

HUMOR OF THE DAYS BEFORE CIVIL WAR

Stories That Folks Enjoyed When
Grandpa and Grandma Were
Pretty Small Potatoes.

Herewith we present the second
gist of stories taken from old files
of Harper's, published several years
before the civil war. You'll note
that they are pretty good stories, in
spite of their age and their stilted
style of architecture.

"In C—, South Carolina, was
located a preacher whose modesty
never deterred him from urging upon
his congregation liberal subscrip-
tions of money for all church and
benevolent purposes. In his private
sollicitations he one day met a good,
but eccentric member, who for a long
time steadfastly refused his aid to
an object the preacher was solicitous
to secure. At last importunity tri-
umphed, conditionally. He agreed to
contribute on condition of being al-
lowed to choose the text from which
the preacher's funeral sermon should
be preached. The matter being thus
settled, the minister wanted to know
what the text was. His friend an-
swered: "And the beggar died!"

Some country journalist thus dis-
coursed concerning taking opium,
and its effects in his own case:

"We never could understand how
people can get a taste for opium
fastened upon them. We tried a
small quantity of it the other day,
for 'a pain internally.' We were
ordered to take two pills a day for
four days. The first dose was really
delicious. It gave us pink-tinged
sleep, filled to the brim with girls
made of rose-leaves. We indulged
in dreams of the most oriental char-
acter. In one of them we had a
mother-of-pearl hand-sled, with
golden runners. With this we glided
down a rainbow made of ice-cream,
and brought up on a terrace the sup-
ports of which were great spars of
emerald.

"The second night things began to
change. About the supports of the
terrace anacondas began to appear;
while, in the distance, a lot of green
monkeys, with their tails burned off,
were quarreling about the propriety
of making a pin-cushion of us!

"The third evening matters grew
appalling. The terrace had gone,
and so had the rainbow and the girls
made of rose-leaves; and in their
stead we had a bed filled with
rattlesnakes, and on the head-board
four grizzly bears pulling at a haw-
ser, one end of which was fastened
to our neck and the other to an ice-
berg!"

There must have been a "tendency
of blood to the head" in that vision!

Perhaps few readers of the
"Drawer" have ever encountered the
Written Language of the Indians.
Those who have not will regard the
subject as somewhat of a literary
curiosity. The extract contains two
verses from a chapter in the New
Testament, copied from the "Mo-
hawk Testament." Any thing more
"jaw breaking" than some of the
longest words it has never been our
good fortune to meet:

"Nonwa ne o-nenh ne rajihhengeh-
stowanenh neoni ne rateristha ne
Ononghsadokenghdikeh neoni ne
thadiyadakwe-niyu ne radijihhengeh-
stajyh ro-nathonde jineken nikarih-
hodense, waghshakodinowengh de
hanaondawe ne ken-ikenh ne aode-
ghyaron.

"Ethone shayada, eghwarawe
neoni waghshakoghrory, wahnron,
Jatkaghtoh, ne ronnonkweh ne ne
yetshinhodonghke eghyehhadikenn-
yade Ononghsadokenghdikeh, ony
shakodirihonneyennf ne Onkweh-
hokon."

A correspondent who formally con-
sulted the London Family Gazette
about a young lady with a wooden
leg, has recently brought the matter
to a crisis by marrying her. After
a month's experience he says:

"I am happy to say a wooden leg
is no bad bargain. I married Jessie
about a month ago. She refused to
give up the wooden leg for a cork
one, as she said she 'detested false
appearances.' She is always at home,
except when she goes out with my-
self; she never flirts with other men;
she never dances at a party; she only
requires one boot and one shoe, and
these serve her a long time, as she
does not walk much, and yet she is
not unpleasant to talk with. She dif-
fers very little from other young
women.

"The only expense of the wooden
leg is the occasional breaking of a
strap, which is easily repaired, and
the supplying of a little gutta percha
for the end of it, to prevent noise in
walking. Balancing profit against
loss, a lady with a wooden leg is
rather profitable, not to speak of
other benefits. I find in Jessie all
that a husband could desire."

There, now, is a true philosopher;
and he talks, moreover, like a man
who is calculated to make Jessie a
tender and non-exacting husband.

Oh! what an awful time there
would be if the law which was pro-
mulgated in 1709, in the Old Coun-
try, should be revived and enforced
in our own blessed land. It was en-
acted in the words following, name-
ly, to-wit, etc.:

"Whereas several idle, gossiping
women, make it their business to ep
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DRESSES



I bought all these goods early—very early in fact, and when I learned that I would be unable to renew the lease upon my building, I cancelled the order. Later I asked to have the order re-instated, and was promised by the manufacturers that while they could not furnish me with the goods originally ordered, that they would make a shipment of DRESSES, newer, later and better than the original order right off the irons, and on the same basis of the former order.

I have anything you want in the new Novelty Velour small checks, Velvets, Satins, Tricotines and Jerseys. These Dresses are "Right off the Iron." The style is right and you get the same advantages that I have been giving my patrons in this Great Closing Out Sale.

This meant, of course, that I would get later, more up-to-date and strictly stylish goods, at the same prices as of several months before.

This is a problem that cannot be met by competition. These goods are FIRST CLASS AND THE PRICE IS FAR BELOW WHAT ANY OTHER STORE ANYWHERE WILL QUOTE YOU.

Kid Gloves

Virginia Kid Gloves
No Better Can Be Bought

Through my connections with eastern buyers, I have lined up to receive within the next few days an assortment of Kid Gloves that will absolutely discount anything ever shown in the city. The prices on them will be the same as on other goods in the store. FAR LESS THAN YOU CAN PROCURE SIMILAR GOODS FOR ELSEWHERE.

GOOD THINGS ARE SCARCE AND THE MAN WITH THE PROPER BUYING CONNECTIONS IS THE MAN WHO GETS THE "GOOD THINGS"

When I tell you that I have good things, I am telling you the facts. I never have fooled you, and it is too late to start now. When I tell you I have the best quality, best material and the lowest prices, I am telling you an absolute truth, and all I ask is that you come into the store and see for yourself. You will be convinced beyond a doubt if you but visit the store and compare the goods.

I want my customers to enjoy the benefits of my misfortune. I am giving them the opportunity to save hundreds of dollars in early Christmas merchandising.

Omaha Opportunities

The Omaha Daily News, in an editorial headed "Today's Opportunities," on Nov. 9, said:

"Harking back a half century we marvel at the golden opportunities for investment within the grasp of the early pioneers. We deplore grandfather's lack of foresight that to this day prevents most of us from rolling in wealth. Some one is always mentioning the fact that his grandfather once traded a downtown business site for a span of mules.

"Undoubtedly many of us will suffer in the esteem of posterity to the same degree that we mourn the restricted vision of grandfather who might have left a million or so had he not felt the need of those mules for pioneer purposes of transportation.

"There are chances for investment of money in Omaha such as never were in reach of the hardy settler who came here when the city was a frontier post. There was no certainty in 1860 that Omaha would develop metropolitan size. Today its future is assured.

"Omaha real-estate is increasing in price faster at the present time than at any other period in the state's history. And higher prices are fixed on actual and not inflated values.

"It is not every one who may make the initial payment on a downtown business block. However, there are few families who might not arrange to make the first payment on a home. The home-owner is entrenched against the perplexities of unemployment, sickness and old age. He is the man to whom excessive rentals have no terror. And residential property today may be the business district of another year."

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KIDNEYS WEAKENING?

LOOK OUT!

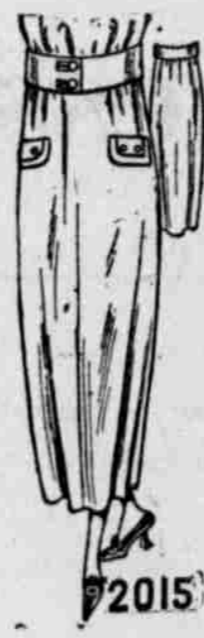
Kidney troubles don't disappear of themselves. They grow slowly but steadily, undermining health with deadly certainty, until you feel a victim to incurable disease. Stop your troubles while there is time. Don't wait until little pains become big aches. Don't trifle with disease. To avoid future suffering begin treatment with GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules now. Take three or four every day until you are entirely free from pain. This well-known preparation has been one of the national remedies of Holland for centuries. In 1896 the government of the Netherlands granted a special charter authorizing its preparation and sale.

The housewife of Holland would almost as soon be without food as without her "Real Dutch Drops," as she quaintly calls GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. They restore strength and are responsible in a great measure for the sturdy, robust health of the Hollanders.

Do not delay. Go to your druggist and insist on his supplying you with GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. Take them as directed, and if you are not satisfied with results your druggist will gladly refund your money. Look for the name GOLD MEDAL on the box and accept no other. In sealed boxes, three sizes.

Girls Serge Dresses

A nice line of Girls' Serge Dresses in sizes ranging from 2 to 14 years. These goods are beyond description. To appreciate them, one must look at them and then look at the price tag.



Jersey
\$9.90



Plaited Serge
\$8.45

Girls School Coats

at from \$1 to \$4

An exceptional selection from which to fit your daughter during the winter months of school. You can't go wrong on these pieces. They are absolutely right.

SKIRTS

The offerings in Skirts are wonderful. No one, in the city or in small towns, can show garments that will compare with these skirts at the prices I am quoting.

I invite comparison of these goods. Come and look at them. Compare the quality and the prices offered by other merchants. You are sure to return to the store and tell me that you can't match them—Satins, Silks, Jerseys, Tricollettes, up-to-the minute in style. Priced at a big saving for you.

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