

DRAWING A TOOTH

Tushmaker's Pulling Machine Was
a Wonderful Invention.

KILLED HIS FIRST PATIENT.

But That Simply Couldn't Be Helped,
and the Autopsy Showed Why the
Victim Lifted His Right Leg Each
Time the Lever Was Turned.

Mr. Tushmaker was never regularly
ordained as a physician or surgeon, but he
possessed naturally a strong mechanical
genius and a fine appetite, and, finding his teeth of great service in
gratifying the latter propensity, he
concluded that he could do more good
in the world and create more real hap-
piness therein by putting the teeth
of its inhabitants in good order than
in any other way, so Tushmaker became
a dentist.

He was the man who first invented
the method of placing small cog-
wheels in the back teeth for the more
perfect mastication of food, and he
claimed to be the original discoverer
of that method of filling cavities with
a kind of putty which becomes hard
directly, causes the tooth to ache so
grievously that it has to be pulled,
thereby giving the dentist two suc-
cessive fees for the same job.

Tushmaker was one day settled in
his office in the city of Boston when a
stout old fellow named Byles pre-
sented himself to have a back tooth
drawn. The dentist seated his patient
in the chair of torture and, opening
his mouth, discovered there an enormous
tooth on the right hand side
about as large, as he afterward ex-
pressed it, "as a small polyglot Bible."
"I shall have trouble with this
tooth," thought Tushmaker, but he
clapped on his heaviest forceps and
pulled. It didn't come. Then he tried
the turnscREW, exerting his utmost
strength, but the tooth wouldn't stir.

"Go away from here," said Tush-
maker to Byles, "and return in a week
and I'll draw that tooth for you or
know the reason why." Byles got up,
clapped a handkerchief to his jaw and
put forth.

Then the dentist went to work, and
in three days he invented an instru-
ment which he was confident would
pull anything. It was a combination
of the lever, pulley, wheel and axle,
inclined plane, wedge and screw. The
castings were made and the machine
put up in the office over an iron chair
rendered perfectly stationary by iron
rods going down into the foundations
of the granite building.

In a week old Byles returned. He
was clamped into the iron chair,
the forces connected with the machine
attached firmly to the tooth, and Tush-
maker, stationing himself in the rear,
took hold of a lever four feet in
length. He turned it slightly. Old
Byles gave a groan and lifted his
right leg. Another turn, another
groan, and up went the leg again.
"What do you raise your leg for?"
asked the doctor.

"I can't help it," said the patient.
"Well," rejoined Tushmaker, "that
tooth is bound to come out now."

He turned the lever clear round with
a sudden jerk and snapped old Byles'
head clean and clear from his shoul-
ders, leaving a space of four inches
between the severed parts. They had
a postmortem examination. The roots
of the tooth were found extending
down the right side, through the right
leg and turning up in two prongs un-
der the sole of the right foot.

"No wonder," said Tushmaker, "he
raised his right leg."

The jury thought so, too, but they
found the roots much decayed, and
five surgeons swearing that mortifica-
tion would have ensued in a few
months. Tushmaker was cleared on a
verdict of "justifiable homicide."

He was a little shy of that instru-
ment for some time afterward, but
one day an old lady, feeble and faddish,
came in to have a tooth drawn, and,
thinking that it would come out very
easy, Tushmaker concluded, just by
way of variety, to try the machine.
He did so and at the first turn drew
the old lady's skeleton completely and
entirely from her body, leaving her a
mass of quivering jelly in her chair.
Tushmaker took her home in a pillow-
case. She lived seven years after that,
and they called her the "India rubber
woman." She had suffered terribly
from the rheumatism, but after this
occurrence never had a pain in her
bones. The dentist kept them in a
glass case.

After this the machine was sold to
the contractor of the Boston custom
house, and it was found that a child
of three years of age could, by a single
turn of the screw, raise a stone
weighing twenty-three tons. Smaller
ones were made on the same principle
and sold to the keepers of hotels and
restaurants. They were used for bon-
ing turkeys. There is no moral to this
story whatever, and it is possible that
the circumstances may have become
slightly exaggerated. Of course there
can be no doubt of the truth of the
main incidents.—John Phoenix.

He Told Her.
Mr. Economic—Did you write to the
man who advertises to show people
how to make puddings without milk
and have them richer?

Mrs. Economic—Yes, and sent him a
dollar.

"What did he reply?"

"Use cream."

To dread no eye and to suspect no
tongue, is the greatest prerogative of
innocence.—Dr. Johnson.

Hate All Around.
The famous English chief justice Holt and his wife hated each other to
the limit, and when she fell danger-
ously ill he was so delighted that he
became disgracefully tipsy. But his
wife was equal to the emergency and
sent for the great Dr. Radcliffe, who
hated Holt, and therefore out of spite
when the case was presented to him
came with great promptness and saved
her life.—Westminster Gazette.

Old Enough to Notice.
"Are your papa and mamma at
home?" asked the caller.
"No," replied Little Marguerite. "One
of them may be here, but they never
are both at home at the same time."

Told Him.
"What's that boy yelling at?" asked
the farmer of his son.
"Why," chuckled the boy, "he's just
yelling at the top of his voice."

Sometimes Gets Embroidered—that
Scandal is the one thing that never
gets worn out at the edges by being
passed around.—Chicago Record-Her-

The Obstacle.
"Why not set your cap for that
young fellow? He's single and well
off."

"Yes, he's single, but he knows he's
well off."

A Desperate Case.
John: "I'll bring you a fork, sir. The
Customer: What for? John: The Ca-
member, sir. The Customer: A fork's
no good. Bring a revolver.—Exchange.

Well Trained.
"Mr. Jonesby never interrupts me,
and he is the best listener I ever met."
"No wonder; he's been married three
times."

The Tale of a Key.

There is a roll-top desk in an office
near Wall street which can be bought
cheap. The owner is a computer and
has desk room in a large office. He
came late the other day and discovered
that he had forgotten his keys. No key at hand would unlock the desk.
The maker could not give aid for an hour or more, and some papers
had to be reached before noon. The
desk was forcibly opened, and two inner compartments were smashed.
Warm and tired from the exertion of
wrecking his property, the man took
off his coat and slipped into an office
coat, in the pocket of which his keys
jangled. *Tableau!* Before going home
he confided to the office boy that he
wouldn't care if he hadn't told—New
York Tribune.

Weighing the Mayor.

A mayor, particularly an English
mayor, is usually mainly a man of weight
and substance, but there is only one
municipality that insists that his hon-
or get on the public scales and prove it.
Of the thousands of quaint and curi-
ous customs surviving in "the old
country" this is perhaps one of the
most odd. The mayor of High Wy-
combe has to be weighed on Nov. 9 of
each year, inauguration day, and this
custom has been observed for about
six centuries. The mayor elect walks
at the head of a procession consisting
of the councilors, the beadle and the
mace bearer. He is clad in cocked hat,
silk stockings, blue coat and knee
breeches. Upon reaching the town hall
the mayor is placed upon the scales by
the head constable, and a record of his
avoidropolis is solemnly made in a book
kept for this purpose.—Harper's Week-

His Chance to Vote.

The chronicles of our vice presidents
are notoriously barren of incident. This
probably was the reason for the way Adal Stevenson secured the exercise
of a constitutional prerogative. It was
one sleepy day toward the end of his
term as vice president. The United
States senate was plowing through the
calendar and passing many bills. Bills
are considered agreed to in the senate
if no oral objection is raised after they
have passed through the preliminary
stages, but the usual form of asking
for the yeas and nays is followed by
the presiding officer. The vice presi-
dent had said:

"Senators in favor of the bill will
say 'Aye.'" Pause. "Contrary, 'No.'"
Not a single response.
"The vote is a tie," announced Mr.
Stevenson.

The senator in charge of the bill
paused on his way to the cloakroom
and looked surprised.

"In case of a tie the vice president
may cast the deciding vote. In the ex-
ercise of his constitutional privilege
the vice president votes 'Aye.'

An Inconsistency.

There is a strange inconsistency in
"Hamlet." It is where Hamlet speaks
of the undiscovered country, from
whose bourn no traveler returns," and yet
the play hinges largely upon
the fact that he has had interviews
with his father's ghost, who had, of
course, come back from the undiscovered
country.

The Scirocco.

This little American invention has
been described as a kind of mechan-
ical finger intended to discriminate
by delicacy of touch between various
substances submitted to it. The ready
detection of the degree of hardness
and elasticity of various surfaces is
its special function. It consists es-
sentially of a light weight like the
hammer of a pile driver, which is al-
lowed to fall inside a tube placed up-
right on the surface to be tested. The
bottom of the hammer, which weighs
only a few grams, is finished with a
blunted diamond, intended to give it
the requisite hardness. After a fall it
rebounds, and a carefully graduated
scale on the tube, indicating the
height of the rebound, shows the de-
gree of hardness of the surface experi-
mented with. On a piece of ordinary
steel the hammer rebounds nine-tenths
of the height of its fall.—Youth's Com-

Certainly Helpful.

Optimist—Ah! It is cherishing our
illusions that keeps us young.
Pessimist—Yes, but only if we cling
to the illusion that we are still young.

It is a maxim that no man was ever
enslaved by influence while he was fit
to be free.—Johnson.

Decide but Once.
When you decide more than once not
to do a thing it is a sure sign that you
will do it sooner or later.—Atchison
Globe.

**You never lift up a life without
being yourself lifted up.**—Emerson.

The "Sun Drawing Water."

The phenomenon commonly known
as the "sun drawing water" is due to
rays of sunlight between the shadows
of clouds. It is seen to best advantage
when the atmosphere is somewhat
hazy or partly behind a cloud and is not
in the higher part of the sky. Patchy
stratus cumulus clouds are most favorable
for the formation of these rays, and they are probably most distinct
when seen in the part of the sky below
the sun, when they appear to extend
either directly or somewhat obliquely downward. It is in this
form that the effect is most commonly
called the "sun drawing water." But such rays may extend in any direction,
so that they diverge from the sun as center. No rain need be falling
anywhere near the observer, though it is not impossible for the rays to be visible at a time when rain
streaks also are visible in part of the sky.
The rain streaks, however, do not diverge from the sun, but are in
lines of the falling rain.—St. Nicholas.

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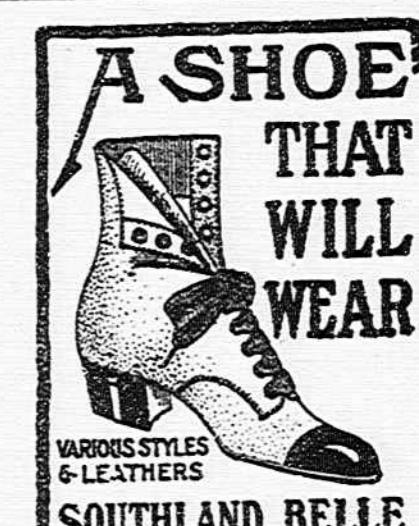
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