that can't smell Unstable on your conscience, and his ghost and that if hit along."

It was the threat about the ghost hardhall

around here?" called Humpy from the other side of the gate. "There's one right across the road,

but I'm not saying that she does her duty by her children gadding around as she does every day in the week." Bumpy took a long took at the house opposite and then crossed the street

and rang the bell. Again it was Mrs. McGuire who came to the door, and. S ACROSS WATKINS BOY. not seeing a parcel in his hand, she broke out with:

"I paid a dollar ten for a corset yesterday, and it was to come up before ge and is Called a Hero. night, it's not here yet, and you tell Is Given a Lift by a Large the girl who sold it to me and gave me her solemn promise that I'm getting dressed to waitz down there and give her a bit of my mind."

"I'm not a parcel boy, ma'am," reolled Humpy.

"Na? Then who are you?"

"U.a. e you got a husband, ma'am?"

"I have." "Does he ever climb indices) "He does. He'll climb anything from a glass of heer to the steeple of a church. He's been trying for the last five years to elimb into office, but it makes his head dizzy."

"Ma'am, I have to tell you-that is, I was sent here to say-that is"-"That is, that my man Joe is drunk again and the police have got him this time and will give him thirty days. All right. It was that McCoire across

the street that sent you, and do you go back and tell her that she's no lady." "But, ma'am"-

"Get a move on you!"

Humpy moved. Half a block down the street he stopped beside a carpenter repairing a fence and asked him if there were any other McGuires on the street.

"About ten others." was the reply. "Try the next door."

It was tried. Mrs. McGuire came to the door with a feather duster in her hand and a scowl on her face and wanted to know why Humpy was trying to pull the doorbell out by the roots.

"You have got a husband, haven't you?" he queried in reply.

"You impudent sassbox, would I be living with a man for the last twenty years and he not my husband?"

"Your busband went away this morning feeling all right, didn't he?"

### Humpy Gets Nervous.

"He did that. How else should be feel when he's got the best wife on the street? What do you stand there swallowing your tongue for? Has my man been throwing another car off the track and dislocating the conductor's shouldary 17 he has, then he can may his

"Never mind that. Here is an er- "Madam, I regret to be the bearer-

ther should break his leg today, would "And what is it that you are bearnot your mother feet grateful to the ing? If it's the ice or all bill, out boy who came to tell hor? Suppose with hit I've got convertible to do bethis painter should die without seeing spice standing here climate with a

"That, then, your heat out fell from would haunt you. Take the address a judder down on Arch street and bretty bla tog and has been out to the

that decided Humpy. He didn't want won he hav?" smilled the woman. any painter's ghost walking in on him "My son, step inside a minute. Do at mi might, and he left his school you was that sleeping form on the books in a geocery and started on the loringe there? That's what they calls errand. When he had gone a couple a recombent attitude. That's the man of blocks he met the Watkins boy, and we have been talking about. That's of course the latter asked where he my husband. He was out on a spree

### THE AUTO GOLFER.

An auto devotee was Beggs: He'd broken all his arms and legs And drunk of scorching to the dreg He rode both day and night, And 'n and out of his machine He smelled so strong of gasoline None dared a match to light.

The game of goif he thought a bore. Said he, "Why do the duffers roar The idiotic warning 'Fore" To those who go shead? I'll try the game this very morn, And with a proper auto horn I'll 'honk' to them instead."

His driving from the foremost tee, Quite wonderful, indeed, to see, Evoked remarks of "Hully geet" 'Twas straight as well as far, For toward the hole, with stops for

strokes. Including foozies, Jabs and pokes, He drove his motor car.

Though bunkered near the putting green. Though bunkered even the putting green, He drove ahead with his machine And landed to a deep ravine. Then golfers came to coach. ""Tis not the place to drive." they said. "The wonder is you are not dead. You foozied your approach!"

Then Beggs, with gargovie-like grimace, His collar bone slipped back in place His collar bone slipped back in place And defity rearranged his face. Said he. "I like this game, And though it's new to my machine"-He glanced around the deep ravine -- "We holed out just the same!" "We hoted out just the same!" -Earle Hooker Eaton in Harper's Weekly.

### Collecting In New Hampshire,

tight fisted man of affairs in a town of that state who until recently had never Secretary Lake Co. Tel. & Tel. Co. been observed to take an interest in church matters. Suddenly, however, he became a regular attendant at divine service, greatly to the astonish-

ment of his fellow townsmen. "What do you think of the case of old Ketchum?" said one of the business men of the place to a friend. "Is Is true that he has got religion?" "Well, hardly," replied the other, gon, must be screened with a small The fact is, it's entirely a matter of mesh wire screening at their head or business with him. I am in a position junction with the main channel of to know that about a year ago he loaned the pastor \$50, which the latter was unable to pay, so there remained nothing for Ketchum but to take it out in pew rent."-St. Louis Republic,

### The Truth For Once.

The resolute parent stood with the of year, as provided by law. Said uplifted slipper. "Johnny." he exclaimed sternly, "this

hurts me more than It does you." And for once the resolute parent was right. The slipper was two sizes too small for him, and he had six corns and a bunion .- Chicago News.



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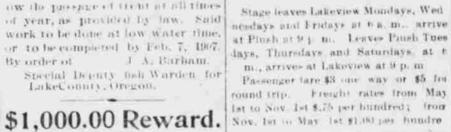
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When the was going and what for, nature of the errand had been explained to him, he looked wise and said;

of Washington, Madison, Henry Clay liberal foot helped him " her husband had broken his leg. Do houses, but the boy had you realize that you are a hero?" "Am 1?"

not in it with you. Yes, sir, you are a regular hero, and you want to act like that you got out of school so early?" one. Don't rush into the house when you get there and scare that poor wom- Ished she said: an half to death, but break the news her husband broke his leg. Go on and up one!" be a hero."

Hampy went on. He hadn't even looked at the address yet. He had been told that it was Beech street, and Beech street was a mile away. He had got within four or five blocks of the street wnen he felt for the address, to find that he had lost it He halted in his steps and was about to turn when he recalled that some one had 

McGuire. With that in his mind and feeling that Providence might guide him, he reached the corner of Beech street to meet an old woman hobbling along, and he accosted her with:

"Ma'am, do you know a family on this street named McGuire?"

"Bless your heart, 1 do," was the reply. "You have only to go to the fourth house on the right. I have known Mrs. McGuire for these many years, and I can say that she's a perfect lady."

Humpy was in luck. He passed along to the fourth house and rang the bell, and as he stood walting he remembered that he must be a hero. Mrs. McGuire herself answered the bell, and her greeting was not exactly cordial. Her voice was as cold as ice as she asked what was wanted.

"I wanted to ask if your husband went huckleberrying today," replied Humpy, who started in to break the and news gently.

"What! Are you here to give me impudence ?"

"No, ma'am. If your husband went auckleberrying and fell out of a hickory tree and was bitten by a snake"-

Has a Narrow Escape. "Away with you!" shouted the woman as she grabbed for the broom behind her. "What's this talk about my husband when I've been a widow for the last seven years?"

"Do you know any other McGuires

Humpy turned to flee, but he was not quite quick enough. He was hit on "Lump Skinner, I have read the lives the head with a duster, an ' a large and and Corporal Tanner, and not one of The man who was resulting the fence 'em was ever sent to tell a wife that advised him to try three of four other witte dicouraged. He headed for home and didn't stop until he got there. As he

"Of course you are. Buffalo Bill is entered the house his mother asked: "Why, Humpy, how does it happen He explained, and when he bud fin-

"Poor boy, you did not find the gradually. Lead up to the matter right Mrs. McGuire, I am the one. gradually and easily. If some boys and now if you will kindly step into had your chance they'd make that the wood shed with me we'll find out wife think it was a good thing that who fell down a ladder and who fell M. QUAD.

How They Did It.

A Sunday school visitor, after se verely catechising the children, put to them this question: "How do the angels in heaven do the will of God?" "They do it without asking questions, sir," piped in a little boy .- Judge

Helping Her Out.



Mrs. Henpeck - John, 1 wish you would give me a synonym for misery. Mr. Henpeck - What's the matter with matrimony ?- New York World.

Contrawise.

"Isn't it strange that such a disturbing element as leap year should occur in the even numbers?" "Yes, it is odd."-Baltimore Ameri-

> Cause and Effect. Heboltsasandwichandsomebeans, Apleceortwoofpie, Andgulpsacupofcoffeedown Whileyoucanbatyoureye.

Then, later on, there comes to him A very common question-He wonders how it was that he Contracted indigestion. --Milwaukee Sentinel.

The sole and Foodless Survivor-I wonder if my doctor would advise me to continue taking these appetite bitters every three hours, or should 1 throw them to the sharks?--Sketch,

### A Change Desired.

Mr. Wyss-My dear, I wish you would arrange your hair the way you had it last evening.

Mrs. Wyss-Oh, Justin! I simply can't do that. It completely changes my appearance. Mr. Wyss (quietly)-1 am fully aware

of that, my love. -Judge.

### An Approval of the Idle.

"Everybody should be made to work in this life," remarked the political economist.

"I don't arree with you." answered "There are so many Miss Ca en the, try to work, people that merely so cond in getting in the way." -Washington Star.

### A Bit Hazy.

"But," said Brightle ... "if you were sure the fellow who hadt you in the saloon was a policeman who didn't you take his number ? "Well," replied itounds, "I had a

number too many aiready."-Pulladelphia Press.

### Something Wrong.

The little girl had got up very early in the morning for the first time. "Oh. mamma." she exclaimed, returning from the window, "the sun's comin' out all right, but God's forgotten to turn off the moon."-Bohemian.

### The Real Test.

Young Physician-Do you have much trouble in getting your patients to do what you want them to? Old Doctor-Yes, at times, especially

when I send in my bills .- Detroit Tribune.

### Plenty of Water There.

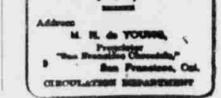
Church-I hear they've discovered a spring in Wall street? Gotham - Well, 1 don't know any surer place to look for water, do you?-Yonkers Statesman.

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