

THE TRAMP.

A MAGNIFICENT COVERS A NOBLE HEART.

The Brave Deed of an Unknown Tramp—He Gives His Life to Save That of Another.

He was in rags—a regular tatterden. His weather-beaten face and bleared eyes told of exposure and dissipation.

"Hello, ragbag!" shouted one of the boisterous crowd at the bar.

"Come and have something good to thaw you out."

"No, thank you," replied the poor wretch, "but if the proprietor will allow me to go back to the fire and warm I will be very grateful for the kindness."

"All right, go ahead," sang out the bartender; "you look like you needed it as much as any fellow I ever saw."

"You are a fool for not drinking something," deliberately, but not unkindly, remarked the man who first greeted him.

"He's a temperance lecturer out of a job," chirped a convivial gentleman.

"No, I'll be lion, boys, he's an object lesson sent out by some good people to warn us of the way we are all going.

Within a few years the craze for clubs has extended to all classes of society and both sexes.

"Rate! Rate! go soak your head," came in a chorus from his audience and the grave person thought himself unappreciated.

The tramp had passed the crowd and was entering the back room when he stopped, turned back and walked up to them.

"Gentlemen, you mean to be kind to me, in your way, no doubt," he said, pushing up with trembling hand the fopped brim of his soiled and torn old hat.

"You must know from my appearance that I am not in the habit of refusing liquor; but this day I must remain sober as it is my mother's birthday.

One of the crowd had compassion for his friendless brother in rags and gave him a place to sleep, out of the cold that bitter night.

Long before the time for dawn a vast light illuminated that town and the cocks crew as for day.

"My child! Oh, my child! it will be burned alive!"

Strong men turned pale, and women fainted. It was too true; in some unaccountable way an infant had been left in the family sleeping room on the second floor.

"In which room is the child?"

"The Northeast!" shouted somebody.

He dashed into the open door of the doomed dwelling.

"He's too late!"

"They'll both be burned!"

"God bless him! who ever he is."

These and similar ejaculations went up to the spectators.

Then all is stillness, save the roaring wind, and the hissing of the merciless fire.

The slow dragging seconds are hours; the intensity of the stupor is painful, but it is over now.

The shaggy form bounds from the blazing threshold, bearing a precious burden which is laid unscathed in its mother's arms.

A hundred hands rush, ready to extinguish the burning rags of the hero—the tramp of last night's acquaintance.

But when the fair Anne Bolyn came upon the scene he, too, fell a victim, and it was not worthy of remark that neither she nor Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves or Catherine Parr could be called a beauty.

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TRIALS OF A BORROWER.

Improvvisely Rejected at a Loan Office, Where Cash is "Lent the Same Day."

A gentleman suffering from financial disability went to a loan office to negotiate a borrow on his furniture.

"I've got \$10,000 worth of personal property," said the would be borrower, "and I have to meet a wash bill of \$3.50 coming due tomorrow noon."

The manager of the loan office was strangely silent. The would be borrower became nervous and thought he hadn't said the speech right and so he began over again in this style:

"I am a person of poor but honest parentage, temporarily embarrassed. I need the sum of \$3.50 to meet an unjust liability."

Still there was no answer. Then the borrower walked into the outside room and said to the office boy:

"What's the matter with the manager? Can't he talk?"

"I guess it's because you haven't paid the entrance fee. No person is a member of this loan society until he has put up one dollar."

The borrower apologized and deposited the money. Next he repaired to the manager and repeated his original assertion.

"We charge one dollar more for book-keeping," said the manager.

"What's book-keeping?"

"That's none of your business. One dollar, please."

He paid the money, and the manager wrote down something in a book.

"Now give me two dollars to inspect the furniture."

The borrower gave him the money. "Now call here next year at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and get our answer."

"But the money is due tomorrow." "Can't help it. Put 'em off."

"But you can't put people like that off. There are some fellows that won't wait."

The manager smiled a superior smile. "Oh, no there aren't," he said. "You'll know a little more about waiting when you get through with us."

The borrower left the office reluctantly and returned the following year at 2 o'clock. Then the manager told him somewhat sternly that he couldn't lend money on that furniture because it had got too old.

In vain the borrower represented that it was new when his claim was filed. The manager ended the interview by charging him \$1.25 storage on the "papers in the case," and then had the janitor throw him out. This ended the whole transaction.—New York Herald.

When, as rarely happens, English farm laborers come to this country, they find it extremely difficult to accommodate themselves to the current American custom of eating but three meals a day.

An English maidervant and nurse, who lived to be more than 100 years old, averred that she had always been accustomed to "a dew bit and breakfast, a stray bit and dinner, a nommet, a crummet, and a bit after supper."

Extra meals are common enough during the harvest season in this country. The hasty breakfast at 8:30 in the morning is followed by a "stray bit" at 9 o'clock and by a luncheon between the noonday dinner and the after-noon supper.

In parts of southern Pennsylvania the dinner hour is 11 o'clock in the morning, and it would not be difficult to show that Americans living on the same meridian are dining all the way from that hour until 7 in the evening.

The great mass of country folk still dine at noon.—New York Sun.

There is a painful seriousness about the pleasures of the American aristocrat that makes her (for it is generally the woman who rules in these matters) a most interesting—nay, entertaining—subject for the social philosopher.

She must seek her comrades, for example, not so much among those whom she likes as among those whom she must like, and she must devote herself to amusement with all the ardor of her soul and all the vigor of her body.

In the countries where an aristocrat is born, not made, the members of the select body have certain public and useful functions, and the world is interested in their play because that is part of the public ceremony, but in this happy republic, where all are equal, the people whose social affairs are chronicled in the press are thus talked about simply because they play and insist upon believing that the public is quite as much interested in their balls as in the graver affairs of state, and that it is much more of an honor to wear the tab of one of their coteries than to win a seat in the national legislature.

They talk themselves very seriously, and they are partly right. At all events they do the rest of the world very little harm, and occasionally, no doubt, have a good time.—Harper's Weekly.

Why Foam is White. The question as to why all foam is white is not an easy one to understand, but the fact is that foam is always white, whatever may be the color of the beverage itself.

The froth produced on a bottle of the blackest ink is white, and would be perfectly so were it not tinged to a certain extent by particles of the beverage which the bubbles hold in mechanical suspension.

As to the cause of this whiteness, it is sufficient to say that it is due to the large number of reflecting surfaces formed by the foam, for it is these surfaces which, by reflecting the light, produce upon our eyes the impression of white.

If we remember that all bodies owe their colors to the rays of light, which they cannot absorb, and all bodies which reflect all the light they receive, without absorbing any, appear perfectly white, we shall be prepared to understand how the multitude of reflecting surfaces formed by the foam, and which do not absorb any light, must necessarily give the froth its white appearance.

It is for the same reason that any very fine powder appears white, even the blackest marble, when ground to dust, losing every trace of its original color.—Thomas Warwick in Confectioner's Journal.

Fluents in History. Henry VIII of England, in the earlier part of his reign, posed as a saint.

Good Looks.

Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon a healthy condition of all the vital organs.

If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look, if your stomach be disordered you have a dyspeptic look and if your kidneys be affected you have a pinched look.

Secure good health and you will have good looks. Electric Bitters is the great alterative and Tonic acts directly on these vital organs.

Cures pimples, blotches, boils and gives a good complexion. Sold at Wilcox's drug store, 50c per bottle.

One of the times when a man begins to cry and sigh that all men are not honest is when he gets the wrong hat.

A Leader. Since its first introduction, Electric Bitters has gained rapidly in popularity, until now it is clearly in the lead among pure medicinal tonics and alteratives.

It is recognized as the best and purest medicine for all ailments of Stomach, Liver or Kidneys.—If will cure Sick headache, indigestion, constipation, and drive malaria from the system.

Satisfaction guaranteed with each bottle or the money will be refunded. Price only 50c. per bottle. Sold at Wilcox's drug store.

Many a mistress would like to command her servant to do this and that, but finds it difficult to rise to the point of order.

It Should Be in Every House. J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia.

Various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert King, of Cooksport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble, Noting that he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia.

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RAILROAD SCHEDULES.

C., S. & N. R. R. Dated January 10, 1893.

GOING NORTH. Train No. 1. Daily except Sunday. Leave Charleston 6:50 a.m.

Leave Weldon 12:30 p.m. Arrive Rocky Mount 1:30 p.m.

Arrive Tarboro 2:15 p.m. Arrive Weldon 3:00 p.m.

GOING SOUTH. Train No. 2. Daily except Sunday. Leave Weldon 6:50 a.m.

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Wilmington & Weldon R. R. and Branches

GOING SOUTH. DATED Oct. 24, 1892.

Leave Weldon 6:50 a.m. Arrive Rocky Mount 1:30 p.m.

Arrive Tarboro 2:15 p.m. Arrive Weldon 3:00 p.m.

GOING NORTH. Dated May 31, 1892.

Leave Wilmington 6:50 a.m. Arrive Rocky Mount 1:30 p.m.

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Northeastern Railroad.

Dated January 1st, 1893. GOING SOUTH. No. 15, Daily.

Leave Florence 6:25 a.m. Leave Kingstree 7:25 a.m.

Leave Lanes 7:55 a.m. Arrive Charleston 9:44 a.m.

No. 27, Daily. Leave Florence 10:50 p.m.

Leave Kingstree 11:50 p.m. Arrive Lanes 12:08 a.m.

Arrive Charleston 2:19 a.m. No. 23, Daily.

Leave Florence 11:00 p.m. Leave Kingstree 12:14 a.m.

Arrive Lanes 12:32 a.m. Arrive Charleston 2:39 a.m.

No. 53. Leave Lanes 8:45 p.m. Arrive Charleston 10:40 a.m.

GOING NORTH. No. 78, Daily. Leave Charleston 1:28 a.m.

Arrive Lanes 2:28 a.m. Leave Lanes 3:28 a.m.

Arrive Kingstree 4:28 a.m. Arrive Florence 5:28 a.m.