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How the Shrewd Peasant Saved His Cow's Skin-The Lamb Does a Favor For the Fox and Goat-The' Wise King and the Steep Hill.

By M. QUAD. [Copyright, 1912, by Associated Literary Press.

NE day the peasant found his cow dead in the field, and his lamentations soon brought the lion, the bear, the wolf, the hyena and the jackal around him to offer consolation. Each one of them had observed that it was too, too bad, and that he stood ready to render any assistance in his power, when the peasant ceased his wailing and remarked:

"Although my cow is dead and the loss is great, I must bestir me to save her hide. By selling that I can somewhat reduce my loss."

The various animals licked their chops and agreed with him, and he looked around and continued:

"I shall have to go to my hut for my knife, and meanwhile which of you shall I leave in charge of the carcass?" The lion at once called attention to his well known record of honesty and



FOUND HIS COW DEAD IN THE FIELD.

good faith, and he was followed by all the others in turn, and when the last had spoken the peasant said:

"Since you are all so honest it would be invidious to select a single one over the others. I will therefore leave the whole lot of you in charge."

This he did, and upon his return found things as he had left them. Every beast cried out its faithfulness and demanded its recognition, but as the peasant flourished his knife and made ready for work he said:

"Had there been one of you the carcass would have been eaten and the hide rendered worthless before my return. It was in watching each other that you were compelled to be honest, and therefore none deserves reward."

Moral.-The peasant might have let them quarrel over the tail and the horns, but it's a sure thing that the man who is watched most closely is the most honest.

The Fox and the Goat. It happened that the Fox and the

Goat met behind the stables one day, the Goat observed: "My dear Fox, you came just in

Wolves about."

what way can I be of service to you?" goin' t' deliber'tly bite his tongue off." "If you will only cross the field to -Philadelphia Public Ledger. those bushes you will see tracks in the snow. As near as I can make out, they are the tracks of Wolves."

"But why not go and see and make sure?"

"I haven't a doubt of it."

"Because I have no desire to be eaten by the Wolves. May I suggest that you take a walk yourself and carefully examine the tracks?" "I-I would rather be excused. My

father was eaten by Wolves, you know, and I have no doubt that it hurt his feelings."

"Then it looks to me as if nothing could be done," said the Fox after

awhile. "No, I don't see that we can do any-

thing," mused the Goat. "Unless we called upon the Lamb." "Ah, that might do! Yes, I think the

Lamb would be willing to oblige us." The Lamb, having been called up from the field and the case stated to I"him, at once announced his willingness to investigate the tracks and set off at once. He speedily found andfollowed them into the bushes, and a the indictment?"-Puck. nfinute later his bleats of distress proved that the Goat's suspicions had been correct.

"Well, they must have been Wolf tracks," said the Fox.

"For sure," replied the Goat. And then they winked at each other, and their faces took on a look of peaceful contentment. Moral.-When you are in doubt let

the other fellow burn his fingers.

baking to the King. On a certain occasion the king's royal secretary entered his master's presence with a paper in his hand, and his nibs looked up from the novel be was

reading and queried: "Well, what is it this time?" "A petition, your majesty, from the

inhabitants of the village of Crow Corners. The male inhabitants number fifty, and every one has signed it."

"Do they want their taxes remitted?" "Nay, your highness. Their village, as perhaps you may recall, is situated on the hither side of Long hill. Owing to the steepness of this hill the villagers can only put half a load on their asses when coming to market. They complain that this is a great hardship to them, and we must see that it is so."

"Yes, it's easy to see that, and you go out there this afternoon and see what can be done about it. I want my people to understand that they have only to appeal to me to have anything righted. Spread it on as thick as you can about my being a fatherly sort of a chap and looking upon them as my children."

Murphy rode out to the village and had an audience with the people, and upon his return he reported to the king: "The state of affairs is as described in the petition, O highness! The hill is a mile long and a half mile high and

the stoutest of asses can hardly carry a pack of fifty pounds." "Well, what are you going to do about

"The only thing that can be done is to grade the hill down to the level of the highway."

"And the cost?" "Something like a million sequins." "Jerusha! What did you promise the villagers?"

"That I would report to you, and that in your love and wisdom you would do the right thing. I don't see how you are going to do it, though. We can't spare a tenth part of that money."

ing at him for a long minute, "you are blame. Ability to read was not coman Irishman, aren't you?" "The same, O king."

"And you came right from Cork to take this job?" "I did."

"Well, you have the thickest head of any Irishman I ever met up with. I often wonder why I pay you 5,000 scudi a year."

"You don't, O ruler. You simply agreed to pay me that sum."

"It amounts to the same thing in the king business. If I was to pay you every month I should borrow your salary, and you would be no better off. As to this hill question, however, it's a wonder to me that you couldn't see the proper and only thing to do."

"But I thought I did, your high-

"Shucks! Here are about 100 villagers living on the farther side of a long, steep hill. That hill is a nuisance and a detriment to them."

"And must be graded down, your majesty."

"There's your thick skull again. It's a wonder to me how you ever found your way around your native town. I the original Scriptures-that the word want you to go back to Crow Corners tomorrow and burn every house to the ground."

"Your majesty!"

"And when the last one has been consumed tell the people to found a new village on this side of the hill. That does away with the hill, as far as they are concerned, and we don't have to pay a cent for grading. See? Go soak your head, old man, and take a few lessons in running the king's business!"

Moral.-When you want to get something for nothing send in a petition.

Not Likely.

Oscar Underwood tells of a colored ashcart proprietor down in Alabama who was twitted about the habit his horse had of letting its tongue hang

"That's all right," said the colored trial for everlasting life or everlastman. "He hol's his tongue that away to keep him from stumblin'."

"Keep him from stumbling?" repeatand, with an anxious look on his face, ed the white folks mockingly. "How's that going to prevent stumbling?"

"Why," said the ashman, "cain't y'all time. I am suspicious that there are see ef that hoss was to stumble he'd bite his tongue off, cahhyin' it the way "So?" queried the Fox. "And in he do. An' yo' know th' ain't no hoss

The Cynical Philosopher. It is hard for a man to be an

habitual optimist without creating the impression that he is not very thoroughly informed .-Washington Star.

Counsel For the Defense. At a little gathering of distinguished men of letters at the Cosmos club re cently Representative Slayden of San Antonio, Tex., was called on to give a short talk. He was wholly unprepared and said so, of course, as most public speakers do. "Gentlemen," began the Texas congressman, "I hardly know where to begin, and if I knew what I intended to say when I entered this room I certainly have forgotten it now.

"Oh, give us something in defense of art," whispered a friend near by. "All right," said Slayden. "What's

The Hurry Call. The Lieutenant-Get into the wagon quick, you fellows! This is a hurry up call, probably a daylight robbery. And they were greeted five minutes

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Indianapolis, Oct. 27.-The world-renowned Pastor Russell is here. We report one of his discourses from the text: "Some men's sins go before to judgment, and some they follow after." (I. Timothy 5:24.) He said:

Gradually as the eyes of our understanding open to the true beauties of

God's Word, we find that while the gross Error of the past has some foundation in the Truth, the two are very different. As Bible students allow the Word of God to interpret itself, their faith is strengthened as they find that the real teachings of the Bible are acceptable to sanctified common sense.

Wrong Views of Future Punishment. Wrong views of future punishment have divided Christians into many "Murphy," said the king after look- sects. Our forefathers were not to mon until within a century. Furthermore, for fifteen centuries the Bible was out of the hands of the people and clerical zeal had tried to bring the whole world, through fear, into the church. Now, all thinking people repudiate the torment theories, and many are turning away from the creeds, and also from the Bible, the supposed foundation for the creeds.

The trend of to-day is toward Higher Criticism, and Evolution. In France, it is claimed ninety-six per cent. of the people have lost all faith in religion; in Germany ninety per cent. How important that the people should see that the Bible presents a just and loving God; that He has made generous provision for all through Christ, and that He will bring all to a knowledge of Christ; that every wilful sin must bear its reasonable and just penalty, either in the present or in the future life! The Christian's duty is to lift up the Bi-

The subject of future punishment is most important; with the head wrong, the heart and the morals cannot remain right. The people should know respecting the word Hell in Sheol of the Old Testament represents the Bible teaching of Hell for the first four thousand years, and that Hades in the New Testament means the same; that these words do not stand fo torture, but for the state of death, and are usually translated grave and pit. In old-time English the word Hell was a synonym of pit and grave. Humanity are redeemed from Sheol, the grave, by the death of Christ, and Sheol, Hades, the grave, shall be destroyed during Messiah's reign. (Hos. 13:14; Isa. 25:8; I. Cor. 15:54,

Gehenna fire means as all scholars understand, the garbage-furnace valley outside Jerusalem; it is symboliof the complete destruction of

the finally imperitent. Purgatorial Fires of the Bible. These are symbolical - for the Church in this Age, for the world in the mext Age. The Church is now on ing death. The world's purgatorial

period will be under the supervision of the Church. (I. Cor. 6:2.) St. Peter tells of purgatorial fires which now are purifying the saints: "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which shall try you, as though some strange thing happened

John 3:13; John 15:18; Matt. 16:24. 3.37 7.47 " Hanover " 12.17 9.42 obedience by the things which He suffered," and that "if we suffer with 4.00 7.10 " Durham Him we shall also reign with Him"; 4.11 7.21 " McWilliams" 11.44 9.09 that "our light affliction worketh for 4.14 7.24 " Gien weight of glory." (II. Cor. 4:17.)

These persecutions come from those 5.15 7.50 " who profess to be God's people. "The world," which persecuted Jesus, was made up of Scribes and Pharisees and Doctors of the Law. He forewarned His.followers. "A man's foes shall be they of his own household."

St. Paul points out that in the end of this Age fiery trials will come upon the Church. "The fire of that day shall try every man's work of what sort it is." Faith built with the gold, silver and precious stones of Divine Truth will come forth unscorched. Jesus declared to the Church, "Through much tribulation shall ye enter the Kingdom.'

The world's purgatory will begin with a severe ordeal upon all mankind but will continue in instructive tribulation upon all needing the

The "fires" will be symbolical. The New Age will be ushered in by "a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation." (Daniel 12:1.) Jesus declares that unless that trouble were checked no flesh could be saved; but because of the Elect, those days shall be shortened. The Messianic Kingdom will end the strife and anarchy.

St. Peter used the symbolisms of the Psalms in describing these troubles. The "sea" represents the restless peoples; the solid "land"-earth -represents the social structure, whose "mountains" are the Kingdoms and whose "heavens" are the ecclesiastical powers.

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"And now?" "Now I find that I can't begin with other women's to compare husbands."

THE DIFFERENCE. (Detroit Free Press.)