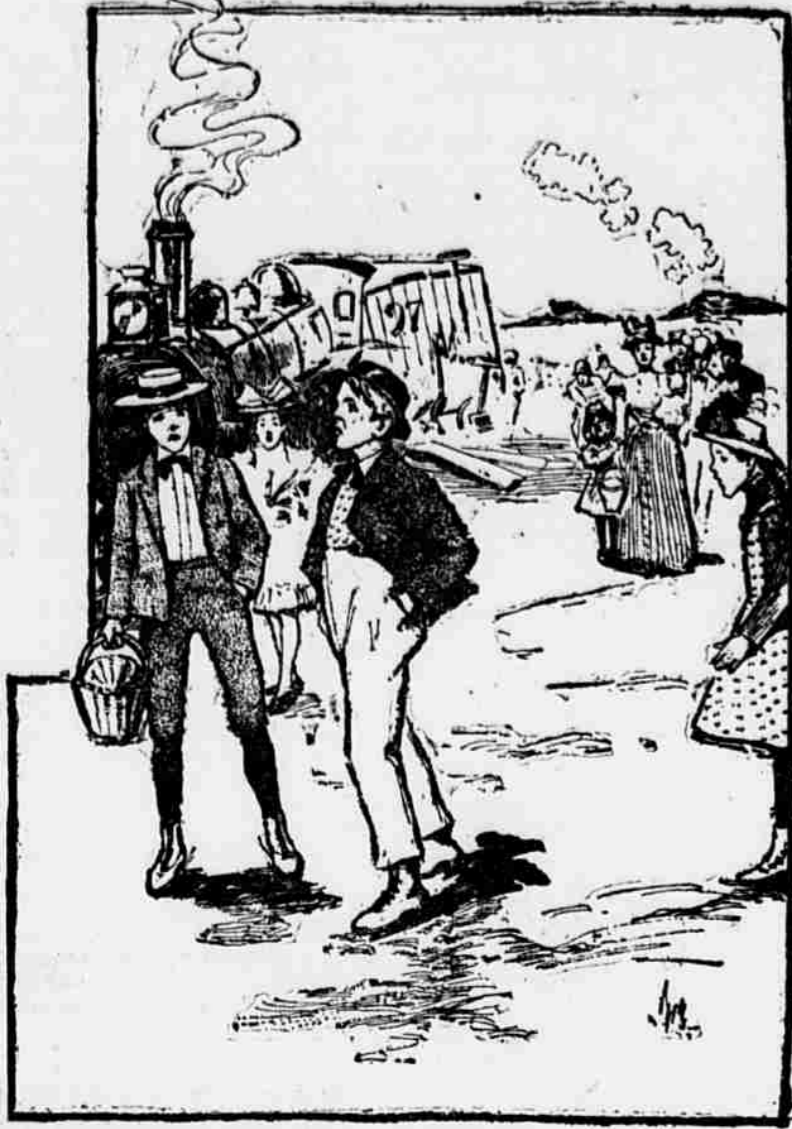


A COUNTRY CRACKER.

Bubber Ramp, the Boy with the Chills Was an Unconscious Hero. By EMILY LAFAYETTE McLAWS.

According to his schoolmates, Bubber Ramp was a country cracker. And who knows better a child's social and financial standing than his schoolfellows.

He was subject to chills and fevers which kept him away from school about half the time and gave his teacher an excuse for scolding him whenever there was no one else in particular for her to scold.



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quirted the chill and fever habit, he also gained the knowledge which enabled him to save the lives of some 500 people—Sunday school children with their friends and teachers.

hand to attract attention. "You owe the preservation of your lives. But for his presence of mind—"

Southward from Brazelia the road drops down steadily for five or six miles. There follows the little rise to the top of Habersham hill, and then comes the sharp sag of a mile or more to Belair and the level valley of the Savannah.

"It's 'leven o'clock," said Bubber, looking up at the sun. "It's 'bout time for my chill, so I'd better be gettin' home."

John, Johnson, or "Yucker," as he was called for short, was the most daring engineer on the Georgia and had the best run on the road until he joined the strike of the Knights of Labor.

When the weather kills your crop, Keep a-goin'! When you tumble from the top, Keep a-goin'!

There was nothing at Brazelia but the siding and the dull red station house, and little else at Belair. It wasn't often that Yucker had to leave or pick up anything at either place, and he liked to sail by both stations at top speed, and loaf further down the line to make up for it.

Apperado is a Spanish word, which, in the days when Spain was busy with the conquest of the West Indies and Central America, struck cold terror to the hearts of the Indians.

The people at the station were benumbed with fright. They stared with horror-stricken faces at the oncoming engine as some great demon hurrying to destroy the excursion train with its load of human freight.

On all the dogs as well as the horses the Spaniards looked with fear and reverence. The West Indian savages had not only never seen animals so large, but the fact that both dogs and horses performed tasks and obeyed masters filled the natives with respectful amazement.

brutes was soon, however, turned to detestation and dismay, when the horses' iron-shod hoofs struck down women and children and the dogs were employed in battle.

raisins, how cured, where grown, etc. After a time they became so quiet that she concluded they were asleep, when her little daughter surprised her by suddenly exclaiming, "Well, mamma, I don't want any more raisins if they are raised in Spain!"

It is on record that the first massacre of the inhabitants of Hayti was precipitated by a bloodhound, which a Spanish soldier in wanton cruelty encouraged to attack a group of peaceful natives who were loading a ship.

"I object to that man on the jury," shouted the lawyer for the defense. "On what grounds?" inquired the court. "I'm the man that persuaded him to get married."

When taken into engagements the Spaniards taught their dogs to wear a light armor, as protection against the arrows and spears of the Indians.

"It has always been my anxious endeavor," said the worthy municipal judge upon retiring to private life, "to administer justice without swerving to partiality on the one hand or impartiality on the other."

There were many among these brute fighters who rose, by dint of hard service, high in the Spanish ranks, and many and deeds of some of them come down to us in history.

When George R. Peck first became an attorney for the Santa Fe he went to a small town in western Kansas to argue a case that had been brought against the road for damages to several head of cattle that had been killed.

He was dreaded by the natives and regarded by them as a creature possessing human intelligence. Even the Spanish rulers of the time give him high credit, saying that ten men with Berceirillo were worth 100 men without.

"Are you true?" asked the judge when the lawyer stopped. "Yes, your honor." "You vint de case," said the judge.

It is told of Berceirillo that he easily comprehended all that was said to him and the value of any object.

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EAGER FOR FIGHT.

with as great rejoicings as though he had been the bloodthirsty invader Cortez himself. With a knife of obsidian his neck was severed, his heart cut out, exhibited to the sun and burnt on a stone.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale tells this story about Lowell in The Outlook: "When Lowell was editor of The Atlantic he received a contribution from Thomas Bailey Aldrich, then just starting in his literary career.

"Mamma," asked the little girl, trying to look indifferent, "isn't it almost time to procrastinate my fannels?"

E. B. Dunn, who resigns under protest from the position of chief of the New York weather station, because he does not want to go to the West Indies or Cleveland, O., has been handling the New York weather forecasts for the last fifteen years.

Gertie (returned home)—Mrs. Jones gave me a nice piece of cake. Gertie's Mother—Did you ask for it? Gertie—M-m.

The Chicago Record says that some time ago a young organist secured permission to practice on the big organ in the Auditorium. An elderly man walked in and took a seat a few rows away from the musician.

"I feel like a store with a bargain sale," groaned Tommy as he approached from the direction of the pantry, the immediate surroundings of his mouth being a suspicious dark red.

In making out your wine list don't forget Cook's Imperial Champagne. It is extra dry with a fine bouquet

AMERICA IN THE FAR EAST

A Chinese View of Expansion as a Policy for the United States.

CHINA IS FRIENDLY TO OUR PLANS

The Great Market Which the Celestial Empire Offers and its Desirability for Americans—A Welcome Avails.

Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese minister to the United States, is a wonderfully interesting man. With the exception of Li Hung Chang he is doubtless the ablest and most progressive statesman of Celestial origin who has ever visited the United States.

Minister Wu was educated in England and was the first Chinese gentleman who ever became an English barrister. He visited the United States in 1877 and then returned to Hong Kong, where he established himself as a barrister.

GOSSIP ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

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Field For American Enterprise.

"The prospects for the extension of American trade with China are excellent just at the present time," was Minister Wu's first remark, as he looked up from the perusal of a congressional report.

Chinese Markets Worth Studying.

"Take, for instance, kerosene oil, matches, American flour and American cotton cloth. The trade in American flour is simply immense. No other country seems able to cope with the United States in these articles.

Spirit of Progress in China.

"To appreciate that remark one must thoroughly understand the Chinese character. China to the world at large is an unknown land. Notwithstanding all that has been said and written, the Chinese are a very practical people. They are not moved by the fiery energy of the Anglo-Saxon. They go slow, and hold to the things they have.

A NOBLE WOMAN

Rheumatism had well-nigh Claimed Her as a Sacrifice to this Merciless Demon of Pain.

Sent for a Free Trial Package of Gloria Tonic to Which She Owes Life, Health and Happiness.



MISS EMMA CALLENDER.

Many a woman is on the way to Cuba to succor the wounded who may fall in battle but there are home battles to fight, closer lives to nurture and sustain, for the battle of life is not a matter of expediency alone but one that often calls for self-sacrifice and determination even amidst times of peace.

much like an individual. A man trades where he is best treated. This is human nature the world over, not excepting China. I live in hope that whatever may be the differences between the two countries they will have, as the Chinese desire, to be friendly relations with all the world, and particularly with the United States.

China and the Philippines.

"They are very great. You will appreciate this more strongly when I say that over 100,000 Chinese inhabit these islands. Steamers continually run back and forth between Hong Kong and other Chinese ports and Manila, exchanging the products of the two countries. China has, as you will see, a direct interest in the Philippines. Many of the islands were settled by the Chinese long ago, as a matter of course, aided greatly in their development. It is as if a few thousand or more Americans had emigrated to some islands off the Atlantic or Pacific coast and there built up a remunerative trade with their mother country.

SOME LATE INVENTIONS.

An improved electric arc lamp has two pencils, set at opposite angles to each other of the point of contact, to feed carbon to the lamp. The pencils are connected together in the shape of a V and throwing light to shadow.

300 Spaniards Killed.

If 300 Americans can kill 500 Spaniards in 300 days, how many Americans will it take to kill 100 Spaniards in 100 days? One thousand dollars will be paid to the persons answering the above problem correctly. Many other prizes of value. All of which will be announced in the next issue of Upton's Illustrated Weekly. As a positive guarantee as to my reliability I refer to any object of commercial agency. As the object of offering these prizes is to attract attention to my popular family magazine, each person answering must enclose a return address. Five two-cent stamps (or ten cents silver) for sample number containing full particulars. Send today. To be first is a laudable ambition; you may secure the thousand dollars. Ten dollars in gold will be paid for the best original problem, to be published in a future number. Address, C. M. Upton, 424 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.