

GOIN' BAREFOOT

It's lots of fun in summer, when a fellow's goin' barefoot. Straddle his yer feet, an' sockles in the dirt. There's a sort of glorious feeling when yer feet are free from care. So's you can lend and twist them till they hurt and then when they're Sittin' lookin' at 'em when they're bakin' in the heat. But the joy is soon all ended when at night yer ma a-callsin' "Now, son, come and wash yer feet."

MUST LAUGHTER DIE

In the words of a popular humorist, "Some one is always taking the joy out of life." Now comes an eminent philosopher to tell us that the time is coming when the human race will laugh no more. Primitive man, he says, did not know enough to laugh, since wit or appreciation of the humorous involves a considerable amount of intelligence. He thought the future will know too much to laugh.

TO BE A BOY AGAIN

To knit my stockings together by the strings. To wind my stockings into them and down the dusty roads I knew in by-gone springs. To keep my feet from getting so sore, bruised, to loiter on the bridge across the run, to never since has life seemed half so sweet. A writhing worm hung on a bent pin hook. A cotton airing, would catch the breeze. And lure the finest beauties from the brook.

TELLING HIS FATHER

Breaking bad news is a sad piece of work at best, from which even the bravest man shrinks. The truth cannot always be softened; all that may be possible is to lessen the suddenness of the shock, as did the captain in the pathetic incident related in the New York Times. When a steamer from Singapore warped into the pier the other day, a man hurried on board and sought out the skipper with an expectant smile.

HE GOT THE CHEAPEST

Old Hiram Pincheon was a born trader, and a penny pincher besides. He was never willing to pay the price of anything he wanted, and all the shopkeepers at the village dreaded to see him enter their stores. One day he did a little trading at Nelson's shoe store. He tried on a dozen pairs of boots, but could find nothing that suited him. He was looking at a pair of shoes when he saw a pair of sixpenny shoes. He bought them, and he was very satisfied with them.

NOT ONE OF THE COMMANDMENTS

While Thaddeus Stevens was in Congress, as the Washington Star has the story, he had a Southern cook, who never failed to take him to the intertemporal in language that was one of his fallings. One day he accidentally fell a tray of dishes. Stevens, harrish, the crash of chinaware, lost his temper and his command of his tongue.

WASN'T WORTH IT

A small boy strolled into the drug store and said: "Give me a necktie worth of soap." The pharmacist said: "The drugist wrapped it up and gave it to the boy." "Charge it," said the boy. "What name?" asked the drugist. "Humfunkle," was the answer. "Take it for nothing," said the drugist. "I wouldn't write 'Humfunkle' and 'Humfunkle' for a necktie."

(the) butcher at once declared his intention of being present and taking a share in the contest. As he owned the hold, L. second-courtesy he put him in first.

Well, so much for the game of cricket which we boys played when Archie and Robert Hematree lived in the city. I would have liked very much to have seen Archie bow, especially as I haven't seen him, nor had he seen Acton for sixty years.

Those were the days! Rare days, sweet days and good. The creek sang songs, and their each song was new; Birds sang new songs in every shady wood.

Those years have given me some things. Have gathered from the years that a mad puzzle or at the delightful absurdities of Sir John Falstaff or Mr. Samuel Weller.

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NEWS FROM ACTON, OVERSEAS
Items of Interest Appearing in the Acton Gazette of July 5.

The Acton Borough Band conducted a concert at a public square on Saturday evening. A representative party of members and friends participated on Sunday in the annual regatta of the Acton Conservative Club.

Saturday night was a bad night for drunks at Acton, no fewer than four having been taken to the hospital and one to the Acton Police Court on Monday.

At Acton Police Court on Tuesday, John Bryant, a carman, of Gloucester-road, was fined for being drunk and disorderly in High-street.

Mr. F. Cok, B. Rosemont-road, Acton, who has large interests in the leather industry, has just returned from a business tour, making upwards of seven weeks, in the United States.

Mr. J. W. Currie, "Rosemead," Lynton-road, Acton, who attended at Duchingham Palace on Monday, for several years as C.B.E. Mr. Currie has been an Acton resident for 25 years.

A woman who had a claim against an orphan at a tenant at Acton Police Court on Monday, said that she and her husband and a girl of 17 and a boy of 14 were all sleeping in one room.

A photograph of Mr. S. Lord (borough treasurer of Acton) who is now president of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants, appeared in last week's issue of the "Municipal Journal."

St. Mary's (Acton) Parochial Magazine, which is publishing extracts from the parish registers, has the following must be up in years. Hope that he comes I'll see him, but he'll have to be here in less than sixty years if I do.

Progress is being made with the scheme for the improvement of Acton Baths, and a tender for the carrying out the work will be recommended for acceptance at the meeting of the Acton Town Council.

Sir Herbert and Lady Neill, Sir Harry and Lady British and Major and Mrs. Salton were among those present at a reception given at the Hotel Cecil on Monday evening by the Acton Town Council.

An anonymous donor has presented a carpet for the sanctuary and chancel of the Acton Parish Church.

Three ladies were fined, each at Acton Police Court, on Wednesday for playing banker at Bollo-lane.

The executive of the Acton Liberal Association is not satisfied with the result in the election, and is perfectly understood that the aving of the pendulum was due to local causes.

Under the auspices of the Old Actonians' Association, the Upper School Literary Society is arranging a musical and dramatic entertainment to be given in the Central Hall, Acton, on the 18th inst.

Weekly Fashion Hint
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