

**Br'er Sundown White.**

FUNERAL ORATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LIMEKILN CLUB.

"In announcin' de death of Brudder Sundown White, which took place las' week," said Brother Gardner, as he arose at the last meeting of the Limekiln Club, "I wish to state dat he was no hero. He was not known by sight or name to fifty people in all dis world. Probably de greatest thing he eber did in all his life was to stop a runaway mawl. Nobody heard of him in connectshun wid Congris, de Legislachur, de Common Council or any odder public offis. He nebber published a book, wrote a song nor delibered a lecktur. I doubt if he eber took laughin' gas, rode on a lectric street kyar or had a chimblly on his house burn out. He was jist a plain, eberyday sort of man, an' strangers passed him by widout a second look. A few of us in dis club, but only a few, knowed him fur what he was—a man of hess sense.

"Brudder White didn't know nuffin' 'bout de pyramids of Egypt, but he was de pusson who diskibered dat salt would make cabbages head up a week airtler dan usual.

"He nebber read fo' lines of poetry in all his bo'n days, an' yit in one brief y'ar he found three plugs of terbacker, two jack-knives an' a \$5 bill on de sidewalk.

"He nebber saw Niagara Falls nor heard de roarin' of de sea, an' yit de white man who loaded twenty different sticks of wood wid powder an' left 'em on his pile couldn't blow Brudder White up. He got his supply from de bottom of de woodpile.

"Dat man had nebber taken a book on philosophy in his hand, an' yit he reasoned it out dat de man who paid cash down for his goods got no cheaper prices dan de deadbeat.

"Brudder White didn't know de meanin' of de word 'persuasive,' an' yit, when I found him fillin' a bag wid my cowcumbers one dark night, he made me believe dat he reckoned he was in a white man's tater patch two miles away.

"It has bin said dat he was neither a luv'in' husband nor an affeckshunate fadder. Dat was a matter of philosophy wid him. He reasoned it out dat de mo' yo' luv yo'r wife de mo' new bonnets she wants, an' de mo' affeckshunate yo' am to yo'r chill'en de faster deir shoes w'ar out. 'Pears to me he was perfectly k'rect in dat. Should I go home to night an' kiss my ole woman an' ax her how her lame back got 'long, she'd jist stand up an' want a new pa'r of yaller shoes an' blue stockin's to match.

"On many oocashuns de late lamented was axed to decide disputes 'bout Jonah an' de whale an' Dan'l in de lion's den. He nebber cum to no deishun. He knowed dat if he decided dat de whale swallered Jonah he'd sartily lose one friend, an' if he said dat Dan'l wasn't skeered when he found hissself among de lions, den somebody would steal his whitewash pail an' brushes to git eben. When de dispute got red hot, Brudder White would try an' turn de subjick to dreams an' ghosts an' cool eberybody down.

"While he didn't say much, he observed an' reasoned. If, in walkin' around, he cum across a sign of 'No admittance,' he walked right in an' asked de reason why an' all 'bout it. Dat saved him from gwine home an' wonderin' if it was a powder factory or de city hall. When he cum to a railrode an' de sign of 'Look out fur de ingine,' he reasoned dat de sign was put up wid an objick in view. He'd wait around dar an' look out if it took him all day.

"Brudder White didn't pay as much pew rent as some, but he paid it ebery day an' in advance. Ebery mawnin' of his life fur y'ars past he walked ober to de cabin of de church treasurer an' laid down his nickel, an' if dey hev any finanshul panie in dat odder land de hardupness can't be laid to him. He was, as I may say right heah, de only pusson dat I eber knowed in all dis world who was willin' to advance de lawd 35 cents a week an' nebber ask fur a receipt.

"He couldn't hev told yo' nuffin' 'bout Shakespeare, but if yo' lent him yo'r wheelbarrow it allus cum home all right an' widout any fish scales or chicken feeders stickin' to de handles. I once axed him who diskibered America, an' he stuck to it dat it was a pusson named Jones, an' yit I lent him \$2 dat day, and he paid it back befo' Saturday night. If he had any pertickler weakness of character, it was perhaps his habit of gwine to de possoffis an' axin' fur mail. He went dar reg'larly three times a day for twenty y'ars, an' nebber got a letter. Dat shouldn't be laid up agin' him, however, but accepted as proof of his perseverance. He was bound to git dat letter or perish, an' he finally perished. Few will notice his absence or mourn his loss, an' yit he filled his niche. De usual emblem of mournin' will be displayed fur de usual length of time, an' in closin' his account wid dis club de secretary will write de words, 'Jist a common man to sorter ebick in among odder folks in heaven.'"

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**Interesting Animal Athletics.**

The ant, whose brain is larger, comparatively speaking, than that of any other known creature, spends its leisure hours in wrestling, running and other athletic sports. Pierre Huber, son of Francis Huber, the celebrated "blind naturalist," tells the following remarkable story concerning sports among ants:

"I approached one day to the territory of some wood ants, exposed to the sun and sheltered from the north. The ants were heaped upon one another in great numbers, appearing to struggle the temperature of the surface of the nest. None of them were at work, and the immense multitude of insects presented the appearance of a liquid in a state of ebullition, upon which the eye could scarcely be fixed without great difficulty, but when I examined the conduct of each ant I saw that they were approaching each other, each moving his antennæ with astonishing rapidity, each patting the cheek of one of his fellows. After these preliminaries, which very much resembled caressing, they were observed to raise themselves upright on their hind legs by pairs, struggle together, seize each other by mandible, foot or antennæ, and then immediately relax their hold, only to renew the attack again in a moment.

"They would fasten to each other's shoulders, embrace, and wrestle, overthrow each other, then raise themselves by turns, each taking revenge without producing any serious mischief. They did not spurt out their venom as they do in their real combats, nor retain their hold upon their opponents with such obstinacy. I have seen some so eager in these exercises that they would pursue and vanquish several in succession, only struggling with each a few seconds.

"In one place two ants appeared to be gamboling about a stalk of straw, turning alternately to avoid or seize each other, which forcibly brought to my recollection the sport and pastime of young dogs, when they are observed to rise on their hind legs, attempting to bite, overthrow or seize each other, without once closing their teeth."

Mr. Huber tells of other queer habits of ants, such as their running of races, carrying each other on their backs, etc., characteristics which certainly prove that they are endowed with a very high degree of intelligence.—*New York Sun.*

**How Hindoos Use Their Toes.**

"Strangers in India," said Professor E. P. Worthington, of Boston, to a St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* reporter, "are usually a good deal surprised at the curious ability possessed by the Hindoos to use their feet and toes in various industrial occupations. In the native quarters of the towns it is no uncommon sight to see a butcher seize a piece of meat in his hands, and cut it in two with a stroke of his knife held between the first and second toes of his foot. The shoemaker uses no last, but turns the unfinished shoes with his feet, while his hands are busy in shaping it. The carpenter also holds the board he is cutting with his great toe, and the wood-turner uses his tools as well with his toes as with his hands. The use of the feet to assist the hands in their labor is not the result of practice, but, as investigators have proved, is principally due to the fact that the Hindoo foot is quite different from ours in its anatomical conformation. The ankle of the Hindoo and the articulation at the back of the foot permit considerable lateral motion. Then the toes possess a surprising mobility and can be moved freely in all directions. The articulation of the hip is also peculiar, and this renders it possible to use the toes in handling objects by enabling the Hindoo to sit in a squatting position much more comfortably than we can do."

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The apparatus for keeping the eye moist is complex and efficient. It comprises the lachrymal gland, which secretes the tears; the lachrymal caruncle, a small fleshy body at the inner angle of the eye; the puncta lachrymæ, two small openings at the nasal extremity of the eyelids; the lachrymal ducts, which convey tears into the nose, and the lachrymal sac, a dilatation of the canal.