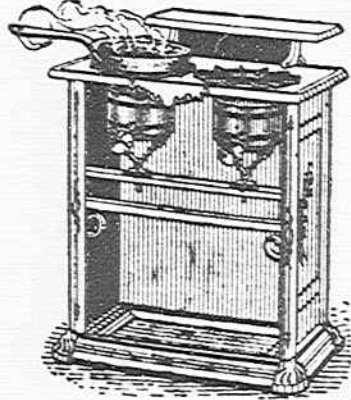


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### THEY TOOK CHANCES.

ALL WERE WILLING TO RISK THE CIRCUS POSTERS AGAIN.

Pap Perkins, the Jericho Postmaster, Tells the Arguments That Were Used, the Plots That Were Made and How the Decision Came.

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It was Moses Harper who began it. Some one told him that a circus advertisement wagon was slowly but surely approaching the town of Jericho, and he let it be known that he would show up at the postoffice in the evening and have something to say to interest the hull United States. Nobody could guess whether Moses had found a new way of getting a hired man up at 4 o'clock in the morning or was going to experiment on grown broomsticks, and the crowd was holding its breath when he showed up. Moses didn't lose no valuable time tryin' to find out whether Porto Rico belonged to the United States or to a tobacco trust, but put on his spectacles and said:

"Citizens of Jericho—The tocsin has sounded, and we are here tonight to counsel together in the cause of morality. Last year, as most of you know,

tried to turn a handspring, and run about two hours they thought my neck was busted. I'm thinkin' that hard cider has more general influence on general morality in this community than circus pictures."

"It's a pint!" shouts the deacon as he waves his cane on high; "it's a pint nobody kin git over! It's hard cider that's backin' vice all over this county and blistin' innocence over the fence whenever they meet. However, it may be that circus pictures also have their influence. Moses, have you got any more arguments?"

"Of what use?" says Moses as he heaves a sigh and turns away. "Wasn't Sodam warned? Did Sodam warn? When vice stalks rampant through every household in Jericho and innocence is driv' to the fields to sit under a blackberry bush and weep, then remember what I have said here tonight. I ain't denyin' that hard cider is blustin' in our morality, but when you add circus pictures to hard cider what do you do?"

"Yes, Sodam was warned, and Sodam fell," says the deacon as he shakes his head, "but I'd like to hear from Lish Billings on the matter."

"It's party late," says Lish. "How party late?"

"Why, Jonas has rented his barn ag'in and got 21 deadhead tickets, and here's one he give me. How's that for a pint?"

The meetin' stood appalled for a minute, and then Deacon Spooner looks around and says:

"Jonas has got 20 tickets left, and that means he has 10 more to give away outside his family. Fellow countrymen, do you take it that this meetin' has pleased herself?"

"No, no, no," shouted the crowd. "Is it the opinion of this meetin' that Jonas Teachout ought to be wrassled with?"

"No, no, no," says Moses. "Then I'm appealin' directly to Moses Harper. Moses, will you withdraw them remarks about the blight of destruction, the allurin' colors of vice and innocence weepin' under a blackberry bush?"

"I might," says Moses after a little reflection, "but I want to be let down easy."

"It shall be done," I'm offerin' the followin' resolution to be voted on: 'Resolved, That circus pictures on a barn may or may not affect the moral standard of a community, but we are willin' to chance it this year.' All in favor or ag'in will manifest it in the usual way."

The resolution was carried with a whoop, and the crowd piled over itself to get outdoors and look around for Jonas Teachout and beg for deadhead tickets, and Moses Harper wasn't one of the last.

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HIRING GIRL'S PROGRESS.

Fable Showing Wisdom of Silence Concerning Some Things.

### DUELING IN FRANCE.

THE CUSTOM HAS DEVELOPED A NATIONAL FIGHTING BLADE.

It is a Long, Strong Sword, the Epee de Combat, and With it, Were the Combatants So Inclined, Serious Injuries Could Be Inflicted. Persons other than French are wont to maintain in spite of the occasional pin pricks that the French duellists inflict on one another that French dueling is a French farce. But Frenchmen and sometimes other persons in sympathy with them insist upon being taken seriously. They insist that dueling with swords, which is the real thing in French duels, is not child's play and that compared with it the old-fashioned Anglo-Saxon resort to a "pair of fives" is brutality not to be thought of by the scrapping smirker of the boulevards.

The French habit of settling disputes by resort to duels with swords has developed a national dueling weapon, the epee de combat, a long and strong blade with three triangular grooves tapering to a keen point, which is used for defense. The hand is protected with a broad, round guard shaped like the gong upon an alarm clock. The handle is straight, with no other incurve, and is balanced by a heavy pommel which projects beyond the root of the thumb when the weapon is held ready for a thrust.

It is a modern development of the rapier with which Cyrano de Bergerac fought the bullies of Paris. It shows traces of its descent through the elegant court sword which was coming into being when D'Artagnan became a field marshal in the "Duc de Bragelonne." But its hilt makes it impossible for ordinary wear in its present shape, and the epee de combat is the weapon of the French duellist and of him alone.

In 1888 General Boulanger and M. Floquet found it necessary to settle their differences at the sword's point. The critics had not much difficulty in picking the winner between a civilian president of the chamber of deputies well advanced in years who had limited his practice to sparrow shooting with a pistol and a "brav" general in the full armor of his life whose sword was the symbol of his profession. Yet they were utterly mistaken.

If M. Floquet was no swordsman, he was full of quiet pluck and common sense, and he practiced one stroke only the night before the fight. A dozen times, though not too many to make his old limbs stiff the next day, he might have been seen in a well known salles d'armes straightening his arm and raising his wrist until he could only just see the point of his sword.

The next day Boulanger made a furious attack, with many stamps and flourishes. The little president stiffened his back, threw out his point, and the unlucky general impaled his neck upon the blade. Boulanger recovered, to die by his own hand after "Boulangerism" had been discredited.

"Harry Allis" of the Debats suffered much more quickly from the effects of the epee. His real name was Hippolyte Percher, and in the fight a captain of infantry on the Ile de la Grande Jatte about certain scandals connected with the French Congo he was hit in the right arm and bled to death.

The duel fought by Catulle Mendes in May of 1899 was almost as serious, and it was caused while Bernhard was playing "Hamlet" by some fatuous quarrel over the physical development of the prince of Denmark. M. Vancor, Mendes' opponent, was a fine swordsman and, sportsmanlike enough to recognize the double advantages he enjoyed, contented himself with parrying correctly. Catulle Mendes threw himself on his adversary's point and was severely wounded in the stomach on almost the same ground where Percher had been killed several years before.

It often is urged outside of France that French dueling consists in merely pricking your man in the hand or forearm, as the least disablement is held to "satisfy the honor" of the combatants. But the hand and arm of an adversary are those parts of him which are nearest to you and which you can reach with the least exposure of your own person.

The wound that is produced by transfixing a hand, which may be protected only by the ordinary kid glove of social custom, is not only totally disabling, but also extremely painful. Soldiers who have been shot in the palm invariably collapse for a time with the acute agony produced by the rupture of so many delicate nerve centers. A thrust in the forearm is equally effective, for it disables all the muscles and ligaments that enable a man to hold and manipulate his sword.

But though a duelist is always capable of these particular thrusts—and they are far more various than would be imagined at first sight—he has by no means exhausted his strokes when these have all been parried. Attacks in what is called the "lower line" are frequently successful and invariably produce an awkward wound when they succeed. The throat is as vulnerable and as often attacked as the chest, and it must be remembered that the entire body of each assailant is open to attack and obviously to injury.

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Irate Father—Well, isn't that enough? What man—If it isn't too much trouble, sir, I would like that piece of cloth—Chicago News.

Crazy to Expect It.

Hardup—Say, old fellow, lend me a hundred, will you?

Riggs—A hundred what?

Hardup—A hundred dollars. I—Riggs—Oh, stop your joking. Hardup (earnestly)—Joking? I was never more serious in my life. I'm broke.

Riggs—My dear man, you're not broke. You're cracked!—Catholic Standard and Times.

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