

BILL NYE'S BET.

His Dog Was a Cur, but He Backed It Against the Badger.

Years ago, when Bill Nye was running an afternoon newspaper in Laramie, Wyo., I went over from Cheyenne one day to pay him a visit. He was hard at work in his office, which was up stairs over a livery stable, a fact that caused him to live in mortal dread of hay fever.

As soon as I went in he said, "Sit down there and write something to help me get the paper out, and we will get off quicker and have some fun with the boys."

"What shall I write about?"

"Oh, 'bout a column."

So I wrote about a column, headed it "About a Column," and commented on columns. In a little while we were out and Nye led the way to a place where a man kept all sorts of sporting arrangements. While we were there a man came in with a live eagle he proposed to pit against the proprietor's best bird. The old sport took him up at once and the Roman nosed bird of freedom was thrown in with a healthy looking chicken that would have fought a buzzard.

The rooster made a dab at the eagle, and that "ferce gray bird with a bending beak" and an unwarranted reputation for gameness ignominiously, ingloriously and ineffectually fled and hid under a chair, where he looked out in a piteous sort of way and as good as said: "Take him off. I want to go home."

Among the other things this man of sport had was a badger that he was prepared to back for large sums on the statement that no dog could take the best out of a barrel that lay lengthwise on the floor with one head knocked out. I had wondered why it was that Nye had been coaxing an "ornary" looking cur to follow us, and now the problem was about to be solved. Nye made a bet that he had a dog that would take the badger out of the barrel. The money was "put up" and Nye caught that dog by the "nape of the neck and sent of his breeches," so to speak, and threw him into the barrel, tall foremost. The badger raised the dog by one ham and the dog went right away from there like a blue streak, taking the badger with him. The last that was ever seen of that dog, or badger either, both were going toward the North Platte river, the dog making the best time he ever had made and the badger hanging straight out behind a close second. Nye won.—Bill Lightfoot Vischer in Chicago Times-Herald.

Not Afraid.

"Do you believe in all this talk about kissing being dangerous?" he asked.

"Well," she replied thoughtfully, "I suppose there must be some foundation for it."

"Really?"

"I find it difficult to reach any other conclusion, but," she added hastily, "I always have had the reputation of being a very fearless girl."

Naturally he felt that it was no more than right that he should put this statement to the test.—Chicago Post.

A Man of Principles.

"Tell me, old boy, why don't you pay your debts. Fixed as you are now it ought to be easy for you to give some satisfaction to your creditors."

"Well, you see, I am a man of principles. If I should pay now, they would extend new credit to me next once, and so, sooner or later, they would ruin me utterly."—Moscow Schut.

At the Right Shop.

"I hem in to get a little light from you on the financial question," said the visitor with the disorganized beard.

"You surely have come to the right shop," said the editor of The Exrode Gazette. "If there is anything on earth I am light on, it is finances."—Typographical Journal.

In New York.

Chief of Police—Got on the track of those thieves yet?

Detective—Can't find a clew.

Chief of Police—Then you'd better go consult with the newspaper reporters and see what they've got.—Philadelphia North American.

Nothing to Fear.

Lady—Little boy, isn't that your mother calling you?

Little Boy—Yes'm.

"Why don't you answer her, then?"

"Pop's away."—Yellow Kid Magazine.

Worry Was Unnecessary.

Wife of His Boss—James, I hear burglars at your cash box.

James—All right, m'dear, nothing there—paid your dressmaker's bill yesterday.—Ally Sloper's.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss.

She—Who was it that said, "There's no such word as fall?"

He—Oh, I don't know; some smart Aleck who never tried to open a car window, I suppose.—Yonkers Statesman.

Those Cruel Girls.

Minnie—It is just possible that I may marry him, but I am afraid it was my money that attracted him.

Helen—There! I knew there must be something.—Boston Transcript.

Doubts.

"Papa, how do the people in the weather bureau find out what kind of weather we are going to have?"

"I didn't know that they did, my son."—Yonkers Statesman.

Fashion's Folly.

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—Kansas City Journal.

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