

persition once I've heard it a thousand times. I'd like to run across the feller that could show me what it's standin' on. Hanged if I can see any legs under it.

**Genius.**

"The time I went to South Dakoty I had a couple of hours to spare in New York, and I went down and tuk a look at that 'ere Brooklyn Bridge. Do you know the fust thing that come into my head when I seen that bridge? I says to myself, says I, 'That wasn't made by no man. That's as much of a meracle as anything I ever read of in the Bible.' If I had stuck to that idee I wouldn't be no foolisher than them is who says a man can't be a millionaire without robbin' somebody. The buildin' of that 'ere bridge looks to me to be a terrible sight more of an achievement than the accumerlation of as much money as the bridge cost would be.

"I was readin' in the paper a day or two ago about the new steamboat that had jest got into New York. She's 700 foot long and so big I guess you could put all Ogunpuit inside her if you tuk the houses apart. A man made that 'ere vessel. Why don't you call him a robber and a hoss thief and tell folks how he b'iled and et both his grandmothers? Accordin' to my judgment he's done somethin' that's consider'ble more wonderful than the gittin' together of a fortune.

"I seen you whitewashin' your old hog pen t'other day. You handle the brush pooty good, deacon, but your work won't live an awful while after you're buried up there in the meetin' house buryin' ground. Why don't you hate folks that's paintin' things so wonderful that when you come back to airth a thousand years from now you'll see their pictures hangin' up in pictur' galleries and sellin' at the rate of over \$1,000 a square foot? Why ain't you got as much right to hate the feller that has the gift of paintin' and uses it as the feller that, bein' born with a business head on his shoulders, has managed to turn a stream of cold cash into his office safe?

**Like Dickens' Character.**

"My darter Annie reads consider'ble off and on, and once in a while she reads aloud to me. I've jist thought of something she read out of a book a feller named Dickens wrote. They was an old woman in the book that was all the time sayin', as nigh as I can remember, 'I'm a poor, lone and lorn critter; everything goes contrary with me.'

"You and the rest of your millionaire haters is like that old woman. That's about the size of it; that's all the sense they is in it. You are a lone, lorn critter. You aint done noth-

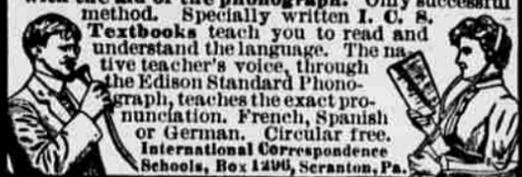
in' the world considers wonderful, but that ain't what makes you lone and lorn. You git that feelin' when you look at your wallet.

"You want better things to eat than you are gettin' now; you want clothes like folks wears that comes here from New York, Boston and Philadelphia; you want a house with a lot of soft-bottomed chairs in it, and, most of all, jist now, you want four red hosses and a kerridge with your coat of arms painted on both doors.

"It don't worry you none to think that you've spent your life sawin' wood, hoein' corn and squashin' tater bugs; you don't feel no sorer when you consider that you ain't done nothin' sence you was born that it will be wuth while puttin' on your grave-stone. If you only had the money that some folks has, you'd be the happiest little deacon in the world.

"It's jist the lack of spondulix that's up-sot you, deacon. That's what's filled your heart with hate and envy. It ain't no fit frame of mind for nobody to git into, least of all a deacon of the church. Instead of goin' about sayin', 'I'm a poor, lone, lorn deacon, and eveything that ain't lone and lorn goes contrary with me,' you ought not to rest day nor night until you git that cussed sperit out of your system. If you can't do that you ain't fit to be the deacon of no church in Ogunquit."—N. Y. Times.

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