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The Dullest Dude.

An Epistle from Boston Rather Astonishes Bill Jackson, of Texas.

'Talk about dudes,' said a Texas stockman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train last night, 'but a leech the dullest dood-I ever seen was a fellow that came down from Boston into our Kentry a year ago last September.'

'He didn't stay in Texas long, I guess,' said a little man in a silk hat. 'Yes, he's there now.'

'I thought they wouldn't let a dude live in Texas.'

'Well, I'll tell you how it was: we come to let him stay. He come down there with his peaked boots on his light trousers and his yellow kid gloves, an' a finkin' more style than a new congressman on the Fourth of July, an' a tellin' folks that his doctor said he'd got the consumption an' 'd have to live in a warm climate.'

'Ab, yes, of course, you pitted the poor fellow,' said Dick, 'an' that was all right.' 'Not exactly that, but, as I was sayin', he along his style like a Mormon walkin' by a United States marshal's office. Well, one night he come into a saloon where a lot of us was drinkin', an' he steps up to the bar an' says: 'Aw—I say, bamb-tahmb, give me a trife of aw wa'm lemonade.' Bill Jackson snorted right out, an' then says: 'You, you!' 'Yes, you,' says Dick.

'What Shall Children Read?' Are teachers and parents asking daily this question? The power of reading! Is it possible to estimate its force? All the pupils above the age of nine years, and many, especially girls, at a younger age, are not able to read, but are hungry for reading-matter. We asked a bag of this-bird recently if he read much. He thought he did, and on being told what books his hours for the last two weeks had been spent upon, he said: 'I read the Bible and four dime novels. Guard against the school library. A young person is made to enjoy good reading, as easily as to enjoy snuff. Teachers cannot do all, but parents and teachers can do the whole. Guard well the reading of the Bible and white. It makes a difference.'

was the only player among us, and she but an indifferent one, such a musician was a great treat.

'Dick came down to take tea on Sunday, as he generally did, and then he met our new boarder.'

'Um, um—yes, to be sure!' said Dick, stroking his mustache with a thoughtful air. 'Very bad, Mary! Very bad! And your pretty little widow is the only one who wants to leave, you say?'

'Yes, and I don't want any one to leave with such a stain on our house, Dick.'

'Why, Dick! are you mad?' I said. 'Neither mad nor deluded, my dear little woman,' said Dick, coolly. 'But I have a little theory about this thing, Mary, and if you will let me work it out I may help you. I must have my own way, though. Got errands to do this morning?'

'I was too worried to attend to any shopping for myself, but I remembered pretty Mrs. Graham's lace and answered: 'Yes, one.'

'Can you match this?' I asked of the polite shopman who stepped out. 'I wish to purchase some more of it.'

He took the bit of lace, and I noticed a queer look come over his face. I also saw two or three of the young men draw near, and eye me curiously, and I began to feel embarrassed.

Pearls of Thought. When flattery is unsuccessful, it is but the fault of the flatterer.

