# THE ILLUSTRATED BEE. **Human** Foibles in Storied Lines

Joseph Rend tells a funny story recently the book and about 371/2 cents. Call again." narrated to him by Governor McCorkle of West Virginia, reports the Columbus (0.) Dispatch. A colored man was telling a white friend about another negro who owed him \$2 and absolutely refused to pay the debt. The creditor dunned and dunned him, but all to no purpose. Finally the creditor went to his white friend, who is a lawyer, and poured his tale of woe into his ear.

"Well," said the lawyer, "if he positively refused to pay you, what reason did he give?"

'Well, bess," said the colored man, "he said he had owed me dat money fo' so long dat de interest had dun et it all up, and he didn't owe me a cent."

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At a Boston amusement resort the lecturer is accustomed to wax eloquent over the graces of a certain fat woman, who gives many exhibitions a day on a stationary bicycle. One night there was a tear in at her elbow. the speaker's eye and a quiver in his voice as he told of mademoiselle's appearance before the crowned heads of Europe.

"Yes, there was the prince of Wales' friend," he sobbed, with an emotional wave drawl: of the hand. "He saw her loved her and would have followed her to America, but for the protestations of his mother, Queen Victoria."

"Yis," supplemented the fair object of pudence." the prince's affections. "Yis, he knowed a good thing whin he seen it." There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

A cab driver of the nighthawk species, who begins to look for his prey even before the sun goes down, patronizes a little Italian bootblack named Tony, relates the Philadelphia, Record. Every evening about 6 o'clock he pulls up in front of Tony's stand, climbs from his perch, seats himself in the chair and demands a shine. Tony always responds with great alacrity, but never gets any pay. Still he seems satisfied. "How is it you shine his shoes for nothing?" asked another customer one evening, as the Jehu climbed up to his sent and drove off. "Dat's-a Jeem." replied Tony, smiling until his white teeth fairly gleamed. "Jeem is-a ma frien'." "Yes, he seems to be your friend," said the man in the chair. "You give him a shine every replied Tony. "He's a good-a fel. He say many miles. To the east are the great to me once; 'Tony, you give-a me a shine bluffs of the lowa side of the river, and to an' give-a you a ride.'" "How long ago spread out, visible on a clear day as far asked the customer. was that?" a good-a fel."

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There are some singular discounts al- Louisiana purchase. lowed in the book trade. They were happily illustrated on one occasion by Mark Twain. One day while the humorist was connected with a publishing house he went into a book store and picking up a volume asked the price. He then suggested that as a publisher he was entitled to 50 per cent discount. To this the clerk assented. "As I am also an author." said Mark, "it

50 per cent discount."

Again the clerk bowed.

"And as a personal friend of the proprietor," he modestly continued, "I pre- The expedition went on up the river, and sume that you will allow me the usual 25 coming back two years later visited the tected by our state authorities and in-

The author of "Life and Sport on the Pacific Slope" says that in a semblages where a little patience and good humor temper what is disagreeable the people of the Pacific slope are at their best.

Once, at a performance of some play, several youths were guying the principal character, to the annoyance of everybody alue. Suddenly a man said to them, very politely:

"That lady on the stage is making so much noise that we cannot hear what you are saying. But I hope we shall have the pleasure of listening to your criticisms later, when the act is over." Silence followed the remark.

At times something more forcible is needed. A certain woman had one day been rudely treated by a minor railway official. She was very indignant, and quite at a loss for words; but she had a saving sense of humor, and turned to a stranger

"Sir," said she. "will you tell this man what I think of him?"

The stranger, without betraying the least excitement, said in a melancholy

"Sir, this woman thinks you are an understrapper, clothed with a little bri-f in the city. On the other hand, city folks authority, whose only qualification for the place you occupy is your extraordinary im-

## First American Soldier

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and designer of the shaft. It is severely plain, rising 100 feet four inches from the base, twelve feet square at the base and tapering toward the top. It is built of Kettle river sandstone, of buff color. Magnificent Landscape.

There are few more inspiring views in the west than was to be had from the capstone before the scaffolding was taken down. The windings of the Missouri could be traced far up into South Dakota, and still farther down, between Iowa and Nebraska. To the west, across the stream; lie the beautiful las and adjacent counties should not delay plains of Dakota county, Neb., westward is the electrical parade. They ought to join the city, and beyond this the silver thread of the Big Sloux, forming the boundary between Iowa and Dakota; still farther on night, don't you? What has he ever done lie the beautiful prairies and farms of for you?" "Oh, Jeem, he's a all right," Union county. South Daketa, visible for the beautiful prairies and farms of bluffs of the lowa side of the river, and to evra day, an' some-a time I tak-a you out the south the broad plains of the bottoms "T'ree away as Onawa, thirty-odd miles away, year ago," said Tony, still smilling. "Some- In the circle of vision lie something like a a time, Jeem, he tak-a me out. Jeem, he's dozen towns and villages, besides the city,

with very gems from the landscape of three of the states that were carved out of the

Not till pinety years after his burial on this magnificent bluff was the journal which Sergeant Floyd kept discovered. Accidentally it was found to be among a collection of papers in the historical collection of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Floyd kept it from May 14 to August 18, two days before his death. Historically it has little value, save as its would appear that I am again entitled to statements in a few regards serve to check those of other historians of the expedition. Cedar Post is Traditional.

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### A Revolution in Economics

is rapidly being wrought by electric force. The gardener and fruit grower has learned something of its influence upon vegetable life. The day is not distant when the plow and the reaper may be propelled by stored electric power. Before another decade is passed country residences, barns and perhaps country roads will be lighted by the touch of the wizard's button.

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which had been partially It was refilled, the cedar post remaining. "Well," drawled the unblushing humorist. This was the real monument to Floyd; no

granite column will ever serve so well as it did. For the next forty years that cedar post was traditional; many travelers and voyagers on the upper river write of having it pointed out to them. And perhaps no better words can be found, for concluding this little narrative, than those of George Catlin, painter, naturalist and devoted friend of the Indians. In 1832, traveling up the river, he went to the grave and made sketches of the view which are to be found in full editions of the drawings and writings. Sitting down by the grave, after making the sketches, he wrote these words

"Where heaven sheds its purest light and lends its richest tints-this round-topped bluff, where the foot treads soft and lightwhose steep sides and lofty head reach to the skies, overlooking yonder pictured vale of beauty-this solitary cedar post, which tells a tale of grief-grief that was keenly felt, and tenderly, but long since softened in the march of time and lost. Oh, sad and tear-starting contemplation! Sole tenant of this stately mound, how solitary thy habitation! Here heaven wrested from thee thy ambition, and made thee sleeping monarch of this land of silence. Stranger! Oh, how the mystic web of sympathy links my soul to thee and thy afflictions! I knew thee not, but it was enough; thy tale was told, and I, a solitary wanderer through thy land, have stopped to drop familiar tears upon thy grave. Pardon this gush from a stranger's eyes, for they are all that thou canst have in this strange land, where

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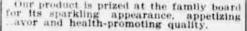
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