

# John Henry MAKES A SPEECH

By GEORGE V. HOBART

The days rolled by and Itrudaine watched with increasing interest the struggle for supremacy between Mr. Peter Grant and Mr. William Gray.

From the moment the glad tidings spread around that they were out to make monkeys of each other it seemed that every voter in the community quit work and gum-shoed after the two candidates.

Everybody knew that money would flow like water, and everybody was for putting bulkhead compartments in the clothes.

As for me! Well, Uncle Peter handed me a fat slob of a checkbook and told me to cut loose, and I became so popular in all the booze bars that I had to wear ice in the derby to keep the noddle from spreading. I was his campaign manager, and Bunch Jefferson held the same post for Bill Gray.

I worked eighteen hours a day every day and I slept with one lamp lit.

I began to notice that the Gray faction was making a big play for the women. They seemed to think that if they got the wives and mothers on their side it would be all off with the Grant prospects.

Bunch Jefferson had handbills and three-sheets all over town with cracks like these in big black type:

**GOD BLESS OUR HOME WHICH KNOWS NO PETER GRANT!**

**WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT A MOTHER? ASK PETER GRANT, THE POLITICAL PIRATE.**

**WHEN WAS PETER GRANT BORN? AND WHY?**

"The opposition is out to jolly the women along," I explained to Uncle Peter, "because they think Mama will influence Papa's political opinions. They are throwing the taffy at Mother and getting her woozy with the happy conversation in the hope that she'll crowd Papa up in the corner and take his vote away from him. It's up to us to say a few pleasant words about Father, for, after all, it's Dad that does the heavy thinking on election day and bites deep into the lead pencil



"Who Buys the Chicken for Sunday Dinner?"

before putting his mark on the wrong side of the ticket. Let's pass the candy to Papa and put a crimp in the opposition's plan of campaign."

"But how?" inquired Uncle Peter.

"I've cooked up a speech for you," I answered, "and it's the goods. What's more, I've fixed it so that there'll be an audience here in half an hour to hear it."

"Great Scott, John!" exclaimed Uncle Peter, "I can't make an important speech on a half-hour's notice."

"To the bench for yours," I said. "I'm going to talk for you."

"You—you are—you," he spluttered.

"Sure I am," I came back; "and why not? I'll tell 'em you have a mild attack of tonsillitis and that you've undertaken to read your speech."

"But perhaps I may not approve of all the sentiments therein," he insisted.

"Approve nothing," I said; "I'm going to make this speech and put you on Pleasant Avenue with the push. You'll think you wrote it and you'll get a share of the show. Now be good and go arrange your gear throat."

Uncle Peter walked off shaking his head dubiously, and I prepared for the audience, which had already begun to straggle across the lawn.

In half an hour there was a large gathering of men, women and children camped on our premises, and promptly to the minute I mounded the rest-room.

Uncle Peter, with a bandanna handkerchief around his neck, sat near me and put his hand on his forehead from time to time to indicate that he had throat trouble.

"Ladies and gentlemen," I began, "I thank you for this goodly attendance, and beg to inform you, with sincere regret, that our Candidate has a severe attack of tonsillitis and cannot talk."

"Cheers and cries of 'Good! Good!'"

"With your kind indulgence I shall therefore read his speech, which, believe me, is an oratorical effort such as Demosthenes might be proud of and which Socrates would gladly call his own."

(Loud cheers, during which Uncle Peter smiled and took a bow.)

"Ladies and gentlemen—it was

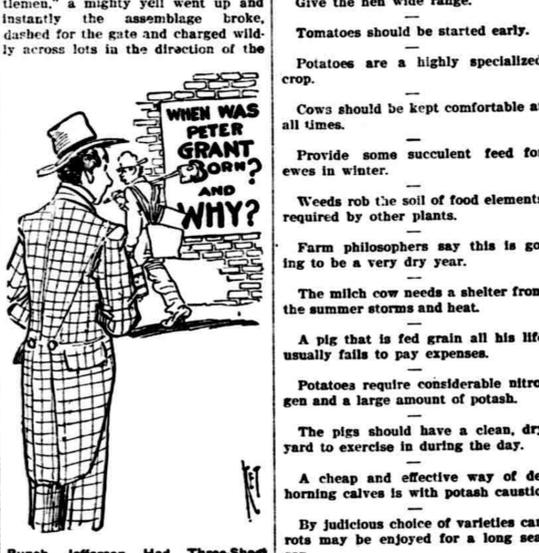
voice! You may have many faults, dear old Dad, and you may play second fiddle with the mute on, but we'll miss you when you're gone. To Dad, ladies and gentlemen, the ace in life's pack of cards!"

The excitement was intense when I finished, and was sure that old Bill Gray had been set back about ten feet in the estimation of the populace. There was nothing to it.

While cheer after cheer arose Uncle Peter whispered hoarsely, "John, you never said a word about my platform. I'll have to explain my position with regard to the Increased Cost-of-Living club!"

When Uncle Peter rose to address the assemblage I noticed a stranger hurrying hither and thither through the crowd, whispering in the ears of the men.

Then, just as our Candidate bowed amiably, and began, "Ladies and gentlemen," a mighty yell went up and instantly the assemblage broke, dashed for the gate and charged wildly across lots in the direction of the river.



Bunch Jefferson Had Three-Sheet Posters All Over Town.

river, leaving as an audience for the startled Uncle Peter one woman and three babies.

"Mr. Gray sent word that he has tapped eight kegs of beer in the ball grounds," the woman informed me, "but my children ain't got no thirst for it yet. They'd rather watch the old gent make funny faces!"

Uncle Peter collapsed and Aunt Martha fanned him vigorously, while Clara J. exclaimed spitefully, "That Bunch Jefferson is a perfect fiend."

"How did you guess it?" I said, trying hard not to smile.

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## HAVE NEW IDEAS IN EXAMS

Professors Have Adopted the Oral Examinations in Preference to the Written.

A number of professors in the English department at the University of Pennsylvania have adopted the oral examination in preference to the written. A large number of test questions are written upon cards. The student is required to pick three, five or ten questions, as the case may be, and answer them.

As soon as he has finished, says the Old Penn Weekly Review, he is told whether he has passed, which obviates weeks of waiting for the results of written examinations. The scheme is said to eliminate all possibility of dishonesty and compels a man to stand squarely upon his own ability.

The honor system is in force in the Wharton school of finance and commerce. In this school also there has originated a system of co-operation with the fraternities in keeping delinquent students up to their work. Each fraternity has a board of representatives upon scholastic standing.

In the Wharton school quizzes are given to freshmen and sophomores every two weeks. The results are sent to the fraternity representatives, who, upon finding a member of their society deficient in his work, appoint a man to coach the delinquent. The scheme has been so successful that some of the fraternities have taken it up in connection with other departments. One fraternity which lost two years ago a number of its members through failure in examinations was not obliged to drop one last June. This year the fraternities reported that their men were better prepared for examinations than ever before.

## Up to Doctor Eliot

The City Mothers' Club met at the Hotel Astor the other day, says a New York letter, just after President Emeritus Eliot of Harvard had announced that every wife should welcome the sork at least eight times between the ages of twenty-seven and forty. The mothers looked not merely shocked, but sore. They did a little scientific panning of Doctor Eliot going on records with a reply to Doctor Eliot? One of the principal members was asked, "The club have their own troubles, without bothering about what Doctor Eliot may think." The weaker for information was persistent, "sincerely," said he, "a statement of that sort, by such a man as Doctor Eliot deserves some reply." The leading member of the Mothers' club frowned again. "We will answer Doctor Eliot," said she, "just as soon as Doctor Eliot becomes a mother."

## The Point of View.

Poetic Lady—Ah, Sir Charles, when you see your wife looking so beautiful in her exquisite furs, don't you repeat to yourself those charming lines—

Crusty Foxhunter (cutting in)—What I repeat to myself is "A hundred and fifty-seven pound ten and no second horse!"—Punch.

## A Serious Result.

"Did that explorer suffer any physical ailment as a result of his trip to the arctic regions?"

"Yes."

"What was it?"

"Writer's cramp."

**NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM**  
By William Pitt

Give the hen wide range.

Tomatoes should be started early.

Potatoes are a highly specialized crop.

Cows should be kept comfortable at all times.

Provide some succulent feed for ewes in winter.

Weeds rob the soil of food elements required by other plants.

Farm philosophers say this is going to be a very dry year.

The milch cow needs a shelter from the summer storms and heat.

A pig that is fed grain all his life usually fails to pay expenses.

Potatoes require considerable nitrogen and a large amount of potash.

The pigs should have a clean, dry yard to exercise in during the day.

A cheap and effective way of de-horning calves is with potash caustic.

By judicious choice of varieties carrots may be enjoyed for a long season.

A daily record of work done will cut out many of the wastes of the farm.

The oat crop as a money maker on the farm is liable not to receive the attention it deserves.

The soil on cultivated fields on hilly or rolling land will wash less if plowed well and extra deep.

The gardener should try to grow the carrot quickly in order to secure tender, sweet, uniform specimens.

One of the chief reasons for butter becoming rancid at an early age is the fact that it is not washed thoroughly.

One ton of average fresh manure contains ten pounds of nitrogen; one ton of clover hay, 40 pounds of nitrogen.

Prune the trees in the early spring if possible, any month of the year if necessary, but be sure to prune the trees.

Clover and grass seed may be sown, and a good stand secured, on oat ground during the last of April and the first of May.

If the buttermilk is not washed out it will furnish abundant food for the bacteria, since they thrive on the casein in the milk.

With a quiet, steady team a half-grown boy, with a sulky plow, can do as good work as a man with the old-fashioned walking plow.

There is no professional study that requires closer work than does the development of the corn plant—a combination of brain toil and nature.

Pigs in the pasture require some sort of crude shelter to protect them from the sun and keep them from blistering and scalding on hot days.

Growing geese require large quantities of grass, which they will obtain if allowed their range, and which will cut down the feed bill at least one-half.

The picking of live geese for the live geese feathers, so called, is practiced less and less. It is a cruel practice, and ought to be entirely abolished.

The amount of feed that the pigs should get cannot be definitely advised. That must be determined by the feeder from the appetites of the assimilate food.

It has been found that the seeds of many weeds will retain their vitality for 15 to 25 years, possibly longer, and not all of the given year's seed grows in any one year.

The litter of chaff, etc., which accumulates in the barn should be put in the horsehouse. The hens will scratch it over and obtain seeds and pieces of clover that will do them lots of good.

Hard enough to sit for three weeks, without having to be gnawed all the time by insect pests. Look at your sitting hens once in a while and be sure they are free from enemies of this kind.

The styles and sizes of poultry houses are almost as numerous as the farms whereon they rest, and it is a hard matter to satisfy any great number of people with any particular style of house.

A potato fertilizer analyzing 3 per cent nitrogen, 6 per cent phosphoric acid and 10 per cent potash can be made from the following materials: 133 pounds nitrate soda, 600 pounds paris green mixed with a thin paste can be added to kill the potato bug. Begin to spray when the potatoes are four to five inches high, and keep the vines well covered until they have ripened or are killed by frost.

Clover is rich in protein.

Feed young turkeys bread crumbs.

Poultry is quite a large factor with many.

The brooder must be kept free from droppings.

The use of summer silos is growing more common.

Beet molasses contains over 56 degrees of potash per ton.

The sows and pigs should be put on pasture as soon as possible.

The seed well treated will treat the farmer to a disease free crop.

Some horses have learned to balk by being overloaded and abused.

Potatoes will do their best on a well-manured, well-prepared clover sod.

There are over 170,000,000 of acres under wheat cultivation in the world.

Pens, beans and onions were first known in Egypt many centuries ago.

The intelligent care of trees is a great aid in our battle with the insects.

Let the patch of mangel-wurzels be included in the farm plan for this summer.

Old grass and clover pastures are much benefited by a dressing of plaster and ashes.

One of the "unfalling" signs of an ignorant or careless feeder is a bunch of scouring pigs.

Weeds sometimes injure by killing farm stock, or by rendering their product unsalable.

The brood mare in foal should be handled by a firm, steady hand, not an excitable, rash hand.

Better to put up new fence or mend the old than to spend the rest of the summer chasing pigs.

With the high cost of feed, a little tankage added to the ration of hogs every day will pay big.

When the cream runs off the spoon like oil and has a slight acid taste it is usually ripe for churning.

It has been found that denatured sugar forms a valuable and economical addition to skim milk for calves.

Some dairymen are finding it quite convenient to have the milking room hold four cows only at one time.

Stimulate the soil to a vigorous production by means of thorough cultivation and liberal use of fertilizer.

In deep setting, with plenty of ice, the cream is all up in 12 hours in any of the good family creameries now in use.

The age of seed has much to do with the vitality or germinating power. Young, bright, shiny seeds are best.

Hogs have often been tided over a season of shortage and kept in a thrifty, growing condition, for weeks on mangels alone.

Young geese do not lay as many fertile eggs or produce as many goslings as the first breeding season as they do in the second.

Milk readily absorbs bad odors such as arise from onions, garlic or decaying vegetables, hence don't set the milk pan near them.

Grading of cream is receiving more attention by the dairy press and dairymen than it possibly ever has in the history of the dairy business.

A good stand of clover cannot be had when sown on fall or spring grain where only a few hundred pounds of cheap fertilizer is drilled to the acre.

The worst feature of cucumber culture is the insect pests, but these may be controlled by dusting with dry insecticides or even with bone dust.

The same laws that have sent the prices of beef and pork products almost out of reach of the workman will also hold the prices of poultry products.

Where one has plenty of land, or land that is too hilly or rocky for regular field cultivation, the pasture affords the cheapest feed that can be grown on the farm.

For market purposes a stock bird, large-breasted, firmly set on short legs, surmounted by large thighs, will prove valuable, especially if belonging to a family of egg producers.

The great feeding value of alfalfa is no doubt known to all and owing to its high protein content it must be fed judiciously; it is also a laxative, and is good for any and all stock on the farm.

In handling young trees the future shape of the tree must be kept in mind and at the same time sufficient wood must be left in the tree to furnish a sufficient leaf surface for a rapid growth of the tree.

Charcoal for preventing acidity; shells or crushed limestone for shell making; grit for promoting digestion and litter for a dry scratching shed are prime essentials in promoting poultry health and profit everywhere.

Bordeaux mixture is most commonly used to combat potato blight. It is made as follows: Five pounds copper sulphate, six pounds lime, 50 gallons water. To this one pound paris green mixed up to a thin paste can be added to kill the potato bug. Begin to spray when the potatoes are four to five inches high, and keep the vines well covered until they have ripened or are killed by frost.

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**GOOD GUESS.**

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