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The Little Boy is sad and lone
And not inclined to play.
He talks in soft and tender tone
To toys he's laid away.
For he has faced the question old
Whose answer none can tell—
And as he waits, clear, soft and cold
He hears the tolling bell.

He misses from the usual place
The form he loved so true;
He fails to see one smiling face,
He hears no "Howdy-do!"
In vain he turns to Brer B'ar,
And Brer Rabbit's dumb;
Brer Fox says naught when he asks,
"Why
Don't Uncle Remus come?"

The Little Boy is sad today
And mourns his playmate dead.
He does not care to laugh and play
With toys around him spread.
Across the hills the cortege sweeps,
The band plays soft and low;
And Little Boy in silence weeps—
He loved his playmate so.

The animals that told queer tales
With Uncle Remus' tongue
Are dumb forever, Little Boy—
Your heart with grief is wrung.
You ask in vain the whence and why,
But we who've older grown
Can but confess we've no reply,
And you must grieve alone.

But, Little Boy, in God's own time
Your playmate you will see;
In some fair land, in some fair clime,
Where many mansions be.
Then, Little Boy, you'll clasp his
hands
And walk the sunlit way
With Uncle Remus—comrades two
Forever and a day.

By Exasperated Press

Podunk, Miss., Aug. 2.—The Glimmerly Manufacturing company today received an order for \$3,000,000 worth of gauze for airship wings, but the order is contingent upon the election of Taft. The Glimmerly Co. has notified the men who were laid off that they will be put back to work and given this order to fill if the election turns out right.

Bazoo, Ohio, Aug. 1.—The Chuggerly Equipment Co., which laid off 3,000 men at the beginning of the recent financial disturbance, has received a provisional order from a big automobile company in New York. The order amounts to \$6,285,623.77, but in the event of Taft's defeat the order is to be cancelled. The company has posted a notice of the matter on its gates, and the unemployed men are discussing it eagerly. The Chuggerly Equipment Co. manufactures hot air for filling automobile tires.

Airdome, Ind., Aug. 1.—When the 6,000 employees of the Wobberly Novelty Works arrived at the plant this morning they found the gates closed. A committee was appointed to wait on the management and ascertain what the matter might be. The committee was informed that the plant would be opened on full time with an increased force the morning after the election of William H. Taft. "We have an order for \$13,768,543.11 worth of our product, conditional upon Taft's election," said the manager of the company. "But present orders are too small, owing to the uncertainty, to warrant us in keeping the plant open." The Wobberly Novelty Works manufactures harness for

horseless carriages and wires for wireless telegraphy.

Swampscott, Mass., Aug. 1.—The 8,000 employees of the Smokeless Foundry Co. were paid off Saturday night and notified that the plant would not open until the day after the election of Taft. "We have a provisional order for \$17,432,123.45 worth of our product," said the manager to a committee of the union, "and if Taft is elected we will open the plant and proceed to fill it. Until then we are compelled to close down." The Smokeless Foundry Co. is an extensive manufacturer of fancy paper bands for campaign cigars. This morning the manager, superintendent and treasurer of the company left for Europe, where they will spend the summer and fall.

Iceville, Ariz., Aug. 1.—Eleven thousand employees of the Consolidated Sand Co. are idle, owing to a scarcity of orders, the scarcity being attributed to the uncertainty of the outcome of election. The manager of the company showed a representative of the Exasperated Press an order for \$23,456,789.11 of the company's output, conditional upon the election of Taft. The whistle will blow the morning after election if Taft is successful. The Consolidated Sand Co. is engaged in filing sharp corners on Arizona sand in order to make it suitable for building purposes.

Los Prunes, Cal., Aug. 1.—The Prunette Co. plant at this place has closed down and will remain closed until the morning after Taft's election. Thirteen thousand employees are thrown out of work. The lack of orders to keep the plant going is attributed to election uncertainty. If Taft is elected the plant will open up, the manager reports, and begin filling an order for \$23,456,789.23 worth of its products, the order being conditioned upon the success of the republican ticket. The Prunette Co. manufactures imitation prunes for the eastern market.

Ironton, Wis., Aug. 1.—"This plant is closed and will open the morning after Taft's election" was the notice posted upon the gates of the Grate Bar Manufacturing Co. plant this morning, and read by 11,000 employees. The notice came as a distinct shock to the men. "We find business dull, owing to the uncertainty," said the manager of the plant to a representative of the Exasperated Press. "If Taft is elected we will open up the next day and proceed to fill a provisional order for \$67,897,453.13 worth of our product. I hope the former employees will think the matter over and act in their own best interests." The Grate Bar Manufacturing Co. manufactures fireboxes for gasoline engines.

Warm Work

"Gracious, Wilkins! What makes you look so warm? You look like a man about to succumb to sunstroke."
"I'm working on my Christmas story for the All Folk's magazine."

"Physician, Heal Thyself"

Dr. P. L. Hall of Lincoln, who has been elected vice chairman of the democratic national committee, is no longer a practitioner. For many years he has been engaged in the banking business, but in the early days of Nebraska he did practice medicine in Saunders county. Incidentally it may be remarked that as a physician he was as successful

as he has been in business—and Dr. Hall is accounted one of the best business men in the west.

Dr. Hall's democracy is of the old Jeffersonian-Jacksonian brand, and when the bugle calls to political battle he is always ready for the fray. This well known fact gave rise to a good natured thrust at him during the meeting of a well known Lincoln literary club some months ago. A practicing physician of Lincoln read a paper on materia medica, and in the discussion which followed the physicians present found themselves warmly opposed by a number of laymen. Dr. Hall defended his brother's paper in a vigorous address, but when he finished a newspaper man present rose up and said:

"Doctors do not take their own medicine, and they have little faith in drugs. I know, because my father was a physician. Now there is my friend, Dr. Hall. When he was practicing medicine up in Saunders county he had a system that always produced the best results. When a republican came to him Dr. Hall prescribed calomel and quinine and told the patient to continue the treatment until he felt results. But when a democrat came Dr. Hall would hand him a copy of 'The Life of Thomas Jefferson,' and say: 'Read this carefully and be healed.'"

And in the laugh which followed the paper under discussion was sidetracked.

Freakish Femininity

I picked up a popular novel
And its pages I started to scan,
Which told how a fair-haired girlie
Fell in love with a self-made man.

But I swore I would read no further
When I learned that, instead of a
broom,
The heroine, Gotrock's daughter,
Used her eyes as she swept the
room.
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

I picked up a popular novel,
Which I thought was some frivolous
skit;
I was looking for something light-
mannered
And gentle, to cheer me a bit.

But I shuddered to find that the hero
Was a cannibal chief in disguise;
For I read: "When Marjorie entered
He devoured her with his eyes."
—Nashville Tennessean.

I picked up a yellow-back novel
Some bather had left on the beach,
And saw by its deep crimson title
'Twas about a bright, frolicsome
"peach."

This girl had a rosy complexion,
Was pretty, and buxom, and smart,
But each lover was soon "out of
business."
When the darts from her eyes
pierced his heart.
—Biloxi Herald.

I picked up a paper-back novel,
And idly began to read
Of a girl and a faithless lover
Who caused her poor heart to
bleed.

My sympathies at once were awak-
ened,
But wonderment followed my
fears,
For I read a few lines further
That the girl burst into tears!
—Jackson Clarion-Ledger.

I picked up a yellow-backed thriller
And read of a maid and a man—
The thrills of my shivering spinelet
In series consecutively ran.

'Twas hot, but I read in amazement
That when his great love he had
told,
This maid picked him up in a minute,
Then threw the poor fellow down
cold.

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