

IN THE BARBER SHOP.

The Cheap Dead Beat Who Goes There for Nothing But a Shave.

(American Magazine.)

"Who's been doing your work?" he asked. This question from a barber, has no reference to one's daily occupation. It means "Who has been shaving you."

"I knew it was best to own up. I'd been in the wrong, and I meant to acknowledge it with perfect frankness."

"I've been shaving myself," I said. "My barber stood back from me in contempt. There was a distinct sensation all down the line of barbers. One of them threw a wet rag in a corner with a thud, and another sent a sudden squirt from an atomizer into his customer's eyes as a mark of disgust."

"My barber continued to look at me narrowly."

"What razor do you use?" he said.

"A safety razor," I answered.

"The barber had begun to dash soap over my face; but he stopped—aghast at what I had said."

"A safety razor to a barber is like a red rag to a bull."

"If it was me," he went on, "beating lather into me as he spoke, I wouldn't let one of them things near my face! No, sir! There ain't no safety in them. They tear the hide clean off you—just rake the hair right out by the follicles—as he said this he was illustrating his meaning with jabs of his razor—them things can cut a man's face all to pieces—he jabbed a stick of alum against an open cut that he had made—and as for cleanliness, for sanitation, for this here hygiene, and for germs, I wouldn't have 'em round me for a fortune."

"I said nothing. I knew I had deserved it, and I kept quiet."

"The barber gradually subsided. Under other circumstances he would have told me something of the spring training of the base ball clubs, or at least items from the Jacksonville track, or any of those things which a cultivated man loves to hear discussed between breakfast and business. But I was not worth it. As he neared the end of the shaving he spoke again, this time in a confidential, almost yearning tone."

"Massage?" he asked.

"No, thank you."

"Shampoo the scalp?" he whispered.

"No, thanks."

"Shingle the hair?" he coaxed.

"No, thanks."

"The barber made one more effort. 'Sa,' he said in my ear, as a thing concerning himself and me alone, 'your hair's pretty well all falling out. You'd better let me just shampoo up the scalp a bit and stop up them follicles, or pretty soon you won't—'

"No, thank you," I said, 'not today.'

"This was all the barber could stand. He saw that I was just one of those miserable deadbeats who come to a barber shop merely for a shave and who carry away the scalp and follicles and all the barber's perquisites as if they belonged to them."

Croup and Cough Remedy.

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Arrest May Follow Savannah Fire.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 22.—Evidence secured by an investigation made by State Fire Marshal W. R. Joyner may result in indictments being returned against a Savannah merchant whose place was destroyed in the fire of last Tuesday night.

Capt. Joyner got more than a dozen affidavits that clearly show, he says, that the fire was of incendiary origin. He is positive, from his investigation, that the fire started in the store of S. Bernstein. The facts brought out by his investigation will be turned over to the State Insurance Commission. Prosecution is expected to follow. Property valued at over \$135,000 was destroyed by the fire.

The One Who Did the Best Job.

A certain careless student in a small college suffered from obesity, and it appears that even college professors do not love a fat man. One day, after a particularly unsuccessful recitation in mathematics, the instructor said scornfully, "Well, Mr. Blank, you are better fed than taught."

"That's right, professor," sighed the youth, subsiding heavily into his chair; "you teach me—I feed myself."

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STATISTICS OF RURAL ROUTES.

Post Office Department Reports 42,805 in Operation.

According to the report of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, just made public, there were in the United States on March 3 of this year 42,644 rural routes in operation, of which 456 had been established during the current fiscal year. From that date to June 30, 1913, there were established 163 routes and two were discontinued, making a total of 42,805 in operation at the close of the fiscal year. To serve these routes 42,685 carriers were employed, whose annual salaries aggregated \$45,377,442. There was a net increase of 606 routes, 14,532 miles and 606 carriers.

During the year 114 tri-weekly routes were established, while four were discontinued. At the close of the fiscal year there were 745 tri-weekly routes in operation. On June 30, 1913, the total length of rural routes in operation was 1,038,076 miles; the daily travel 1,028,603 and the annual travel, 315,781,121 miles. The average length of routes was 2 1/4 miles, the average cost per mile \$43.71.

Cast Up Accounts.

(Anderson Mail.)

The end of the year will soon be here, and it is time to cast up accounts—to balance the books, so to speak.

Those who have money due them will want to collect it, and those who owe money should try to pay it or make some satisfactory disposition of it. No accounts should be left open at the end of the year.

This is the time to go over the accounts and see where we stand. There should be a general accounting. Even those who owe money and are unable to pay it should figure out just how they stand. They should know just how much they owe and just how near they could come to paying out if forced into liquidation.

Time spent in this way during the next week will be time well spent for all of us. If we find that we are in good shape we will be content, perhaps, and if we find that we are in bad shape it may make us work harder and manage more carefully during the year just ahead of us.

But by all means have an accounting. Find how you stand with yourself and with the world.

Bones of Columbus Through Canal.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A plan to remove the bones of Christopher Columbus from San Domingo through the Panama Canal for the Panama-Pacific Exposition received Senatorial backing this week. The idea is to place the remains on the battleship leading the pageant at the opening of the canal.

Senator Ashurst said: "I believe a Senate resolution should invite San Domingo to take part in the naval parade."

Rich Borrow Babies for Christmas.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Borrowed babies, leased only for the Christmas season and "warranted to bring smiles, laughter and happiness to childless homes," are being sent to many residences of men and women high in society and financial affairs.

The Children's Bureau and other organizations, to whose care several hundred little waifs without homes are entrusted, are distributing the little boys and girls.

Woman Met Tragic Death.

Spartanburg, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Jas. Coyle, 35 years old, fell into the fireplace at her home near Cowpens this morning and was burned to death. There was nobody else in the room at the time. It is supposed she fainted. The body was badly burned when discovered. Mrs. Coyle leaves a husband and several children.

Shot Wife and Self.

Tussa, Okla., Dec. 23.—Louis T. Read, of Carrollton, Maine, shot and probably fatally injured his wife, Blanche, here early today. Mrs. Read came here from Oklahoma City. Read arrived a few hours later and traced his wife to the hotel, where the tragedy took place.

First Argentina Corn Cargo.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 23.—The first cargo of Argentina corn under the new tariff bill, by which it is free of duty, is due here on the British steamer Newlands from Rosario. The cargo amounts to 5,636 bushels.

A representative of the United States agricultural department is here to obtain samples of the corn. C. B. Fox, of New Orleans, is the consignee.

Circular Saws of Paper.

(Scientific American.)

Paper is at present used for all possible purposes in the industries and in all possible forms. It has even been possible, by means of compression, to give it a degree of hardness comparable with stone, so that it can be used as building material. The latest use for paper, however, is perhaps the most peculiar. According to an European journal a factory is said to exist in England which is manufacturing circular saws from paper. These paper saws are used for the manufacturing of fine furniture, veneer and other thin plates of wood, which must be treated especially carefully. Some time ago circular saws made from drawing paper were shown in an English exposition. The saws were driven by an electric motor and produced fine boards, which could not have been made better even by the finest steel saw.

The veneers made in this way are so smooth that cabinet makers can use them without further planing.

One on the Cardinal.

(Judge.)

During his visit in his churchly capacity through Southern Maryland, Cardinal Gibbons was entertained by the Order of Jesuits at Leonardtown. That part of the State is famed for its diamond-back terrapin, canvas-back duck, oysters, crabs and fish, and a sumptuous table was spread before the cardinal.

During the repast, the cardinal turned to a priest near him and said, with a twinkle in his eye:

"So this is the way the Jesuits dine?"

"No, your eminence," replied the priest, "this is the way the cardinal dines!"

Part of Present Day System.

(Chicago Tribune.)

Opposition to night work is as futile to-day as was the opposition to the introduction of machinery a hundred years ago. Night work is part and parcel of the present-day industrial system. Abolish night work and the industry and commerce of the country is sure to become demoralized to a great extent. Think, for instance, of stopping all trains at night.

It is a different matter, however, to advocate the use of discrimination in choosing night workers. The Bureau of Labor Statistics at Washington, in a recent report, has come out strongly against the employment of women and males under age at night. Women are to be mothers of the nation, the bureau argues. Their health should be safeguarded. Night work, even under the best conditions, means a physical hardship upon woman. The same is also true of the young man under twenty-one, who is not fully developed.

Thus far, the report says, Massachusetts is the only State which prevents night work by persons under twenty-one. California sets the limit at eighteen, while Illinois and the majority of other States set the limit at sixteen. No State, however, seems to place any legal restriction against night work for women.

Hoke Smith's Daughter to Wed.

Miss Lucy Hoke Smith, daughter of Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, will be a Yuletide bride. She will be married on December 30, at the residence of her parents, to Ensign Alston R. Simpson, U. S. N.

In the meantime, despite the many "dove" parties being given for her, she is a very lonesome young woman. Her fiancé, one of the officers of the United States government ship Dolphin, is with his vessel in Santo Domingo, where the American government is keeping an eye on the Dominican elections.

Not the Return Trip.

(Lippincott's.)

The Southern darkey's love of putting off till next spring or later what should be done on the spot is as well known as it is vexatious. One day Major Jackson, a contractor in a Georgia quarry, told Zeb, the general utility man, to go to the blacksmith shop across the road and bring back a drill that was to be sharpened. About half an hour later the major saw Zeb come poking around the corner of the office. "Here!" he shouted, "where have you been?"

"I ain't been, boss," responded Zeb, cheerfully, "I's gwine."

Where the Break Occurred.

(Birmingham News.)

With bated breath the mother rushed across the foot ball field to the emergency hospital. "What tidings," she faltered, "of my son?"

They looked upon her with compassion. "Well, you see," explained the captain of the team, "he lost his head when he tried the flying wedge."

Shrieking wildly, she sank to the floor. "They told me it was only a broken arm."

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Cures Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough.

Story of "Crossing the Bar."

(Birmingham Ledger.)

As Tennyson's nurse was sitting one day at his bedside, sharing to a degree the general anxiety about the patient, she said to him suddenly:

"You have written a great many poems, sir, but I have never heard anybody say that there is a hymn among them all. I wish, sir, you would write a hymn while you are lying on your sick bed. It might help and comfort many a poor sufferer."

The next morning, when the nurse had taken her quiet place at the bedside, the poet handed her a scrap of paper, saying: "Here is the hymn you wished me to write."

She took it from his hands with expressions of grateful thanks. It proved to be "Crossing the Bar," the poem that was sung in Westminster Abbey at Tennyson's funeral, and which has touched so many hearts.

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Commemorate Gettysburg Reunion.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The creation of the Gettysburg Peace Memorial Commission to procure a suitable location and the erection thereon of a memorial on the Gettysburg battlefield, to commemorate the reunion of the Union and Confederate veterans there last July, was proposed in a bill introduced to-day by Representative Sherley, of Kentucky.

The bill directs that the commission shall comprise the Secretary of War; J. P. Nicholson, chairman of the Gettysburg National Military Park Commission, and Andrew Gowans, Eli Torrance, J. C. Black and T. S. Hopkins representing the Union veterans, and former Secretary of the Navy H. A. Herbert, Wm. H. Mann, E. McI. Law and A. J. West, representing the Confederate veterans. The bill would provide an appropriation of \$500,000 for the memorial.

City Sacked by Federals.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 22.—Rebel control of telegraph and railroad communication to-day had reached the point where Gen. Villa believed himself to be safe from attack by the Federal army in the North, although 4,000 Federal troops at Ojinaga are said to be preparing for an advance, Villa declared that he believed they could not do more than destroy the railroad.

Chihuahua presents a desolate scene. Stores are almost empty and the streets littered with goods that the Federals in their haste could not carry off. The cathedral and churches are empty since the expulsion of the priests and nuns. The streets are plastered with notices that even trivial offenses will be punished by execution.

Gen. Villa, who cannot read or write, from the State Capitol exercises all the functions of the government.

One hundred and thirteen women and three men were imprisoned during the year 1910 in England for offenses in connection with the suffragist agitation. The figures for 1912 were 238 women and two men.

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All persons indebted to the Estate of M. A. Terrell, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law or be barred.

(MRS.) ELLA TERRELL, Administratrix of the Estate of M. A. Terrell, Deceased. Dec. 24, 1913. 52-2

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to V. F. Martin, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, in the State of South Carolina, at his office at Walhalla Court House, on Saturday, the 24th day of January, 1914, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the Estate of M. A. Terrell, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administratrix of said estate.

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