

Barney's Redemption

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(Copyright, 1901, by A. W. Whiteford.) Within six hours after the new general manager had issued his famous "dry" order it was the most discussed subject on the division. The first thing the men had to decide was why it had been issued and the reasons. They advanced every almost as varied as the men themselves. Some claimed that it was because he had lost the contract for carrying the Consolidated Brewing company's Kansas and Iowa shipments; others asserted that as positively that it was because he would not believe the "fog" explanation for the last head-end wreck, in which two of the largest compounds on the system had been put out of service, while the balance contented themselves with sarcastic allusions to his "prohibition" motives and his "devotion to principle." But on one point they all seemed to agree and that was that it was entirely too severe.

"To think," said Barney MacDonald, as he stood in the midst of a group of engineers and firemen just outside the round-house office, "we are not even to be allowed to go into a saloon. I wonder where he thinks we intend to go to get our checks cashed? Maybe he intends to furnish a traveling identifier so to enable us to walk into a bank like respectable people and have some young snipe of a clerk ask us to swear that we are the person named on the check. No, sir," he continued emphatically, drawing himself up to the full height of his six feet four, "not a penny myself. I've had my checks cashed in saloons for the last twenty years and I've never been drunk yet and I'll do it again, too, if I feel like it, orders or no orders."

The first wave of excitement had passed and the obnoxious order had been accepted as a fact, speculation became rife as to who would be the first victim, for it was a general order, "fact" that at least the first offenders would get a sharp shift for the sake of example. For the next week or two, therefore, everybody was particularly careful as to where his inclinations led him and if there was any "fibbing" it was done so much on the quiet that not a soul could venture to having "seen" anything.

The first day, however, saw Barney true to his threat. With his check in his hand he walked straight from the pay car to the nearest saloon, called up to the house and defiantly threw down the little piece of paper with the order to "take it out of that." That the local officials took no notice of this was probably due to the fact that they knew he was only bluffing, although it might have been better if they had for with him it was the beginning of the old, old story. Flattery was finally the means of his undoing. The admiration of his companions, either real or pretended, for the boldness he displayed, soon had its effect. Such remarks as, "You're too good a man to be in here. They can't afford to lose you," turned his head.

From a steady and reliable workman he became first careless, and then reckless. Nor was this the worst. To every man who openly admired his nerve or praised him for "holding on to his rights," he considered himself in duty bound to show his daring, until it came to a point where he never made a trip without taking a drink. Some of the cooler headed ones soon saw how things were going and tried to drop word or two in his ear, but he quickly advised them to take as good care of their own business as they did of other people's and then see how much better off they would be. It came at last, however, after an unusually lively afternoon he started out on his usual, but he had gone beyond his limit, and the motion of the engine soon got in his work.

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cloudy at Bristol and clear at the Silent City they hold it cannot be a reflection of Bristol. Prof. Garrett F. Service, writing on this subject, asks: "What must happen if we assume that a mirage can render an English city visible in the air in Alaska?" Bristol lies in latitude about 51 1/2 degrees north and in longitude about 2 1/2 degrees west of Greenwich. The Muir glacier is in latitude about 59 degrees north and in longitude about 136 degrees west of Greenwich. The difference in latitude is considerable, while that in longitude is sufficient to separate them by more than one-third of the way round the earth along a parallel to the equator. But, since they lie so far north, the real distance between them is not one-third of the maximum circumference of the earth, but only about 5,000 miles.

Over this distance, then, it must be assumed that the light proceeding from Bristol passes through the air bent in such a manner that they virtually follow the curvature of the earth, and are then, through some peculiar refractive property of the atmosphere above the glacier, brought to the eyes of the spectator upon its surface. "Now, at the distance of 5,000 miles, the city of Bristol, assuming its diameter to be about two miles, would—if seen directly—appear as a mere speck, barely visible to the eye, if well lighted. In order that its image should be so clearly seen in the mirage, and to enable the spectator to recognize familiar features of the city a strong magnification would have to be effected in the atmosphere as a result of refraction. Such an effect is possible, or at least conceivable.

BOSTON'S BARBER REGULATIONS. Board of Health Orders Sterilization of All that Barbors Use on Customers. A special dispatch from Boston, May 5, 1901, the New York Sun gives as new regulations of the Boston Board of Health as to barber shops: "Mugs, shaving brushes and razors shall be sterilized after each separate use thereof. A separate, clean towel shall be used for each person. Material to stop the flow of blood shall be used only in cases where it is absolutely necessary. Wherever Newbro's 'Herpicide' is used on a face or scalp after shaving or hair cutting there is no danger, as it is antiseptic and kills the dandruff germ.

Table and Kitchen Practical Suggestions About Food and the Preparations of It.

Table with columns for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Supper. Includes items like Malted Cereal, Grilled Tomatoes, Poached Eggs, Milk, Creamed Sweetbreads, Berry Pie, Chilled Melon, Baked Potatoes, etc.

Singing the Praises of the Nation's Breakfast Tiptoe. Among all the poets good and bad and no one, my little brown Arabian berry, had sung thy praise. A cup of hot coffee seems most fitting to serve at breakfast, even in warm weather, and for this universal custom we may find an excuse other than mere pleasantness of the taste. If we desire, for sake of argument, we may give a scientific reason. In the early morning the skin is more active, while the action of the heart is more feeble. The coffee increases the heart action, fullness of the pulse and also excites the motor membrane.

Once a Day is Sufficient. In good health, with a sufficient quantity of other satisfying foods, it is not needful to serve coffee except on the morning meal. In fact, it were wise economy to dispense with it at other times. But the flavor of well-made coffee is so tempting and the immediate effects so pleasant there are few who will not yield to a mild stimulant. It is taken for the luncheon or after-dinner cup of coffee. Even in hot weather.