He Hadn't Noticed The Colonel's Silence

C OME years ago in Alabama one of the most talented lawyers practicing in the south was the late Colonel Bragg, but he had a peppery

Not only did Colonel Bragg's disposition involve him from time to time in serious differences with his colleagues, but it also led him to break off amicable relations with a Judge Robinson, a most estimable jurist, who, while presiding over a suit in which Bragg was interested, had by his decision incurred the resentment of the advocate. So for a long time the colonel declined even to speak to the judge, save when it was absolutely necessary in the cours of business.

Finally, however, his better nature getting the upper hand, Colonel Bragg determined to apologize to Judge Robinson and endeavor to effect a renewal of their former comparatively pleasant relations. Meeting the judge one afternoon on the steps of the statehouse, he impulsively thrust out his hand and

"See here, judge; let's be friends again. This thing has gone on long enough."

"Why-er-Bragg," asked the judge in the meekest and mildest way imaginable, "what's the matter?"

"Simply this, judge," continued the flery Bragg-"I admire you so immensely that I cannot for my life be content to remain on bad terms any longer. I felt that I must speak to

"Why-er_Bragg," piped the judge in the thinnest of voices, a well feigned look of astonishment on his face, "why er-Bragg, haven't you been speaking to me?"

At this the lawyer wilted. - Lippincott's Magazine.

The Donater.

At the closing services of a religious organization held in Philadelphia an attempt was made to raise a certain sum of money for some good work.

"I will start the good work with \$25!" cried a man who was a stranger to the preacher.

"Thanks, brother; thanks!" exclaimed the minister presiding, effusively. "I don't know your name, but may heaven bless your kind heart, and may your business during the coming year be doubled!"

Instantly there was a laugh that was both long and loud, and the perplexed preacher gazed at the delegates in astonishment.

"What have I done?" said he.

"Nothing." replied a fellow preacher, "only the man who donated that twenty-five is an undertaker." - New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Too Deep.

"Once," drawled Uncle Enoch, "I new two boys who went to a lecture over in Crownville, but they didn't like it much. It was clear over their heads. So on their way home, bein' bound to have some fun, they stopped at the old pend down by Harkins' mill an' whisked off their evenin' toggery an' jumped

"And did they enjoy that?" "We never found out. The pond went over their heads too."-Judge.

Misunderstood.

The Comedian-At liberty, old man? Why don't you break into vaudeville? The Tragedian (haughtily)-I have yet to disgrace the profession.

The Comedian-But you wouldn't, dear boy. Get a couple of trained dogs, and I'll bet a drink you make good!-

There's the Rub.

"He thinks he's quite a controversial-"Well, he can give facts and figures

upon any subject that comes up." "Perhaps, but his facts and figures won't go down."-Catholic Standard and Times.

The Scientific Way. "Yes, he calls himself a scientific

farmer.' "And what does the science consist

"Why, he stays in town and runs the farm by telephone." - Cleveland Plain Dealer.

What Did He Mean?



"How do you like this weather?"

"Most disagreeable." "And how's your wife?"

"Just the same, thanks."-Punch.

Otherwise Defined. "I fear he yielded to the temptation to enrich himself at the expense of the

policy holders." "That wasn't a temptation," replied the cold blooded financier; "that was an opportunity."-Washington Star. ..

A HISTORIC JOURNEY

CAESAR RODNEY'S GREAT HORSE-BACK RIDE IN 1776.

How the Declaration of independence Was Saved by a Vote In the Session of the Provisional Congress In Philadelphia.

It happened on that famous Fourth of July, 1776, the day on which the American colonies were declared free and independent states. If Caesar Rodney had not made his historic ride there might not have been any free America

The provisional congress was in session at Philadelphia, each of the thirteen colonies having representatives there. It was a great congress, and a momentous question was before the distinguished body. The great charter of our freedom had been written by Jefferson, and Benjamin Harrison, father and great-grandfather of presidents, had presented it to congress on Monday, July 1. What would the Continental congress do?

In order that our country should be free and independent the declaration must be adopted. This could be done if only the colonies were divided, and there were some good men who did not believe it best to take this step at this time. Four of the seven delegates of Pennslyvania were opposed to it, and, of the two Delaware delegates present, Thomas McKean was in favor of independence, but George Read was opposed to the measure. Caesar Rodney, the other member, was in the southern part of his state in the capacity of a brigadier general, organizing and drilling troops for the coming struggle,

Two of the opposing Pennsylvania delegates were persuaded to absent themselves, and thus the Keystone State would favor the declaration, but the vote of Caesar Rodney was necessary to carry the state of Delaware. A messenger was dispatched in hot haste to summon him to Philadelphia, and then for four days the "patriots of '76" talked and maneuvered to delay the final vote. On Thursday, July 4, congress was to vote on the momentous question.

On the afternoon of the 3d the messenger found Caesar Rodney in Sussex county, more than eighty miles from Philadelphia. General Rodney was at that time forty-six years old, with a tall, lean, worn figure, his face scarred by a cancer that was finally to cause his death. The brave patriot did not hesitate. "Saddle the black!" he commanded, and in ten minutes he had mounted his faithful steed and was galloping as if for life to the northward.

Eighty miles away from congress, which was waiting for him to declare the independence of the colonies. The thought caused him to drive his spurs deep into his horse's flanks and sent him tlying along the long, dusty highway that stretched away toward the Quaker City. It was one of the great rides of history. That black steed bore the destinies of America, and his rider knew it, and there was neither halt nor delay.

The sun went down, and the stars came out one by one in the blue vault of heaven, and that solitary rider rushed on his way. All through the cool summer night Caesar Rodney kept up his reckless pace.

The stars faded out of the morning sky, and the sun came up red and fiery, the herald of a sultry day. And still Caesar Rodney kept on his way. He was yet many miles from Philadelphia. His horse was jaded, and he was travel worn and covered with dust, but the patriot did not slacken his rein. He must be there to vote for the independence of America. And he was there. All that hot, sweltering July day the delegates of the colonial congress were talking and voting in Independence hall. The session had begun. The president, John Hancock, was in the chair. and the clerk, John Dickinson, was calling the colonies one by one. Virginia had voted and Massachusetts and the great state of New York and the little state of Rhode Island, and now New Jersey was voting, and Caesar Rodney had not come.

Anxious and worried, Thomas Mc-Kean went out to the door of Independence hall. Would his friend and compatriot be too late? His face brightened as he heard the sound of hurrying hoof beats coming up Chestnut street. A foaming, panting steed dashed into the yard. Its dusty rider leaped to the ground. Booted and spurred and the dust of his long ride thick on his long flapped coat and iron gray hair, Caesar Rodney entered the hall of congress leaning on his friend Mc-Kean's arm.

He was just in time. The vote of Delaware was being called. George Read voted "Nay." "Aye!" called the clear voice of Thomas McKean. It was a tie. All eyes turned to Caesar Rodney. The famous rider cleared his throat, and many a patriot heart beat with pride as he declared in firm tone: "The voice of my constituents and of all sensible and honest men, I believe, is in favor of independence, and my own judgment concurs with them; therefore I vote for the Declaration."

And so Caesar Rodney by his famous ride and by his noble vote helped to settle the question of independence and insured the future celebrations of the Fourth of July.

He Ate Often.

Doctor-You must take a quarter of an hour's walk before every meal. Stout Patient-But, doctor, you surely don't want me to walk all day long!-Fliegende Blatter.

Affection soothes, it hallows, elevates, subdues and bringeth down to earth its native heaven.-Landon.

CHINESE ART IN STONE.

Its Best Examples and Some of Its Greatest Defects.

The spirit of purely Chinese art in stone is shown in work such as the great monolith figures of animals and warriors which flank the approach to the tombs of the Ming dynasty and in the perfectly plain structures designed for the tombs of the present dynasty.

These are composed of enormous blocks of stone brought with infinite labor from distant quarries over roads and bridges which are hardly capable of sustaining ordinary cart traffic and have always to be specially prepared to prevent the great weights causing their collapse.

The same admiration for the employment of huge blocks of stone is seen in the case of the bridges over the rivers along the coast of South Fukien, where the stone slabs used in the construction occasionally measure sixty feet in length and are estimated to weigh nearly 120 tons, and the bridges themselves have a length of 1,000 to 2,000 yards.

In almost all cases where the buildings are not of solid construction the weight of the blocks employed has placed a strain upon the supports which the architect's skill was not competent to provide against, and with the lapse of time the melancholy spectacle is seen of slabs fallen from their places and of noble and costly structures approaching ruin. In some cases the interdependence of the arches leads to the same result. One notable instance of this occurred during Colonel Gordon's campaign against the Taipings, when to allow of the passage of his small steamers it was necessary to make a gap in a bridge of over twenty arches, and arch after arch collapsed immediately after the passage of his small flotilla. - London Saturday Re-

AVERAGE HUMANITY.

Most People Are Not Very Good Nor Yet Very Bad.

What do we mean by a good man or a bad one, a good woman or a bad one? Most people, like the young man in the song, are "not very good, nor yet very bad." We move about the pastures of life in huge herds, and all do the same things at the same times and for the same reasons. "Forty feeding like one." Are we mean? Well, we have done some mean things in our time. Are we generous? Occasionally we are. Were we good sons or dutiful daughters? We have both honored and dishonored our parents, who in their turn had done the same by theirs. Do we melt at the sight of misery? Indeed we do. Do we forget all about it when we have turned the corner? Frequently that is so. Do we expect to be put to open shame at the great day of judgment? We should be terribly frightened of this did we not cling to the hope that amid the shocking revelations then for the first time made public our little affairs may fail to attract much notice.

Judged by the standards of humanity, few people are either good or bad. 'I have not been a great sinner," said the dying Nelson; nor had he-he had only been made a great fool of by a woman. Mankind is all tarred with the same brush, though some who chance to be operated upon when the brush is fresh from the barrel get more than their share of the tar. The biography of a celebrated man usually reminds me of the outside of a coast guardsman's cottage-all tar and whitewash. -Essays of Augustine Birrell.

. Budapest.

"Americans know absolutely nothing of one of the greatest cities of all Europe," said a returned traveler. "I refer to Budapest. Do you believe it has over three-quarters of a million inhabitants and is foremost in many of the arts and sciences? Take my word for it. Why, it has a university with nearly 5,000 students and 230 professors. The trolley was developed in Budapest. Most of the population is Magyar. Buda has the finest Jewish synagogue in the empire. The Danube, dividing Buda from Pest, is a beautiful stream, spanned by magnificent bridges. The largest electrical works in all Europe are in this wonderful city."-New York Press.

The Crab as a Fisherman. The crab sometimes catches a fish, and it catches it without hook and line. It lies in wait, perhaps in some creek. with its jaws extended in front and open. Perhaps a school of killies comes along, and it may be that a killie on the outskirts of the school may swim unsuspectingly along through the clear water between the upper and lower parts of one of the motionless open claws of the crab. When it is well within them the claw suddenly snaps together and that particular little killie goes no farther.

Literary Genius.

"Why is genius so often misunderstood?" asked the literary person. "Probably," answered the man who doesn't care for poetry, "it's because genius so frequently fails to talk plainly."-Exchange.

Woman's Right.

Mamie-I believe in woman's rights. Gertie-Then you think every woman should have a vote? Mamie-No, but I think every woman should have a voter.-Chicago Record-Herald.

Economy.

"The under crust of this apple pie is | Said he, "I've not struck the right pitch." too tough to eat.

"That's the intention. It can be used again, you know." - Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Refusing a "Touch."

O, I cannot explain; I can only deny. Though it gives me great pala, There is but one reply. It's too bad that you should Make that sort of a plea, For I would if I could, But I can't, don't you see?

I am always your friend, As I think you should know, And I firmly intend That our friendship shall grow. When it's once understood, You will never blame me, For I would if I could,

But I can't, don't you see?

Were it any old thing But the cash that you need-No. this isn't a "string"-I would do it, indeed. Still it's not any good; I am tied; I'm not free. Yes, I would if I could, But I can't, don't you see?

It's a beautiful phrase, Always ready for use. You'll observe that it pays As an oily excuse-A convenient hood, I am sure you'll agree: "Why, I would if I could, But I can't, don't you see?" -Chicago News.

Speed.

Walter Christie was talking about his blue flier, the huge and handsome racing car with which he amazed Cape May last summer.

"One day in August," he said, "I took a run out into the country and somehow got lost. On toward dusk I found myself at the meeting point of four crossroads and unable to tell which road would lead me back to Cape May. "So I pulled up and waited and soon

a boy driving a cow appeared. "'My lad,' I said, 'I want to get to Cape May.'

"The little fellow stared at my 110 horsepower car, and then he said

"'Well, jest foller this cow an' ye'll get thar." -- Cincinnati Enquirer.

What's In a Word?



Model (who has had about enough of it)-I understood you engaged me to come 'ere to sit to you.-Tatler.

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