

BILL NYE'S FURNACE.

His Touching Experience with a Coal Consumer.

Last year I had an experience with a furnace which ought to be embalmed in song. I only regret that I am not a suitable embalmer that I might attend to it myself. In the prime of summer time I engaged a coal dealer to deal me some coals at a low rate. By this means I saved enough on my coals to purchase a buffalo overcoat to wear while carving at table during the winter, so it was a wise move.

We had a reddish furnace and I tried to win its confidence and mold its career during the winter. First it had to be cleaned out thoroughly in the fall. Previous people had used it apparently as a retort for clinkers. I desired to avoid the expense of hiring a man to clean it out, as it was not what would be called skilled labor, and so I did it myself. By this means I saved \$2.50, to which I added \$47.50 for the purpose of purchasing a new suit of clothes to take the place of the one ruined by getting it full of ashes.

This furnace had two cut offs, a jerker of a cold air flue, eleven dampers and a tape worm. I would go down at night and fill it full of coals, shut the cold air flue, examine the steam gauge, also the crown sheet, dump the clinkers and open the rear damper. I would then retire. In the middle of the night the humidity in my room would warn me that all was not well with the furnace. I would go below in my simple wrap and find the furnace suffering from an overdraft. I then sought to reduce the temperature and we fanned ourselves to sleep. In the morning the furnace was found to be extinct. This went on for a week or two. Then I asked the coachman to look after the furnace. I told him I would look after the horses and polish the crest, if he would try to win the confidence of the furnace.

He resigned the second evening and left me with the barn and the refrigerator both on my hands. I then secured the services of a middle aged girl, who said she used to run the Jay Gould furnace. I told her ours was the same. Jay and I always bought our furnaces at the same place.

She said she used to have two nights out while she was with the Goulds. I told her that she would be treated equally well by us. Her name was Lorena, and she did very well while on duty, but the great difficulty seemed to be that Lorena and the furnace both wanted to go out on the same nights.

I was her alternate with the furnace, and it made me mad to have Lorena absent when it was really my night out.

I told her that she might run Jay Gould that way, but she couldn't run me. I declined to take care of the furnace while she was sleeping it off. I told Lorena that she had better go back to the Goulds. She did so.

I then began again to steer the furnace through a tempestuous career. I excused myself while dukes and titled people were at our house, in order to go down and jerk the furnace. I even tore myself away from a mash and milk sociable up stairs in order to go below and shovel coals upon the never ending appetite of this great bottomless pit.

And yet the basement was the only part of my house that was really warm. Up stairs I gradually froze, while I tried to seem genial and urbane. I wore a fur overcoat up stairs while the potatoes were sprouting in the cellar, and on the second floor the nurse and the governess were eating bannocks and waiting for a relief party. Goose flesh manifested itself on the exterior of those who sought to dress for a dinner party on the second floor, while in the attic my employes were eating blubber and hoping for congressional relief. This furnace also had a sound magnifier to it. Its sound magnifier, as a matter of fact, worked better than its other fire did. When I excused myself to our pastor, seeking at the same time to convey the idea that I was leaving the room for the purpose of some examination, it annoyed my wife much to hear a smothered roar, a rattle and some loud and florid remarks in my well known tones come floating up through the register.

It was a good furnace for everything but heating purposes, and I have often thought that if they had the same style in ancient times the Hebrew children got a good deal better press notices than they deserved.—Bill Nye in New York World.

The Effect of Exercise.

After the manager's orator had eloquently described the habits of the Australian kangaroo, the finest living specimen of which species was there on exhibition, an open mouthed countryman inquired:

"What makes his hind legs so much bigger nor his fore legs, mister?"

"Because he exercises more on them, sir," explained the orator, indulgently.—New York Sun.

One Thing Lacking.

At a recent exhibition of paintings a lady and her son were regarding with much interest a picture which the catalogue designated as "Luther at the Diet of Worms." Having decanted at some length upon its merits, the boy remarked: "Mother, I see Luther and the table, but where are the worms?"

Confused.



"I—I say, Miss Musicale, won't you favah me with a little song?"

"Certainly, Mr. Bajove, and what shall it be?"

"Why I think I should enjoy that one about returning the w-wabbit."

"(Thoughtfully): 'Returning the rabbit?'"

"Yes, you know (humming), 'Return my wabbit again, again.'"

"Oh, I think you mean 'Bring Back My Bonnie to Me.'"

"Yes, that's it, Miss Musicale, 'Bring back my bunny to me.'"—Time.

Cause for Regret.

It makes a man almost sorry that he moved when he reads in the advertisement in the paper next day the real estate agent's description of the advantages of the residence he has just given up.—Journal of Education.

Inherited.

"How fond Charley Roberts is of his father! He fairly worships him." "Yes; he takes after his 'ather in that respect."—Harper's Bazar.

Mistaken Identity.

There's a certain well known reporter whose writing is so bad that even his best friends do not attempt to read it. One afternoon he dropped several sheets of his notes on the floor of the surrogate's office and they were afterwards picked up by one of the attaches of the office, a violinist. He took them home and played from them, but was surprised when Sidney told him they were news notes and not violin notes. He could not be convinced, however, that they were not intended for music.—Buffalo News.

A Reasonable Time.



"You must give me time, George, to think it over. It is all so strange, so unexpected."

"I will give you a year's time if you wish it. My love for you is great enough to bear that strain."

"Oh, I don't want a year—give me five minutes."—Life.

The Watchword Was Distorted.

The colored brother has a wonderful capacity for adapting a word to his senses. "During the war," said a well known veteran, "we often had trouble in getting up a list of countersigns. I had the matter in charge, and took a list of European battles. It was a colored regiment. The countersign for the night was 'Austerlitz.' In the evening I tried to get into the lines and was halted. I gave the countersign, 'Austerlitz.'"

"Dat ain't right, sah," said the darky, and he called the provost, who was also colored. When that officer came, I complained that the sentry didn't know the countersign.

"What is it, sah?" asked the provost of me.

"'Austerlitz,' I answered.

"'You are wrong, sah,' said he. I was put under arrest, and it took the colonel to get me out. What do you suppose the darkies had made out of the original countersign?"

"Oyster shells."—Washington Post.

She Was "Strictly Business."

Philadelphia Aunt (severely)—As I glanced into the parlor last evening I saw you with a young man's arm around you.

Chicago Niece (calmly)—Yes, auntie, I was waiting for you to pass the door and see us. Young men are very slippery nowadays, and one can't have too many witnesses.—Philadelphia Record.

Introduced Gingerly.

Jones—Hello, Smith. Congratulations. I hear that you are engaged. But between friends, old fellow, I don't exactly see how you picked up courage to do it.

Smith—Well, you see, we got to talking politics, trusts, rings, etc., and drifted right on to the matter before we knew it.—Burlington Free Press.

Easily Managed.

Mrs. Urban—Oh, I do wish I could be somebody. How I would like to be the observed of all observers, the cynosure of all eyes.

Mr. Urban—Do you think you would enjoy being talked about?

"Indeed I would."

"Well, we'll move into some rural village."—Philadelphia Record.

Can't Be Duplicated.

Mr. Hadj Hassein Kauli Khan Mohamed El Vesari, Persian minister to this country, started for the United States early in July, and has not been heard of since. It is a great pity about his name. That may be lost too, and we don't suppose there is another like it in the country.—Norristown Herald.

His Life Work.

Farmer (to new hired man)—Seems to me you spend a good share of your time sitting on the fence.

Hired Man—Yes; I have done something in the literary line, and am collecting material for a book to be entitled "Life on the Rail."—Burlington Free Press.

Warm Weather Enjoyment.

"Where do you dine now, Brown, that your family is away?"

"At home; the cook is there."

"Don't you find it rather unpleasant without Mrs. Brown?"

"Not a bit; I dine in my shirt sleeves."—The Epoch.

Doesn't Always Work.

A St. Louis lady urges, in the columns of an esteemed contemporary, the use of water-melon juice for improving the complexion. Judging from the liberal consumption of that kind of juice by our African citizens, its effect on the complexion is not apparent.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

Easy.

An electric girl in Iowa can hold a 300 pound man in a chair with all ease. Almost any pretty girl can hold a man of any size in a chair, or even on a piano stool, whether she's electric or not, and she needn't even so much as put her hands on him.—Portland Oregonian.

Sign of No Nerves.

A foreign correspondent says that the Chinese have no nerves. A Chinaman, therefore, can write in a room where a small boy is drumming a tattoo on a window pane with his fingers without slaughtering the youth with a club.—Norristown Herald.

The Instincts of Trade.

Naomi—My dear count, don't you think papa is adorable?

Italian Count—Well, er—ah—

"Tell me truly what you think of him."

Count (dreamily)—I think he needs a hair cut and a shampoo.—Detroit Free Press.

Fecundity Pride.

Effie Van Ronsseker (pitifully to Miss Smith)—Is this the first time you've been to Newport? We always come here. Why, we've been here twelve years.

Miss Smith—How old are you?

Effie—Seven.—Time.

True.

Since bathing became unfashionable among the elite one must keep out of the water in order to be in the swim.—Time.

How a Fight Was Avoided.

"Sir, you are an infernal liar!"

"I see by that that you are a truthful man."—Lincoln Journal.

WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?

FASHIONS IN DRESS THAT HAVE FOUND FAVOR.

Toilettes Worn by Fashionable Hostesses and Their Fair Guests at Dinners, Concerts, Soirees and Other Popular Entertainments.

The amount of ingenuity expended by modistes on novelties in soiree toilettes is rivaled only by fashionable hostesses in search of novel entertainments at which to wear these same toilettes. In illustration of the latter may be mentioned a floral entertainment given recently to fifty guests, who dined at five tables beautifully decorated with flowers. Every guest was presented with a card entering, specifying the table, and with a spray of the flowers ornamenting it, so that there was no confusion. At one or two evening fetes the ladies' dresses, the style of furniture and gardens were patterned after the modes of the last century, at others the guests were dressed a la Watteau and Boucher; even the wax candles in the various chandeliers showed a variety of color to harmonize with the remainder of the decorations.



AN EVENING TOILETTE.

A new way of wearing real flowers, which has a good effect, is to arrange them in a long, graduated trail from throat to waist, and fix them to one side of a bodice, which has a full vest and trimming down the opposite side. This is a popular style at weddings (the bride and bridesmaids sometimes wear them), and at full dress entertainments by night and day. The fullest part is near the throat, and it tapers very much. Another way is to attach a spray at the left side of the waist, just out of reach of the arm.

Numbered with striking toilettes suited for evening or concerts is the one shown in the cut.

The Princess dress is in striped silk in two shades of pink, and is bordered with a pinked out ruche of plain silk. The tunic, which is draped on pèplum from the left shoulder, is in black net spotted in gold. The oval shaped top has a narrow pinked out ruche to match the frilling round the edge of the skirt. Tight sleeves to the elbow.

Many young girls are wearing light costumes made with large pleats and wide sashes, either moire, satin, faye, or Surah, but no drapery or full dress entertainments by night and day. The front and back of the bodice made with three or four pleats crossing over en cour, and fastened in at the waistband or sash; the sleeves flat and plain at the bottom, gathered or puffed out at the top, but not exaggerated.

Briar and Thorn Bonnets.

A novelty abroad consists of briar and thorn hats and bonnets, that simulate thorny brambles bearing clusters of blackberries, or rose stems bristling with thorns, so true to nature that one hesitates to handle them. The very latest of these unique bonnets have real roses and leaves, freshly culled and sprinkled with water, fixed in by large pins, just before wearing—the delusion of the whole thing being complete. A few of these semi-transparent hats have broad brims in front, round the right side and at the back, but cut away on the left side, the place being taken by a wreath of flowers or leaves. The brim is allowed to be wide in front and at the right side, but it is bent up at the crown at the back in three places, each aperture having a flower put in corresponding with those at the side.

Visiting Costume.

The illustration given here shows a very pretty visiting costume, which includes a stylish visite jacket with hat to correspond. The visite jacket turns back in front, with revers terminating in a long point, and is made with a waistcoat in cream and gold cord. The hat is trimmed with loops of cream and gold ribbon and a quill feather. The whole forms a very attractive garment, and will undoubtedly become very popular among the ladies during the present autumn. It is tasteful and quiet, and will certainly add to the charms of the fair wearers who adopt it.



VISITE JACKET.

The Daily Sponge Bath.

Many people miss a great source of enjoyment and health in not taking a sponge bath daily in warm weather. For persons in vigorous health the proper time is immediately on rising in the morning, but for weak persons and the aged the middle of the forenoon is better. Only the very robust are benefited by cold baths. For most, cool, tepid or slightly warm water is better. After a day of heat and dust, and especially of hard work, cleanliness is secured and refreshing sleep promoted by a warm bath at bed time.

Memory of events is shown by a wide, full forehead in the center.

UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY.

New Time Tables in Effect Sept. 3rd.

Train No. 1, the Pacific Express, leaves Council Bluffs 7:35 p. m., daily, arriving Denver second day 6:15 p. m., Ogden third day 5:45 p. m., and San Francisco fourth day at 10:45 a. m. Train No. 301, leaving Kansas City the same morning, at or about 10 a. m., arrives at Denver at 7:10 a. m., and connects with train No. 1 at Cheyenne.

Train No. 3, "The Overland Flyer," leaves Council Bluffs Sunday 7:30 a. m., daily, arriving Denver second day 6:30 a. m., Ogden second day 9 p. m., San Francisco third day 10:45 a. m., and Portland fourth day at 8 a. m. Train No. 303, leaving Kansas City the previous evening, at or about 9:40 p. m., arrives at Denver at 8 p. m., and connects with train No. 3 at Cheyenne.

Train No. 2, the Atlantic Express, the opposite of Train No. 1, arrives Council Bluffs at 8:15 a. m. Connection is made at Cheyenne for Kansas City, arriving Kansas City (train No. 202) at or about 5 p. m., of the same day that train No. 2 arrives Council Bluffs. Train No. 4, "The Overland Flyer," the opposite of train No. 3, arrives Council Bluffs at 5:10 p. m. Connection is made at Cheyenne for Kansas City, arriving Kansas City (train No. 304) at or about 6:20 a. m. of the day following the arrival of No. 4 at Council Bluffs.

Exception—There is no connection with train from California and Nevada, east bound, on train No. 4.

Siege of Sebastopol.

The Union Pacific, "The Overland Route" will sell excursion tickets at reduced rates, to persons desirous of attending the SIEGE OF SEBASTOPOL, to be produced in Omaha, August 30th, Sept. 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 22d, 23d, and 27th. Tickets will be good going day of sale and returning the following day. This will be one of the greatest attractions ever offered to the public and should be taken advantage of by all. For rates etc., call on your nearest ticket agent. T. L. KIMBALL, J. S. TEBBETS, Act'g Gen'l Man. G. P. & T. Ag't. E. L. LOMAX, A. G. P. & T. A.

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Via Missouri Pacific railway to points in Texas and Arkansas, August 21st, 1888; others to follow September 11th and 25th and October 9th and 23d at one fare for the round trip. Tickets are first class, limited to thirty days, and stop overs for the inspection of land allowed within the limit. Choice lands at from \$1.25 to \$5 per acre. Further information, maps, descriptive land matter, etc., may be had by calling on or writing H. G. HANNA, R. F. R. MILLER, City Ticket Agent, Gen. Agent, Cor. O and 13th streets, Lincoln, Neb.

Of Interest to All.

The Union Pacific Railway—"The Overland Route"—Have just issued very complete and comprehensive pamphlets on Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Territory, descriptive of the agricultural, stock raising and mineral resources, the climate and health resorts of these states and territories compiled from the latest report of 1887. Send to J. S. Tebbets G. P. & T. A., Omaha, Neb. for one.

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Miss Anna W. Hawkins, whose success as teacher of dancing was plainly seen in her elegant "German and Reception" of June last, will open her school for children on Saturday, September the 23d, in Masonic Temple. Miss Hawkins would be pleased to receive names of those who wish to take, at any time. Address room 34, Richards block, Lincoln, Neb. Private lessons for adults will also be given to those who desire to take" 35-4t

To Our Lawyer Friends.

During the past week THE COURIER office has turned out some elegant specimens in law briefs, one numbering nearly a hundred pages. We would like our friends of the legal fraternity to remember that in this class of work we excel all others and that our prices are as low as the lowest. Calls by telephone, No. 258, promptly answered and all work left at our office in Burr block done neat, quick and cheap.

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Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The Union Pacific, the Overland Route, will sell tickets to Los Angeles at \$90 for the round trip. Limit for return, sixty days, with stop over privileges in either direction within the limits. Choice of routes going and returning. Tickets on sale until Sept. 14th, inclusive. Full particulars and descriptive pamphlets of western resorts may be obtained at 1044 O street.

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Take the Burlington Route to the meeting of the Grand Lodge at Los Angeles, September 17th.

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