

In Kansas.

"It's a bleak day when bleeding Kansas can't produce something a little ahead," concluded the old man as he buttoned his beard inside his coat before going out into the wind. "Got all them things in my wagon, Henery?"

"All but the shoe-polish, Mr. Davis," said the storekeeper. "We hain't much call for shoe-polish in Waubunsee, and we sort of let ourselves run out of polish."

"Hold on a minute, old man," interrupted the drummer from St. Louis. "What's Kansas done since Funston happened?"

"Wal, my boy Webster has kinder dabbled in science, you know ever since he got that janitorship up at State University, and he writes me that up there they've discovered another thorn in the crown that's pressed on our brows, as Bryan tells the pops hereabouts. This time they've discovered that our great state has got to grapple with a potato-bug that's become poison proof. It warn't so long ago that every farmer could go out in the morning with a bucket of Paris green and a light heart and sprinkle and protect his patch. Every time a bug got a dose of Paris green, his little hands grew cold, his feet curled around his stomach, his tongue turned black, and he was a dead bug. But gradually, says Webster, the constitution of successive generations of green-fed bugs have become hardened to the poison, till at last the bugs are born with a craving for Paris green and cry till they get it. Nowadays a bug wakes up dull and listless, with a jumping nerve and a gone feeling in the pit of its striped stomach, and hardly life enough to crawl to where the farmer has been sprinkling the morning poison. But one sip makes a new bug of him, and he gallops merrily around the vines, eating where he listeth. Webster, however, tells me that by next season it will be fatal to the bugs to stop using Paris green, now that they have come to lean so on it. It's like a man with the morphine habit—stop the drug, and he is a goner in horrible agony. Some morning I am going to lie in bed till nine o'clock and let every bug in the patch have a fatal paroxysm."—Caroline Lockhart in May Lippincott.

A Choice of Evils.

"There was a man once 'at lost a leg, and for a long time afterwards he went stumpin' round on a hick'ry peg. One day Elder Harkins asked him why he didn't go to Brother Brigham Young and have his leg restored.

"D'you s'pose he c'n do it?" said old Peg-leg's quick's a wink. "Do it! Why of course he can do it, and glad of the chance to show his power," the elder said. "I wonder you hadn't thought of it before." Well, you may be sure Peg lost no time in gettin' thar after that. And what d'you s'pose Brother Brigham said? Why, he said of course he could make a new leg, jest's good a leg as the one that was miss'n', but before he supplied the lost member he was in honor bound to tell Peg-leg something that he considered very serious. Says he, "If I make a new leg for you to use in this life, it will be a part of you, and after you die it will be resurrected along with the rest of your body when the last trumpet blows."

"All right, all right," Peg-leg put in, "that's jest what I want."

"But hold on," Brother Brigham said, "that hain't all of it. Both of the legs you were born with will be resurrected also, and you'll have to take your choice between goin' with one leg in this world or havin' three in the next!" —Mrs. J. K. Hudson in the June "New Lippincott."

CLUBS.

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