


Old John Horner.
 About two o'clock yesterday afternoon a house painter, swinging on a scaffold attached to a high building on Woodward avenue, heard some one calling upon him to come down. Thinking it was the owner of the block, he descended and met a wrinkled old chap who was holding an ancient umbrella over his head.
 "Is your name Duke?" inquired the old man in a soft voice.
 "No, sir," was the reply. "My name is Ogden."
 "There it is, you see?" cackled the stranger. "Your name isn't Duke because it is Ogden. A painter can never come to my attention. If your name was not Ogden it would be Duke."
 "Did you want to see me?" asked the painter.
 "Nominally, yes. Did you ever devote any time to the study of philosophy?"
 "Philosophy be hanged!" growled the painter. "If you didn't want me what did you call me down here for?"
 "You now illustrate another principle," chuckled the old man. "Why do you bet my vocation? Simply because you are wicked. Let us go back 1800 years, to the first principles of mind formation."
 "You'd better go back to the lunatic asylum!" muttered the painter.
 "Why are lunatic asylums necessary?" asked the old man. "Because we have lunatics. Why do we have lunatics?"
 "Don't talk to me," replied the painter, starting to enter the building.
 "Why do we talk?" inquired the quaint old character, leaning the doorway. "I talk because I have a voice. Fish do not talk, and why not?"
 "I don't want any more fooling around!" exclaimed the painter, trying to pull the old man out of his way.
 "We will go back to what is known as the stone age," said the stranger, spitting on his hands as if he meant to resist. "Did you ever reflect that you might have been a hill or a valley as well as a man? Suppose you had been a hill! What would have been your policy?"
 "Just about this!" gasped the painter, as he got a collar-bolt and jerked with all his might.
 "I sometimes think," said the old man, as he kicked the painter in the stomach twice in succession, "that man may have descended from earth. I may have been a hill, you a knoll, that man over there a glade."
 There was a pause for a minute, as the painter bit his lip on the mouth. He retaliated by a left hander on the nose and receiving a hold on the painter's hair, he held him against the wall and went on:
 "Why do we fight? Because we are mad! Go back to the days of Adam and let us see how madness came to exist."
 They were about half-way back there when a policeman came along and collared the old philosopher and marched him off. He was recorded as John Horner, and, as he was placed in the cell, he remarked:
 "Why this prison jug? Because we have jugglers. Let us retrace our steps to the drift period and discover who was first incarcerated in a cooler."
 The painter looked after the old coon as he walked off, and giving his bleeding nose another wipe, he said:
 "If that's what they call philosophy I'm going into training to-morrow morning!"
Women Always the Same.
 "Hannah," pleaded a weak voice, "don't swear ag'in me!"
 "Oh, won't I though, you brute!" responded a shrill female tongue. "I'll learn you better to come a-bruisin' home at two in the mornin'."
 "But I didn't do nothin'!"
 "That's it: you never do nothin'; you sling your time away a-foolin' about the streets and wearin' your pants off on barrels and goods-boxes waitin' for somethin' to turn up, instead of gettin' around and turnin' somethin' up; while I'm kept at home a-washin', and a-mendin', and a-nursin' Tommy, an' he a-testin'!"
 "Is poor little Tommy testin'?"
 "Three a-comin' below and two above."
 "Poor little Tommy!"
 "Don't cry, John."
 "But I can't help it, Hannah. Five little white teeth a-comin', and I won't be there when they come."
 "Won't be there, John?"
 "No, Hannah. You've had me switched up for disturbin' the peace, and that is thirty days in the 'boose."
 "Don't take on so, John. I'll go to 'hoose with you and take Tommy along."
 "Say you won't swear ag'in me, Hannah."
 "I won't, John."
 "Come to my arms, old gal! I'll buy you a new calico dress, and we'll go to the fireworks on the Fourth of July. Tommy shall have a rubber ring and a bottle of syrup, and you'll come to my arms, Hannah!"
 Here the husband drew the little woman over the railing and frantically kissed her, while Tommy set up a jubilee of crying; and soon after John was discharged "for want of evidence."


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