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A Token of Esteem.

As the train stopped at a station about thirty miles from Indianapo­lis we noticed an unusually large crowd on the depot-platform, and it was evident that speech­making had been indulged in and that somebody of note was taking his departure, says a writer in the New York Sun. We soon discov­ered that this person was a certain Col. Blank, who came into the car with a package under his arm, and whose cheeks were wet with farewell tears. He called "Good by!" a score of times from the window, and as the train finally rolled on he blew his nose, wiped his eyes and turned to us with:

"Gentlemen, it touches the heartstrings to part with old friends and neighbors."

"You are saying farewell, then?"

"Yes. I am going to Indiana­polis to reside. The field here is too limited, as I have discovered after ten years' residence."

"Indeed it is! Over 200 of the best people in town came down to see me off, and the president of the bank made a beautiful speech, wished me every success, and all that, and then handed me this as a token of respect and esteem.

"Ah! Made you a present, eh! Evidently something nice!"

"Bound to be," replied the col­onel, as he took a package from the seat.

"Perhaps you don't want to re­veal the contents here?"

Oh, I have no objections. We'll undo it and see what they have given you.

He carefully untied the string and removed the several papers which wrapped the precious me­dallion, and lo! there was exposed to our gaze a—spoon! Yes sir; a great big sponge, which never cost less than a dollar! We pressed forward to see it, and the col­onel turned red and white by turns, hit his lips, and bobbed about on the seat, and as we held our breaths he burst out with:

"Gentlemen, heartstrings be­long to right well, and when losing, lying crowd have gone and heaped a deadly insult upon me, and the next 200 years of my speech cited case after case. He was deeply interested in the case, and made a beautiful speech, wished me every success, and all that."

When the young lawyer finish­ed the justice leaned back in his chair and appeared to be consid­ering the matter.

"We ought to win this," said the lawyer to his client, "but I'm a little afraid."

"You needn't be," replied the chien, calmly. "You needn't have worked so hard, either. I saw him this morning. He wanted fifty, but finally took twenty-five."

How to Raise Boys.

Mrs. Hobbs(parent of an infant terror, and several half-grown ter­rors)—Well, Mr. Hobbs, since you are so dissatisfied with the way I am raising our darling Willie, maybe you would condescend to inform me how you would raise boys.

Hobbs—Certainly; every boy ought to be kept in a hogshed and fed through the hongloush un­til he is twelve years of age.

"And when he reaches the age of twelve?"

"Stop up the bung-hole."

A Capital Answer.

Teacher (to dull boy of the class)—Which New England State has two capitals?

Boy—New Hampshire.

Teacher—Indeed! Name them.

Boy—Capital N and capital H.

Harper's Bazar.

Classified.

"Isn't it a crime, judge, to loosen a swarm of bees on a fellow?"

"Not a crime. We might call it a bee-setting sin."—New York Sun.

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The filibustering Democrats in the House have found their equal in Speaker Reed. With his cool deliberating manner, exempt from all signs of excitement and uneasiness, he has quietly brought the house to order, and ready for the transaction of business. During the progress of this great discussion, in which the speaker was addressed with many threats, some even shaking their fists in his face and exhibiting other appearances of physical force, he held the filibustering party in check. The attempt of the minority to check the progress of the transacting of business will receive the rebuke of fair-minded persons of all parties, and bring praise to Mr. Reed for his manliness in reducing the house to order.

Over a million acres of land, of the Sioux reservation have been bought by the government and will soon be open to settlers. The land is a tract formerly used as a hunting ground, but all animals of any size becoming extinct in it, the government purchased it, still leaving three hundred and twenty acres to each family, and additionally the re-planting of all utensils necessary for the proper cultivation of the said land. The Sioux tribe having so great territory, were little influenced by the surrounding civilization—much less than the neighboring tribes—will have of late been quite troublesome. The intention of the government is to make them as little subjective as possible to their own powerful chiefs, and more to the government of the United States.

The charter of the Louisiana State Lottery Company expires next May, which, when the motion for its renewal is presented, will probably produce considerable excitement in the next Louisiana legislature. When the charter was granted some years ago, the company agreed to establish an institution of learning, which they did, and support it. The company became so prosperous during its short existence that now it proposes to pay off the whole state debt, if only a charter be granted them—so lucrative an income have they drawn from the people! This is probably their last chance, as their attempt in the North Dakota legislature, although they succeeded in bribing it, was disclosed, and the uprising so great both in Dakota and abroad, that the attempt will surely prove a failure. Louisiana must decide the future existence of this wonderful company—wonderful for its prosperity and success in defrauding poor people throughout the whole Union. It will surely be no credit to Louisiana to grant this company a licence to do evil solely for the purpose of extorting itself from debt.

Mr. Taylor, of the firm of Vance & Taylor, has been recovered from the measles. The friends of Mr. Joe Vance are congratulating him on his escape from them.

The residents of Hawthorne street complain of a scarcity of abundance of midnight serenaders. Some of our merchants might find it a profitable investment to lay in a stock of firearms.

Mr. W. J. Ellis and family, of West Amity street, and Mr. J. McClure, of North Broadway, went to Arenaum, Thursday morning, to attend the funeral of Mr. John Smith, of that place, who died Tuesday morning, and was interred in Albionville cemetery, Thursday morning.

One day last week, when she attempted to light her gasoline stove, Mrs. Elmer Weaver, of South Hawthorne street, narrowly escaped from what might have been a dangerous accident. When she lighted the stove, she noticed it did not work properly and fearing an explosion, dragged it from the house. When she had just succeeded in getting it out, the reservoir exploded. She was not hurt, nor was anything else, save the stove.

Harry Carter, the young man who was lately visiting Mr. H. Rose, on West Third street, met with a very serious accident last Saturday night. It appears that young Carter, with a number of friends, had driven to church in Trotwood. After church was over they got into their buggies and started for home. Mr. Carter, who was riding in a small dog-cart alone, requested that he be allowed to drive ahead, as his horse, having stood during church, had become quite lively. Some time after it was the last seen of him until one of the party noticed, after driving some distance, a dog cart lying by the road; and then a sight noticed lying upon his face in the mud. The young men jumped out and found it to be Harry Carter. He was covered with mud, unconscious, and unconscious. Twenty-four hours elapsed before he became conscious, and yet suffers from the fall. It is supposed that the horse attempted to run away, and in making a sudden turn in the road leading to the house, upturned the cart.

Messrs. George Riley, George and Arthur Hoover, and John Troup took a short visit, on business, we are told, to Cincinnati, this week. In some way falling in with misfortune, they decided to boycott the railroads, and foot it back.

Three boys, Henry Shoenaker, John Norris and Arthur Hoover, were arrested in the West End last Thursday, and when brought before Mayor Cooper early Friday morning, were fined $7.50 for shooting within city limits with riotous rifles.
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A page in the Memoirs of Victor Hugo relates a story told by Monsieur Sanson, the chief executioner of France in 1848, which illustrates the extent to which idle curiosity may sometimes be carried. A good many people, chiefly English, used to come to Monsieur Sanson and asked to be shown the guillotine at work; and, when the request was accompanied by a sufficient fee, the terrible machine was generally set at work guillotining bundles of hay.

One day an English family, consisting of father, mother and three young girls, pretty, blonde and rosy, called to see the guillotine. Monsieur Sanson put it in operation, and explained all the shocking details of the workings of the machine and the preparations which the condemned persons are required to go through. Presently the youngest of the three girls turned timidly to the executioner.

"Monsieur Sanson?" she said.

"What, mademoiselle?"

"What is done when a condemned man is quite ready? How is he placed in the machine?"

The executioner told her.

"Well," said the young girl, "I wish you would put me into the guillotine that way!"

Sanson, quite against his inclination, seated the young girl in the chair of the condemned, bound her hands and feet, and buckled upon her the harness which holds the criminal in place. This, he supposed, would be quite enough.

"Oh, there's something else," she said.

Sanson then had the knife of guillotine raised and placed the young girl in the dreadful funelette. Then he put upon her head and neck the hood, and put the basket in its place. Whereupon, greatly to the executioner's relief, the young girl declared she had experienced enough, and was released.

In telling the story to Victor Hugo, Monsieur Sanson said, "I quite expected, when I had finished the last preparation, to hear her say, 'Oh, there's something else; let the knife fall!'

If, by any accident, the knife had fallen, the rebuke to an idle and morbid curiosity would have been instant, though unduly severe.

If you should happen to want your face pinched, just pinch the baby.—Texas Sagittas.

If a young woman's disposition is gunpowder, the sparks should be kept away from her.—New York Ledger.

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At the Club.—Brown—"Does your wife keep her temper very well?"

Jones—"Um-er- some; but I get the most of it."—Boston Gazette.

"Have you a pain in your chest?" asked a doctor of the man with the influenza.

"Don't call this a chest, do you?" said the patient, with a wheeze, "seems to me more like a gripe."—Washington Hatchet.

Editor—"We can't accept this sketch—it isn't true to life—represents a messenger boy running.*

Artist—"But he isn't carrying a message.*

Editor—"Isn't he?"

Artist—"No; he's running to a fire."

Editor—Well, that alters the case. Put in the fire and we'll accept it."—Yankee Blade.

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