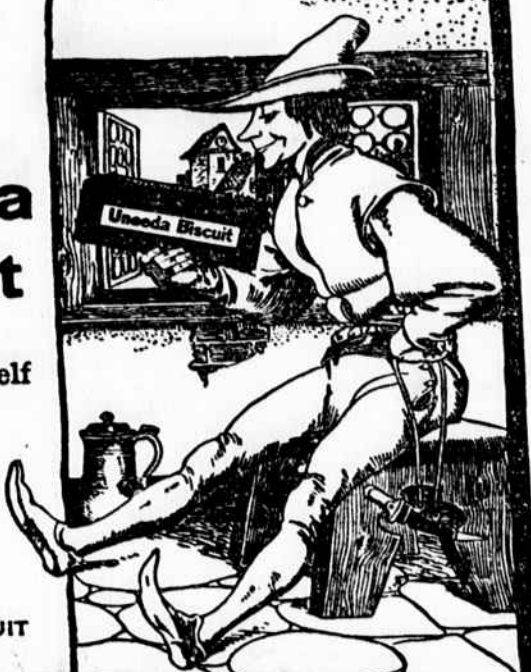


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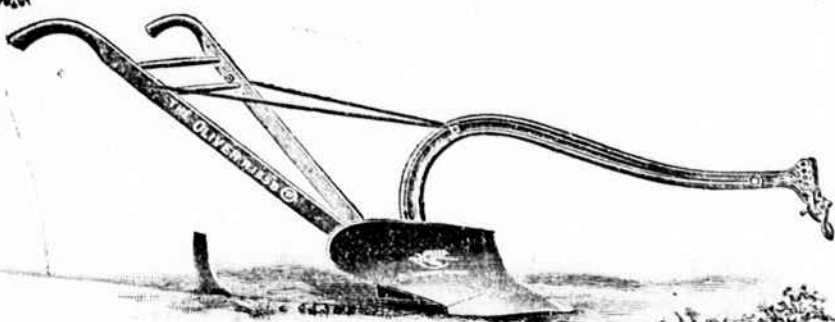
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"I can't go to Sunday-school because I have no shoes or coat. The other boys would laugh at me."

Johnny Jones was a handsome lad at thirteen summers. It was in the year 1865, just after the "surrender," Johnny's father and elder brother had come home from the war. The little farm near the Blue Ridge was all that they had in worldly possessions, save a few silver dollars and dimes that were hidden away when the war began. Everybody wore home-spun clothes, but Johnny did not have a full suit of that, even, because his elder brother and two sisters had to be dressed first. So when the afternoon Sunday-school was organized at the mountain school house Johnny could not go because he had no coat or shoes.

Byron Brown, a neighbor boy, was not so unfortunate as Johnny; he had shoes and two coats, and when he learned the reason why Johnny did not go to Sunday-school he offered to loan him a coat, and he himself would go to Sunday-school barefooted. Johnny reluctantly agreed to the proposition and on the next Sunday he went by Brown's home and put his coat on and they went to Sunday-school together. As they walked along the road, Johnny insisted on staying behind the crowd of large boys and girls, for he was ashamed of his big bare feet.

The school house was crowded when they got there and Johnny was ashamed to go inside bare-footed; and he was sure that everybody would know he had on Byron's coat. Byron led the way and, as they had to step over the wet and legs of a dozen men before they reached a seat, Johnny was blushing and trembling fearfully, and when he sat down he stuck his feet under the pine slab bench.

Jim Hardy, a young man just home from the war, sat near Johnny and Byron. Jim led the singing. He learned to sing while he was in the army and he was proud of this accomplishment. Such singing had never been heard in that settlement before. Jim Hardy went to the school before and saved during the war and bought him a paper collar and a cravat. He was the best dressed man in the house. His dollar and cravat were the center of attraction, and Johnny soon forgot all about being bare-footed.

There were no Sunday-school quarterlies published in those days. The little children studied the catechism and the larger scholars read a few chapters in the Bible and everybody enjoyed themselves.

Johnny Jones and Byron Brown were regular attendants. They bought a song book and always sat near Jim Hardy, who led the singing.

Johnny wore Byron's coat every Sunday, but he always took it off when he reached Byron's home. There was to be a grand Sunday-school celebration in August and Johnny determined to have a suit of clothes and a pair of shoes for the occasion; so, after the crops were laid by he went down by the creek and peeled the bark off the maple trees and boiled it and made a dye. Then he put some sheep wool and cotton in the dye and let it stand for several days. Then he washed the wool and dried it in the sunshine. Johnny could card and spin, but his sisters told him if he would card the wool and cotton they would spin the thread and weave the cloth. Of course Johnny expected some help from his mother and sisters at this stage and he was delighted at their offer to help him. He soon had a big stack of rools carded and his sisters kept the spinning wheel going, and in a few days the cloth was ready to be cut. Johnny's mother was the tailor, and he was a happy boy as he watched her cut the cloth and sew it together.

Now Johnny must have a pair of shoes. The cobbler told Johnny to bring the leather and he would make the shoes. But no leather was to be had. Johnny's father had a pair of army shoes that were given him when he was on his way home from Appomattox, and he carried them to the cobbler and had them ripped to pieces and made smaller. And this is how he got his shoes.

Johnny had a straw hat that he made himself, and when he put on his new clothes he looked quite respectable. He looked awkward in his big shoes, but he went to the Sunday-school celebration, and when the school formed a line at the school house to march to the big brush arbor that had been made for the occasion, Johnny was in the front ranks, near Jim Hardy, the singer.

There had not been a Sunday-school celebration in that settlement since the war began, and this was the first opportunity the boys and girls had of meeting since the war and getting acquainted, and they were there from a long distance, in every direction. A young girl smiled at Johnny when she saw him with his fine clothes and it frightened him so bad he came near falling in his tracks.

In speaking of it afterwards, Johnny

declared that he had the finest time of anybody that was at the celebration.

Johnny attended the district school during the winter months and worked on his father's farm the rest of the year. When he was sixteen years old he joined the Baptist church, and when he was eighteen years old he was elected superintendent of the Sunday-school. The office was thrust upon him, and he said if that was the best they could do, he would do his best. He was full of the spirit and ere long he was the acknowledged leader in Sunday-school and church. Preachers were scarce in those days, and it was not often that a sermon was preached in the little meeting house. A preacher could be had only by making one, and the church gave Johnny Jones license to preach, when he became twenty-one years old. Johnny read the religious paper that came every week. He has been a successful minister of the gospel for more than thirty years and he declares that he got his sermons and education by reading one religious paper. He advises his churches to read The Baptist Press if they want to get a religious education.

Tinker Creek Entertainment.

Quite a large crowd was present, Saturday night to enjoy the entertainment given by the pupils of Tinker Creek school. The following program was carried out:

1. A recitation, "Welcome."—Eva Adams.
2. Song, "Washington."—School.
3. A dialogue, "Washington."—Five boys.

4. A recitation, "The School House Flag."—Lois Gregory.
5. A recitation, "My Flag."—Fred Foster.

6. A recitation, "Washington's Birth-month."—Gillian Bratton.
7. A recitation, "Our Flag."—Inez Foster.

8. A recitation, "The Little Soldier."—James Bratton.
9. Song, "Yankee Doodle."—School.

10. A recitation, "A Little Boy's Speech."—Victor Gregory.
11. A recitation, "How to Tell the Time."—Estelle Gregory.

12. A recitation, "When the Minister Comes to Tea."—James Bratton.
13. A recitation, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."—Eva Adams.

14. A recitation, "The Lips that Touch Liquor Shall Never Touch Mine."—Belle Gregory.
15. Song, "Come Home Father."—School.

16. "On Twelfth Night."—A play consisting of the following:

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| Harry | Henry Foster |
| Clyde | Gillian Bratton |
| George | Charlie Dixon |
| | Lonzo Foster |

Friends of Adam.

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| Marie | Letha Gregory |
| Nina | Estelle Gregory |
| Grace | Mamie Gregory |
| Ella | Lois Gregory |

Friends of Eve.

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| Betsy, Eve's Maid | Janie Foster |
| Sambo, Adam's Valet | |

After the above program was carried out refreshments were served on the grounds.

The proceeds amounted to \$18.08, with which books for a library will be bought at once.

Much of the success was due to their faithful teacher, Miss Lillie Adams, who spared no pains in training the children.

The school wishes to thank the public for their liberality and good behavior during all the performances.

To Hang March 29.

Tom Harris, charged with killing Mrs. Hortensia Morgan, in Cherokee county, was last week found guilty and condemned to hang on March 29th. The crime was one of the most atrocious ones recorded in recent years.

Death of William Dilmus Going.

William Dilmus Going, the invalid son of Mr. John Going, died at his father's home on the 27th of February, from epilepsy. He had been afflicted with this disease for twenty-three years but his sufferings became more intense about three weeks ago, and it could be seen that the end was near at hand from the beginning. He was the only brother of Rev. J. T. Going, of Monarch. About ten years ago he lost his mind and from that time until his death he scarcely knew anything or anybody. All of his life he was a constant care to his parents, being as helpless as a child. The father and mother wish to express their sincere thanks to the many friends who administered their aid during his sickness.

Legislature to Protect Flag.

Washington, Mar. 4.—The supreme court decided today that the States may legislate to protect the flag from being used as an advertisement.

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