

WICKLE GRASS

BY BYRON WILLIAMS

Tomorrow
The sunset last night was a blending of
Two beautiful golden and blue
The misty walls of Ptolemy's hue!

The "Thunder God" himself ponders
Down stretches of brilliant red
The "Mystic" sound in its tur-
bulent cry.

The words like the willow, were bent
Our lives like the sky, go in show away
Our calls with our lamps stop from
The sun's horizon comes
Our hearts to the sunlight of hope!

For midnight, so dim, cannot shadow the
sun
Of morning, the blithesome and bright
The bonny, blue sky with its haze drift-
ing by
Disperses all the clouds of the night!

Take heart, everyone, when your jour-
ney's
In light that is struggling and wan-
No matter the dark, they be sun with
the lake!

Trudge onward and watch for the
dawn!

The Grocery Paper.

The grocer subscribes to the home paper. He subscribes not because he craves anything about the news him- self, but because the loafers must be entertained. As soon as the paper is issued, the dead-beats, the town idlers and occasionally a capitalist, in surreptitiously to try a silver of the silvery coffee, he is scabbed with the grocer—and to read the local news- paper. They watch each other like hawks, and when Bill Smithers gets through sponging the current events, Hank Stevens, grabs the cracker barrel and squats behind the vinegar barrel to peruse the sheet from the northeast corner to the southeast corner.

While Hank feeds the others high and forage olives from the cracker barrel and smoking tobacco from the "poor box."

After a time Henry emerges from behind the barrel with the paper, and William Winters bustles up, his face full of crackers, an olive pit in his left hand, and requests the possession of the circulating library.

"Lemme have 'y' about a minute, Hank. I don't see there's nothin' in it, but it won't take long 'r read it, then?" Will it? Ha, ha!

Henry hands him the paper and William goes back of the stove and sitting on a soap box, takes his turn at the news.

One by one they read the newspaper, and along about supper some one comes in and, getting the drop on the other related spongers, sticks the paper in his pistol pocket and escapes.

When the grocer wants the Tribune it is not to be found. No wonder he is not always friendly to the editor. Every issue of the local paper contains him a pound of oddish, thirty-seven crackers, two quarts of olives and a poor box full of smoking tobacco.

Cleanliness and Goodness.

Jim Lee was in his usual
Tactful, kind, and sweet
James Brown was a blushing "guy"
of course, but the more

Jim Lee had had a bath
Since he was a barefoot lad
James Brown took a morning plunge
And rubbed till his heart was glad!

This one was aglow and neat;
The other was like a vent;
They died! (Can you squeeze a tear?)
And both to st. Peter went!

To Jim Lee, St. Peter said:
"Pass into the hall room there!"
To James, who, by the way, was a jerk
And scoffed as Brown tore his hair!

You see, this man Brown was rich,
But close as a sphinx, and he
He heard not the beggar's cry,
But looked up the "guy" with vim!

While Jim was unclean and bad,
He shared with a dog his crust—
Lay up for yourself kind words,
Or else you'll burn up or bust!

Do you recall how, when a youth,
You filled your old hat full of water
In the spring and, standing with one
eye in the sand and the other on a
flagstone, threw back your head and
imbibed your fill of the sweetest
nectar in the world? Well, a knocker
in a Wisconsin paper has copied the
shape of a hat to wet it. Quit
drinking from your hat and buy a dip-
per at the "Famous." The shape of
your hat, indeed! Why, if we could
go back to that period of bare feet
and bumble bee eating, we would drink
from our Sunday life if we had to
break into society wearing a "hill cap."
We've tried 'em all ways, with the
cherry and without, but never yet
have we tasted beverage that delight-
ed the palate and satisfied the soul,
as did that ambrosia beside the bubbling
spring on the old farm back in—we'll
back in Iowa. (A ha!) the tin dipper
at the Panora!

He Couldn't
I. I could do a thing!
I. I will do it, anyone!
Out into the market
They went when the day was done!

I. I will pick a pocket rat!
I. I could run away!
I. I will be secured with
I. I can't be in jail to stay!

Leading citizens of this great com-
munity, who have taken delight in
referring to Uncle Joe Cannon as "the
watchdog of the treasury," seem to
have overlooked the editor of the
country paper, who is the watchdog
of our moral life. Listen to what he
says: "Parents, isn't it time to call a
halt when our young and innocent
children are taught to dance in re-
cited costumes at a public communi-
cative exercise?" Yes, verily!

A Texas exchange arises to remark
that C. H. Monticello, a Tinko re-
cumbant, was in the city for several days
last week and while there placed his
name upon the "archives" of the
Garden house. You fellows that have
written your names most everywhere,
have another guess coming.

Falls in the country have a right
to be of fun. The Kentucky Haggle
says: "A horse eating sugar in the
cay" during last Friday evening was
called "sugar" was the result."

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