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WAS A LESSON FOR "AB'AHAM." Good Old Uncle Job Felt Called Upon

to Rebuke Sinner. "Yas, suh," begun Uncle Job, surveying his hearers with an expression of virtuous sadness; "yas, suh, I sholy gib dat trifling Ab aham a leason he neven fongot!" Then, seeing an inquiring look in the eyes of some of his bearers, and hearing a question from the lips of one of them, he decided to go more into details about the nature of the lesson he had imparted. "What'd I do tuh him? I's gwine tuh tell you alis. Ab'aham fair drawed de lightnin on hisself wen he hed de 'dacity tuh 'vite me tuh he house tuh eat er tuhkey dinner. Tuhkey," repeated Uncle Job, after a telling pause, "w'en dat liverashous rascal neveh raised any tuhkey in he life cept offen some wite man's roost. Hit sho was er fine tuhkey, but I showed dat Ab'sham dat stolen goods profiteth little. Dat tuhkey was or big gobbleh, an' dere was nobody but me an' Ab'aham dere; an' I seasoned dat bird wif admonitions tuh be good an' wahnings f'om de wrath to come. Hit sholy would hev tasted good ef hit hedn't been stole. But de sauce eb a deed well did an' a sinneh rebuked almos' made hit relish, an'," concluded Uncle Job, with pious satisfaction, 'though hit was er hand pill, I's bound to say I held out to de end an' finished dat tuhkey, spite ob Ab'aham's hint dat he spected hit tub las' him or week."-Youth's Com-

VARIETIES IN HUMAN SPECIES. Source of Everything That is Beautiful and interesting.

Each human being has something distinguishing, in form, proportions, countenance, gesture, voice—in feelings, thought, and temper, in mental as well as corporeal physiognomy. This variety is the source of everything beautiful and interesting in the external world—the foundation of the whole moral fabric of the universe. Certain externs? circumstances, as food, climate, mode of life, have the power of modifying the animal organination, so as to make it deviate from that of the parent. But this effect terminates in the individual. Thus, & fair Englishman, if exposed to the sun, becomes dark and swarthy in Bengal; but his offspring, if from an English woman, are born just as fair as he himself was originally; and the children, after any number of generations that we have yet observed, are still born equally fair, provided there has been no intermixture of dark blood.

Cause of Seaman's Bad Language. At Southampton (Eng.) a seeman lohmson had to appear before the borough magistrate on a charge of making use of bad language in St. Mary's street. In explanation he said he was married in St. Mary's church, Southampton, many years ago. He left Southampton after the ceremony and was away several years. Coming back the other day he went to look at the church, and finding there was still no steeple to it be did in his righteens anger use some very strong words. In fining the defendant ten shillings and costs the chairman of the bench said many people had said strong things about such a beautiful church as St. Mary's bav .. ing no steeple, but they did not use such bad expressions as the defendant

A Breeches Stratagem. After the battle of Ramillies had been won by the great duke of Mariborough, Lord John Hay, who commanded a regiment of Scotch dragoons, when the regiment of foot, called the King's, consisting of 1,200 men, submitted to him and surrendered their arms and colors, ordered, to prevent their running away, and the necessity of setting a strong "guard over them, that every man should cut a piece out of the waistband of his breeches, which obliged them to hold them up with one hand, and in that posture they marched with a guard of only 25 dragoons and a sergeant. Charles XII. did something like this by the Muscovites after the battle of Narva.

Man's Prejudice for Black Clothes. In opening an artistic dress exhibition Mr. Louis N. Parker, master of the recent Warwick pageant, said there could be no doubt that the clothes men were were foolish, says the Pail Mall Gazette. He claimed that as woman could array herself in sympathetic colors and flowing folds. the time had arrived when man should be placed on equality with her, instead of the having to array himself in black for dinner, the theater, funerals and weddings. He believed and hoped that his pageants would do something to sweep away the prejudice for black. for it was a horrid custom on the part of civilization.

Dead. "Silas Kidder has just answered my letter," said the country editor's aseistant. "You know I wrote to him and told him his subscription had expired." What does he say?" asked the editor. "Dumbed if I know. He just sent my letter back with some Italian words acrawled on the bottom of it. Looks like 'requiescat in pace.'

Gossip Set to Music. "I went to the opera last night." "What did you hear?" "That Mrs. Browning is going to get a divorce, Mrs. Biggs has the dearest dog and a new haby, and the Hutton's are going to hvo in India."-Harper's Weekly.

REBUKED THE GREAT WRITER.

American Was Not Awed by Grouchy Poet Laureate.

A writer in Harper's Weekly brings to light an interesting anecdote of Tennyson which well illustrates the singular habits of the great laureate in his intercourse with his friends. The poet was not only brusque and rough, but he was domineering and exacting, and most other men were afraid of him. But an American schoolmaster who for many years maintained a great intimacy with him had no fear in his heart, and sat and smoked on an equality with the sover-

sign singer by Farringford fireside. "One evening," says the writer, "when the two were thus together, Tennyson said that he would depart from his custom and narrate a persenal experience; but he had suffered a good deal from repetitions of his tales by those to whom he had told them, and he would be obliged to ask his friend never to repeat what he was about to hear. The American smoked on for a few seconds while Tennyson waited for the promise, and then he said: 'My lord, in my country a gentleman would never make that request of another gentleman." 'H-h-m!' said the poet, and looked out of eyes that wondered if the quiet smoker opposite knew how much he'd said. Then he told the story."

CLEVER SCHEME THAT FAILED.

Old Salesman's Advice Left Firm

Worse Off Than Before. Henry Clews is telling a new story which he says he got straight from the Canal street district, says the New York Times. A young jobbing firm, the tale tells, overbought for the fall trade. Their heaviest mistake had been in the line of overcoats, which it looked they would have to carry over a season. Efforts to get cash for the stock were fruitless, except at ruinous rates. At last the firm went to an old-timer in the trade for advice. "Well," said the man of experience, "you've got a pretty good list of customers. Just divide the coats up into lots of thirteen each. Send a batch apiece to some of your sharpest customers, but make out the bills for twelve. They'll be so tickled to get one coat for nothing that they'll take 'em all." The scheme had been tried before the mes met again. The old-timer waited for his praise. "Well, didn't they keep the coats?" he asked. "Yes," returned the jobber, sadly. "One each. The one that wasn't billed."

Ate Heart of Assassin. A correspondent of the North China Daily News describes what followed the execution of an assassin: "When the heart of Hau Hai-lin was cut out of his body and had been laid before the remains of his victim as a sacrifice to the late governor's manes. members of his bodyguard, to signify their seal and hatred of the assassin, seized Hau's still warm heart and cutting it up into mince meat boiled it and served the grewsome dish among themselves to be eaten. This seems a poor way of revenging the death of one patron, especially since it was due to the very ineptitude and subsequent panic of this very brave bodyguard that enabled Hsu Hsi-lin to fire so many shots, without any kind of hindrance, at the late En Min."

House Eleven Hundred Years Old. St. Albans possesses the oldest inhabited house in the country. This distinction is said to belong to the old Round house, now the Fighting Cocks inn, which stands close to the River Ver. It is a curious structure of octagonal shape—of early Saxon origin, having been built as a boathouse to the ancient monastery founded at St. Albans by King Offa about the year 795, and is thus over 1,100 years old. A subterranean passage, now blocked up, runs from the basement to the ruins of the monastery, a distance of about 200 yards. There is a shed at the back of the house, where it is said Oliver Cromwell stabled his horse, himself once sleeping under its roof during the civil war.-Collecting.

Hypnotic Sunstreke. A German physician who had a patient who could not afford to go to a warm climate, thought he would accomplish the same result by means of hypnotism. The doctor chalked a picture of the sun on the ceiling, and by suggestion induced the patient to be-Here it really was the sun and that it would cure him. But the patient soon died. When the doctor's friends guyed him about the novel treatment he indignantly explained that the patient was getting along nicely and would have got well had he not unexpectedly died of sunstroke.

Medical Training for Character. As a school of character it is doubtful if any better could be devised than the routine career of a medical siudent. It is not claimed that every medical student at the end of his fiveyear curriculum will be found to have become a saint. But if he has not developed manly qualities of self-restraint, courage, gentleness and forbearance, it is not for want of opportunity of practicing these virtues.

Enough and to Spare. "And the name is to be"-asked the suave minister as he approached the font wifu the precions armful of fat and flounces. "Augustus Philip Perdinand Codeington Chesterfield Livingston Spooks." "Dear me!" Turning to the sexton: "A little more water. Mr. Perkins, if you please -- Tir Hita.

HER "NO" NOT ALWAYS FINAL Women Have Been Known to Reconsider Refusal of Marriage

There are plenty of happy marriages which have begun with "no" and ended with "yes." It frequently happens that the woman who refuses the first time consents willingly upon the second or third. Nor is the reason for this far to seek. The woman who answers with a negative often does so believing that if her suitor really means what he says he will not accept dismissal without making an effort to reverse her decision. The astute lover, when declined as a husband, begs humbly for friendship and proceeds to make himself necessary to his lady love's comfort and happiness. He studies her tastes, humore, her whims, is always on hand when needed, yet never in the way. In short, he plays the part of "cavalier" servant" so adroitly that some day when he betakes himself to Japan or Paris his lady love wakes up to the knowledge that he has become indispensable to her, a part of her life, which, withdrawn, Peaves a sense of lack, a void. Most fortresses will capitulate if the siege be long enough and well conducted, and the rule holds good in love as well as in war. -Exchange.

MOSQUITO EASILY ON THE TOP. Insect Holds Record for Slaughter of Human Beings.

Napoleon is supposed to have passed away from earth burdened with the weight of responsibility for a million deaths. Genghis Khan and Timour are credited with ten millions each. These are mighty warriors, and history gives them page after page by way of exhorting us to the "strenuous life," but for centuries the mosquito has pegged away and kept the annual average of 250,090 deaths! What statesman has given to earth such a soldier community? What patriot has made a country so terrible throughout the world? A general and his army passes away-from the beginning the mosquito has been with us. He is responsible, mainly, to-day for the fact that the tribes of men are cooped into the inhospitable climates of the north and leave the warmer, more generous and productive south to him. Why not put the mosquito on the flags of warrior nations instead of the eagle and the lion?-Jacksonville Times-Union.

Keep Burglars Out. Buy at any hardware store a small, plain hinge, one and one-half inches long by one inch wide when closed. or smaller. Screw one side of hinge upright on to the lower right-hand corner of upper window sash, directly above the slight sange on all up per sashes. See that the hinge is toward and almost touching the window casing. This will leave one side of the hinge free to turn. When wishing to fasten window turn the free side of the hinge as far back as possible. This brings it over the lower sash. It will be invisible from the outside, but will prevent the lower sash being raised or the upper one lowered. When hinge is closed it will not interfere with raising window, and does not disfigure or weaken the window sash.

Birds Stopped the Clock. The town clock in Sarnia, Ont., stopped one morning not long ago, and on investigation the hands were found securely tied down by strands of twine and grass. The mischief had been done by a pair of sparrows. Desiring to build a nest in the angle of the hands, the movement of which interfered with their plans, they tied the hands to each other, and to the framework, in such a manner-that it took considerable time and labor to remove the obstructions. The engineering skill displayed, and the amount of industry and perseverance exhibited, makes the feat quite phenomenal in bird annals.

Uselessness of Killing Authors. There is really no use killing an author to prevent the country producing others, because the man with a book in him is like a bird that must lay an egg. We might start a new organization to discover people likely to write books and strangle them before they find a publisher, but even that would fall, because it is not possible to tell who can write a successful book until it is written. The literary faculty arises in the most unexpected ways, and even dogma cannot anticipate its uncertaintles.--Saturday Review.

Toned Down. A well known author had been asked to write a brief history of the life of a man who had done some service to his country. This man had originally been a wood chopper, a fact to which his historian gave prominence. "Don't say he was a wood chopper," said the son of the family. "That will never do." "What shall I say, then?" asked the author. "Saylet me see, now. Just say that he was connected with the timber indus-

Chinese Punishment. The other day the Chinese police court punished one of its female subjects in a novel way. The woman referred to assaulted an elderly man by dragging his pipe from his mouth. thereby causing the loss of two of his front teeth, and for this she was compelled to defray the expenses of a Chinese thester for two days which performed in the temple close to the main gulley.-Chefu Daily News.

COFFIN WAS A BACK NUMBER. So Pennsylvania Man Sold It and Will Purchase Another.

Isaac Coffman of Hatton, Pa., has sold a coffin he made many years ago. He sold it not because he felt he would have no use for it, but because his wife insisted that it was out of date. Mr. Comman is nearing his eightleth birthday. He explained to a friend that he constructed the coffin 20 years ago. It was built of chestnut because, as he put it, "Many's the time I have sat beside a cheery blaze of chestnut logs and heard them crackle and burn merrily. It makes such a homelike biase that I picked it in preferace to other woods. It was my desire to have the comp as cosy as possible. and I rejected the frivolities which so many persons affect in the matter of coffins. In order to have it handy I kept it in the garret. But my wife tells me that styles have changed, and since I have accumulated a little fortune she will not permit me to die unless I consent to get an up-to-date casket. To avoid trouble I agreed to sell the old one. But at the same time I think that the comn which was good enough for me in my poorer days should satisfy me now, and I shall always feel out of place in the new-fangled affair."

METHODS ARE TOO STRENUOUS

Why Yankee Salesmen Have Not Sue ceeded in South America.

In the matter of salesmen abroad. we must have men who not only speak the language but who are also thoroughly conversant with the customs and idiosyncrasies of the people with whom they deal, says the Engineering Magazine. The South American, in his buying as in almost everything else, is a most deliberate person as well as a sensitive one. A salesman who will call, smoke a cigarette, talk inconsequently about the weather, the theater and the races, and answer questions-should any happen to be asked-rather than make assertions about his goods, will outsell, five to one, the livellest hustler that ever opened up a sample case. This is a thing so contrary to the instinct of the American salesman that, to date, in his wanton disregard of it, he has constantly played into the hands of his more experienced European rivals. "Your Yankee drummers," says the latter politely, "are the greatest salesmen in the world—in America."

Advance in Miscroscopy. The wonders revealed by the ordinary miscroscope are increased a hundredfold by a recent invention, which enables the use of a high-power lens as large as six inches in diameter -thus bringing the whole of objects instead of details only under observa tion. By this means a common house-My is magnified not in parts, but all at once, till it appears to be as large as an ostrich or a condor, and, being inclosed in an open space, where it is kept directly within the field of the glass and yet has ample room, considering its size, to move about and engage in its usual occupations, the opportunity for studying it are immensely in advance of anything previously enjoyed by scientists. Vast worlds of microscopic life, hitherto only dreamed of, are suddenly open to the gaze of mankind, and discoveries of immense value can doubtless be made.

Byron's First Shoes. Speaking of Byron, I once owned the first pair of shoes that he wore, writes "The Lounger" in Putnam's. They were given to my father by a woman who had been the poet's nurse. She had cut them down to fit the feet of a doll belonging to one of her children. It must have been a pretty good sized doll, for the shoes-little soft things made of braid-were none too small for a child. I gave them to the Players because I knew that they would be well taken care of (not because Byron was a playwright), and to the best of my knowledge and belief they now repose under a glass case at 16 Gramercy park.

Restful Note.

In the midst of exposure, accidents, and the general crookedness of human nature, it is a relief to turn to such items of contemporary history as the mention of the famous Ida Lewis, who has kept a lighthouse 50 years, and saved nearly a score of lives. In the struggle for selfish gain of which the daily life of the world seems mainly made up, it restores one's faith in the good in human nature to note a life like this devoted, at the cost of personal sacrifice, to the saving and welfare of other lives .- Baltimore Amer-

A Clock of Straw. A shoemaker named Wegner, living in Strasburg, has sent to the exhibition of inventions at Berlin a clock of the grandfather shape, nearly six feet high, made entirely of straw-wheels, pointers, case, and every detail. Wegmer has taken 15 years to construct this strange piece of mechanism. It keeps perfect time, but under the most favorable circumstances cannot last longer than two years.

Solitude Cures Cryling.

"The best way to cure yourself of crying is to live alone," said the woman. "I used to cry an awful lot when I was married, but I hardly ever do now. It's the saddest thing in the world to hear yourself crying all alone in your flat, and what's the use, anyway, if there is nobody around to say: There! There!"

Home Remedies in Use Among Pennsylvania Dutch.

"In Bucks county, among the Pennsylvania Dutch, there are," said a doctor, "innumerable home cures. Some of them are pretty good, too. One is, for toothache, a lump of alum held in the mouth for two or three days. This is warranted not only to stop a toothache, but to keep it from ever coming back. In the fall and winter they wrap their chests in brown paper up there in Bucks county, saying that this prevents colds. Every housewife keeps on the kitchen dresser, and every husband on his dressing table, a small box of cobwebs. There is nothing better than cobwebs for a cut, especially for a rasor cut acquired in shaving-it stops the bleeding instanter. They soak ivy leaves in hot water in Bucks county. and after the water gets cold they squeeze in lemon juice. This palatable drink is given to consumptives. whom it is said to cure. Stewed onions eaten and snuff sniffed they find good influenza specifics. For insomnia they make hop pillows, and for bruises they keep on hand dried puffballs, the

BIBLE MANY CENTURIES OLD.

powdery insides of which they sprinkle

on the hurt."

Valuable Manuscript Treasured in the Cottonian Library.

In the Cottonian library in England n old manuscript copy of a part of the Bible in Latin. This was used at the coronation of English sovereigns 300 years before the "stone of destiny" was brought from Scone to Westminster by Edward I. In other words the use of this Rible for the purpose in question dated back to the year, 1060. The Bible is a quarto of 217 leaves, containing the four Gospels. and seems, from the style of the writing and illuminations, which are very beautiful, to have been made about the end of the ninth century. The Testament escaped destruction in the fire at Ashburnham House in 1731, of which it bears evidence on its crainpled leaves and ruined margins. There is some evidence that the son of Edward the Elder, Athelstan the Glorious, who was King of the West Saxons from 925 to 940, owned this Bible and presented it to the church of Dover.

Seen under the glory of a really fine sunset. London must be one of the mest beautiful and impressive spectacles in the world. You may look up the Thames, and see the red sun turning the pail of smoke that hangs over the shipping into a sultry crimson cloud, and lighting the dirty water and dingy wharves with a gleam of gold; or see the dome of St. Paul's caught in a mist of rich colors; or the high buildings of Bond street standing clearly out against the warmly-tinged sky; and wonder, not unreasonably, whether any other city that ever was built could show such a magnificent series of pictures as can this dingy London of ours of an autumn evening. -County Gentleman.

London in Her Glory.

Cure for Ringworms. As a cure for ringworms this curi ous recipe was given in the Housekeeper's Guide for 1836: "Get the coomb of a church bell, that is, the grease which is applied to make it work easy, and with which the metal forms a kind of verdigris; mix it with unsalted lard and apply a fresh plaster twice a day. It is not superstition that dictates the use of a church bell above any other, but the peculiar combination of metals employed for the purpose produces & different kind of verdigris. This remedy was long kept a profound secret, and many cures effected at an enormous charge. It has been equally efficacious as freely and openly communicated."

For the Cosy Corner. An elderly man from the country, intent on purchasing some furniture, proceeded to the city to put his skill for bargaining to the test. On entering an "old curiosity" shop he found himself confronted by the proprietor. After turning over the stock the old man purchased a chair. A few days later the purchaser returned to the shop again with the chair in about half a dozen pieces. The proprietor looked at them very gravely and examined them all over, then suddenly exclaimed:" "Ah, my fflend, 1 800 what is the matter; somebody bas been sitting on it!"-Tit-Bits.

To Have No Trouble.

One way to avoid trouble is to make it impossible before it appears. On the day of the Sunday school picnic the trolley car stopped to take a bright-eyed, middle-aged woman with six hatless boys. "Yes, we're going to the picnic," she chirped, in response to the conductor's query, "but you won't have to stop to pick up any lost headgear. I'm perfectly willing to take care of six boys; but there isn't money enough to tempt me to look after six boys and six hats."

Correct Interpretation Essential. Many of the most beautiful pieces of poetry in literature would seem uninteresting and flat if read by a bad reciter. In the same way, a good reciter will make attractive a poem whose beauties are not so apparent. A fine painter will light up each little beauty in his pictures until the smallest detail is attractive and strikes the eye. It is only the mediocrity whose work is characterised by sameness and lack of interest.

CURES FOR VARIOUS AILAIENTS. . WOMEN IN INVENTIVE FIELD.

Many Useful Articles the Product of Female Ingenuity.

/Women are stepping at a lively gait: into the field of invention. There are many successful devices patented in the names of women, and a few of these have made large returns to their inventors. One woman had offered to her as soon as it was patented \$20,000 for her device of a satchel bottomed paper bag. The glove fasteners which have almost superseded the old fashioned buttons and buttonholes are the invention of a woman.

Domestic utensils naturally attract the ingenuity of women, and there are flatirons, pie tins, ovens, stoves and baking dishes which are paying their originators well from every-day-in-thevoar sales.

But women are not confined to any field. "No pent-up Utica contracts" their nowers."

A letter-box with a signal for the postman when there is a letter in the box is one of woman's inventions. Another woman has invented an embalming fluid for undertakers-gruesome thing to think about. There are pages of women's names in the patent office reports. There are wheels, locks, brakes, slarm clocks, fire escapes and all sorts of patents issued to women.

WHAT THE LAWYERS GOT.

The Usual Thing When Two Feels? Go to Law About Nothing.

Under the headline, "An expensive Gooseberry Bush," an American paper. prints this story: "On the boundary line of two farms near R--- there is a large gooseberry bush, from which . the two farmers have for years gathered the product. 'What grows on my side is mine, and you may have the rest,' was the agreement. Three years ago the neighbors had a misunderstanding, and this came to a climax when the gooseberries became ripe. A lawsuit followed, and appeals were made to higher judicial bodies. The final decision has just been recorded. This gives both parties the right on pick the berries which grow on their side of the line-just as it to destroy the bush to both contest-

was originally-and denies the right ants. The costs were charged half to each litigant. Each farmer had to pay 225 kronen. The yearly yield of the bush will bring about 1/2 krone, and the judge told the fighting farmers: 'With good luck, it will take you only 800 years to make the bush pay. Take good care of it."

The Cock's Comb Trade. "A trade in cocks' combs is gradually springing up," said a chicken farmer. "A New York hotel pays mera good price for all the combs I can

"But do people est cocks combs?" ."Epicures do. The French love them: they mix them with giblets, and serve them in a great many sorts of sauces. We Americans are adopting French cooking more and more, and a French cook without his cocks' combs is almost as badly handicapped as a sharpshooter without cartridges.

"We got our taste for frogs' legs from the French, and is there buything more delicious than the leg of a frog? Now we are learning from these people to cat cocks' combs. which taste like an ethereal kind of liver, and before long, mark my words, we shall be eating the rich escargot, or edible snail."

With the Children.

Two little boys and two little girls were playing "house," the boys being the papas, of course. All went well until the papas insisted upon coming home to luncheon, although their wives repeatedly told them that they should stay downtown in their offices. and kill bears until 5 o'clock. The argument finally grew so noisy that auntie came to investigate.

"Boys, why do you come home when the girls ask you not to? Is it because you are so fond of them you cannot keep away?"

"No," said Tom, disgustedly.

"Is it because you wanted another look at all your beautiful children?" "No," said Bob, with even more disgust in his tones. "It's because the girls eat chocolate for lunch and we want some."

The Soy Bean.

The culture in France of the soy bean, whose products are so import. ant in the dietary of the Chinese and Japanese, is being urged in Paris. A puree pressed from the boiled seeds yields both milk and cheese, thinning with water, producing a very good substitute for animal milk, and coagulating with a mineral salt fitting the material for cheese-making. The cheese is usually eaten fresh though it may be preserved by salting or smoking, first being cooked.

Wasted Energy.

"It looks like some people are born to ill luck." sighed the old lady. "Why do you think so?" queried the chance caller.

"Well, take myself, for instance," said the old lady. "I have collected nearly 10,000 medical recipes and pasted them into a book during the last 50 years and I have never been sick a day in my life."

A Future Magnate. "Tommy, would you rather be a big frog in a small puddle or a little frog in a big puddle?"

"Neither. I'd rather be like Rockefeller. Then I could own the whole puddle and be the only frog in R."

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS