

Modern Fables.

THE WOLVES AND THE PEASANT.

One day two Wolves met on the edge of a Peasant's field, and after the usual greeting one of them observed: "I noticed the Peasant digging here awhile ago, and I presume he was after taters."

"More likely he was after turnips," observed the other.

"I'm sure it was taters."

"And I'll bet 'most anything it was turnips."

"Humph!" How cheeky in you to set yourself up as an agriculturist!

"And what do you know about crops?"

"Say, boy, don't stroke me the wrong way!"

"And don't you put on any airs over me!"

"Look here!" exclaimed the Wolf who had said taters, "I don't take back talk from any such hybrid as you are."

"And the mongrel who sasses me had better look out!" replied the one who had declared for turnips.

"You are a blow hard!"

"And you are a liar!"

And with that they pitched into each other tooth and toe-nail and fought with desperation; and, as they dashed about, the earth suddenly gave way and dropped both of them into the pit which the Peasant had prepared for their capture.

"Durn your hides, but you won't kill any more sheep for me!" chuckled the Peasant, as he rose up from behind a stump with his shotgun.

"It was neither taters nor turnips," observed the Fox who had been looking through the fence and heard and seen all; "and this is another proof that when ignorance and obstinacy quarrel with themselves somebody else gets all the advantage of it."

THE HARE AND THE SAGE.

Once upon a time the Hare went to the Sage with tears in his eyes and began:

"Oh, Sage, my feelings are being hurt from day to day, and I have come to beg a great favor of you."

"Well, what is it?" the Sage asked in reply.

"The Bugs and Birds make fun of me, oh, Sage, because I am bobtailed. It was not half an hour ago that the Beetle referred to me as a bobtailed Bobby from Bobbysville."

"And what wouldst thou?"

"I want a tail, the same as the Coon and Possum and Woodchuck."

"Um! Better think the matter over for a week or so."

"I have given it much thought, oh, Sage, and my tale is that I want a tail."

"Well, don't blame me if things do not turn out right. Presto, change, and you are no longer a bobtail!"

The Hare started home with her tail dragging behind her, and was feeling very proud and vain when a Fox espied her and gave chase. She reached her burrow and dived into it; but, alas, her tail stuck out, and he seized her, dragged her forth and devoured her.

Let well enough alone, whether it's long tail or bobtail.---*Detroit Free Press.*

What She Charged.

Every one finds it difficult in St. Louis to obtain reliable help. A colored woman named Matilda Snowball answered an advertisement which called for a woman to do a day's washing.

"So you will come to the house and wash?" asked the lady of the house.

"Yes, mum."

"What are your terms for a day's washing?"

"When I comes in de mawning I gets a dram ob whisky, and about 7 breakfas, wid coffee an' cakes an' beef-steak an' sich, an' about 10 I has a pint ob beer an' some crackers an' cheese, an' dat does me till lunch; an' arter lunch I works erlong until dinner, when I has soup an' ros' beef an' chickens an' pertaters an' termatuses an' inyuns an' sich, an' I allers has puddin' an' pies an' ice cream for dessert. Erbout free o'clock I has corfee or tea an' some fruits an' cakes, an' dat does me until supper. Deu, when I leabs, I gits er \$2 bill."

"Say," interrupted the lady of the house, "how much would you charge just to feed all day long?"---*New York World.*

"I suppose," said a pessimistic young man, reported by the Cleveland Leader, "that you would never speak to me again if I were to kiss you."

"Oh, George," said the adored one, who had no use for pessimism, "why don't you get over the habit of always looking at the dark side of things?"

Mamma—I'm afraid young Wilder won't make you a good husband, Clara.

Clara—Why not, mamma?

Mamma—It seems to me that he rather neglects his personal appearance.

Clara—Yes, that's true, mamma, and I'm glad you mentioned it. I'll see that he makes his personal appearance here every evening after this instead of only twice a week.

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