

The Limekiln Club.

"I hev bin deeply pained," began Brother Gardner, as he slowly rose up and stood with his hands under his coat-tails—"I hev been deeply pained at cummin' across fresh evidences to show dat de cullud man am mentally wabbling about instead of walkin' right ahead in de middle ob de road. Two weeks ago to-night I was in a store when Brudder Waydown Bebee cum in dar an' got measured for three shirts an' ordered dat dey be made to button behind. He didn't see me, an' I was so paralyzed dat I couldn't hev spoken to him if he had. All my life I has bought unbleached cotton at six cents a yard an' had de ole woman make my shirts, an' dey was shirts same as George Washington, Henry Clay an' Abraham Linkum wore. De shirt dat buttoned in front, wid buttons costin' six cents a dozen, has been good nuff fer poets, warriors an' statesmen. De home-made shirt passed de Declarashun of Independence. It won liberty for dis nashun. It ol'ared forests an' plowed de prairies an' laid de foundashun fur our present greatness. De ideah dat de time has arrove when a pusson airnin' seben dollars a week an' hev'in' only one lung left to breathe with feels dat he must hev twelve shillun' shirts to be in de swim jes takes my breath away!

"A few nights ago I met Brudder Elder Toots in a drug store. De elder am an ole man. Anyone to look at him would say dat he was sot to stay sot. I hev allus considered him a man without any foolishness, an' you can imagine my surprise when he boldly inquired fur scented soap, vaseline, cole cream an' tooth powder. He actually turned away from a 10 cent tooth-brush an' took one at 25! Did George Washington inqur' fur scented soap befo' he crossed de Delawar? Did Patrick Henry hold a bottle of vaseline in his hand when he closed dat memorable speech by saying: 'Gin me liberty or gin me death?' Did Abraham Linkum go an' brush his teeth wid pink powder befo' signing dat emancipashun declarashun? Shakespeare, Byron an' Milton cleaned deir teeth with a rag tied to a stick, but our Elder Toots must fill his mouf wid Paris powder an' grease up his paws like a duke! Doan' make no diff'rance dat he's got a big family an' doan' work half de time—he's got to be in style!

"Whar am Brudder Shindig Watkins to-night? I answer dat he am home an' in bed, an' de doctor says his backbone am two inches outer plumb. I was workin' in my garden de udder day when Brudder Watkins cum in to see me. He leaned up agin' de fence an' talked, an' by an' by he sprung it ou me. What d'ye spose dat pusson wanted? Wanted to borry fo' dollars to get a par' o' shoes—patent leather shoes—an' another dollar to buy two pa'rs o' red summer socks. My fren's, I didn't 'pear to breathe fur three minits. Den my bref cum wid a rush, an' I picked up Brudder Watkins an' frowed him ober a nine-fut fence on to a heap o' bricks.

"My ole woman was token sick de odder night, an' I went ober to de cabin of Giveadam Jones to borry a leetle ginger. Brudder Jones has allus 'peared to me to be a solid, sensible man, an' I couldn't skassy believe dat I was awake when I looked around dat house. Dar was a cuckoo clock, same as de President of de United States goes to bed by. Dar was three stuf cheers, a bust of Napoleon, a futool dat nebbet cost less'n fifty cents, an' right on de floor, bein' stepped on by all de fam'ly a dozen times a day, was a rug dat cost \$8! When Mr. Fulton invented de steamboat, did he hev his feet on an \$8 rug? When Sir Isaac Newton diskivered crativity, did he hev a cuckoo clock cuckoo'in' to him? When General Taylor fit an' licked de Mexicans, did he sot on a stuf cheer an' direct his battles?"

"But dat was not all, my fren's. I got a peep into de spar' bedroom an' beheld shamholders on de bed an' a canopacious canopy above it, same as de kings of Europe. Dar was a red tablecloth on de table, an album fit for a queen lyin' around an' all de knives an' forks had hand'ns on 'em. Brudder Jones works in a woodyard fur \$9 a week an' has a wife an' eight chillen, but he must be in de swim! I knowed one time last winter when he went wid-out socks in order to buy a soup dish wid two reg'lar handles to it!

"My fren's, I have mentioned only three or fo' instances out o' a dozen I could name. It makes me sick at heart to see dese things. If de time has arrove in de history of de cull'd man when he has got to sot down on stuf cheers, dangle his hoofs on \$8 rugs an' be sung to sleep by cuckoo clocks, den de sooner I am called to go de better. It's ahead of my time, an' I can't ketch up to it. I hain't goin' to say no mo' 'bout it, but I want it understood right yere and now dat de man who am in de swim hain't better cum to my house to borrow money. 'Bout de time he gets frow splain' to me dat he has got to hev \$6 to get a set o' silk underclothes to w'ar to de baseball game I shell light down on him an' make him wish he had nebbet bin bo'n. We will now go home."

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By order of the Board of Health.
A. WILSON, M. D.,
Medical Health Officer
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Most persons of an observing turn of mind are aware of the fact that there are several species of insects, says the *St. Louis Republic*, that will continue to live without seeming inconvenience for some time after decapitation; exact knowledge of the length of time which the various species of insects would survive such mutilation being somewhat vague.

Prof. Conestrini once undertook a series of experiments with a view of determining that and other facts in relation to the wonderful vitality of such creatures. In each case the head was smoothly removed with a pair of thin-bladed forceps, and when spontaneous movements of the wings and legs ceased he employed sundry irritating devices, such as pricking, squeezing and blowing tobacco smoke over the insect. As a result of these experiments he ascertained that members of the beetle family at once showed signs of suffering, while such as the ants, bees, wasps, etc., remained for hours unaffected. Some which seemed stunned from the effects of the operation recovered after a time, and continued to live and enjoy a headless existence for several days. Butterflies and moths seemed but little affected by the guillotining process, and the common flies (diptera) appeared to regard the operation as a huge joke.

"The common house fly," says our experimenter, "appeared to be in full possession of his senses (rather paradoxical, when in all probabilities the cauary had swallowed head, sense and all) 36 hours afterwards."

The bodies of some species of butterflies survived as long as 18 days after the head had been removed, but the head itself seldom showed signs of life longer than six hours after decapitation. In the general summary of these huge experiments we are informed that the last signs of life were manifested either in the middle or last pair of legs; and that the myriopods showed great tenacity of life "and appeared wholly indifferent to the loss of their heads."

Remarkable Trees.

On the Canary Island grows a fountain tree, a tree most needed in some parts of the island. It is said that the leaves constantly distil enough water to furnish drink to every living creature in Hiero, nature having provided this remedy for the drought of the island. Every morning, near this part of the island, a cloud or mist arises from the sea, which the wind forces against the steep cliff on which the tree grows, and it is from the mist that the tree distills the water. China, too, claims her remarkable tree. This is known as the tallow tree, so called from the fact of its producing a substance like tallow, and which serves the same purpose, is of the same consistence, color and smell. On the Island of Lewchew grows a tree about the size of a common cherry tree, which possesses the peculiarity of changing the color of its blossoms. At one time the flower assumes the tint of the lily, and again shortly takes the color of the rose. In Thibet there is a curious tree known as the tree of the thousand images; its leaves are covered with well defined characters of the Thibetan alphabet. It is of great age and the only one of its kind known there. The caobab tree is considered one of the most wonderful of the vegetable kingdom. It appears that nothing can kill this tree; hence it reaches an astonishing age as well as an enormous size. The natives make a strong cord from the fibres of the bark; hence the trees are continually barked, but without damage, as they soon put forth a new bark. It appears impervious to fire, and even the axe is resisted, as it continues to grow in length while it is lying on the ground. In Mexico there is a plant known by the name of Palo de Leche. It belongs to the family of euphorbia. The Indians throw the leaves into the water, and the fish become stupefied and rise to the surface and are then caught by the natives. In this case the effect of the narcotic soon passes off. The milk of this plant thrown upon the fire gives out fumes that produce nausea and headache. The milk taken internally is a deadly poison; it will produce death or insanity, according to the size of the dose. There is a popular belief among the lower class in Mexico that the insanity of the ex-Empress Carlotta was caused by this poison.—*San Jose Mercury.*

The largest farm in the States is situated in Louisiana, it being 100 miles one way and 25 the other. The fencing alone cost \$50,000.

A gold-weighting machine in the Bank of England is so sensitive that a postage stamp dropped on the scale will turn the index on the dial a distance of six inches.

The driest place in the world is that part of Egypt between the two lower falls of the Nile. Rain has never been known to fall there, and the inhabitants do not believe travelers when told that water can fall from the sky.