

Darkey Explains His Ineffectual Efforts to Commit Suicide.

There was a man in Atlanta who was suspected of a notable crime. He was employed as a clerk in a large store, and his specialty was tampering with the contents of his wine cellar, especially with a certain brand of fine whiskey. The employer, in consequence, naturally resented his conduct. He allowed the demjohne his holdings. He "private stock" to become a "public sale" instead of refilling it, he placed his pet brand in bottles, labeling each one "poison."

One evening, on returning home unexpectedly, he caught his servant in "diagrammatic" seizing the bottle from the darkey's hand. The Atlanta man exclaimed, in a tone of rage, "Great heavens, Sam! do you know what you have been doing? This bottle is marked 'poison'!" This bottle, he said, "is a bottle of 'poison'!"

The negro took the bottle and surveyed it closely. Then he sniffed at it. A melancholy smile flitted over his dusky countenance. "A poon, sah," he said, "is a bottle of 'poison'!"

"Fooled again!" repeated the master indignantly. "What do you mean?"

"Well, sah," continued the darkey, in the same tone of depression, "I am a dave. I knowed from de fact from de way you acted 'bout dat demjohne, dat you had yo' suspicions of me; an' dat sho' makes me feel de better. I got distressed, an' didn't care. Why, sah, fo' mo' two weeks now I aze been tryin' to commit suicide, but I can't bottle!"

—Woman's Home Companion.

PASSWORD NOT IN ORDER.

Farmer Abner Benson Astonished Church Gathering.

This story has been told times enough to be true, and I presume it is. Several years ago the Rev. Mr. Benson, of Paris, Me., a prosperous farmer by the name of Abner Benson, who was a good Methodist, and also a member of the grange, the grange meetings were held in the church as well as the religious meetings, and this fact was the cause of the following conversation:

"Almer was a red faced, portly man with rather pompous appearance. As does the best of us, he had described him very well. One afternoon as he was riding past the church he noticed a very large crowd being held there, and not knowing that any church meeting had been called, he at once took it for granted that there must be a grange meeting."

He hitched his horse, went into the entry and knocked on the door, after the usual manner of farmers; and, as it happened, the Rev. Mr. Benson was in the church, and on hearing a knocking, got up and opened the door, and looking into the entry, saw a portly man and fourish, gave in a voice loud enough to reach every ear in the church, the grange prayer, said: "I have a grange meeting here, and you are all invited to attend it."

"But this is a church meeting," said the Rev. Mr. Benson.

"I know it is," said the portly man, "but I am a member of the grange, and I am here to attend a grange meeting."

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Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

1. Pleasant home and lot front and 20 paces on Maple Ave. (half an acre). Five rooms, good neighborhood, full bath, gas, hot water, electric lights, lawn, fruit trees, etc. Can be bought for what the owner would take. Will sell for \$1,000.00. Property for portion of the purchase price.

2. Large, newly two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good lot, city water and all modern conveniences. Lot full of fruit trees. Cash. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

3. The Bayler farm near the town of Troy, 125 acres. Good farm house, barn, and 200 acres of woodland. Will sell for \$1,000.00. Property for portion of the purchase price.

4. Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all druggists. Write for circular. Postmaster: Doan's Kidney Pills, Buffalo, N. Y.

5. Diplomatist Not Worried.

A story is told in Paris of a diplomatist who represented a South American republic at a conference. There had been so many revolutions at home that the financiers there had no time to send him his salary. But this diplomatist, who was naturally a philosopher, sold all the furniture of the legation except a bed, a table and some chairs, and occupied one room with his principal attaché, who cooked the meals. Anyone who called early in the morning would probably find him in the street with a bundle of papers under his arm. He would say to the attaché: "I have not my salary, but I have sold my furniture, and I have been thinking of you, so I have sent you this money. It is all I have left. I will be glad to see you again. But when I go back I shall make a revolution and appoint myself minister. You will be glad to see me then, won't you?"

6. Finds Where His Sherry Went.

A sea story is being told by a naval officer who, incidentally, is a very good fellow. He was once in the habit of drinking sherry, but he found that it was being sold in the most unlikely places. One day he was in the office of a friend, who was a merchant, and he saw a bottle of sherry on a table. He went up to it and looked at it, and he saw that it was a bottle of sherry. He went up to it and looked at it, and he saw that it was a bottle of sherry. He went up to it and looked at it, and he saw that it was a bottle of sherry.

IMPORTANT TO HOUSEKEEPERS

Remember that the flush of victory seldom comes from a one-day draw.

7. Good Lord, Didst thou make us for thy angels' sakes?

8. Judge Sewall and Joseph Sewall, who were together at an inn, when a lady called for dinner. The landlord told them to go to the kitchen, and they found a woman who was the wife of the man who had just died.

9. Got Even with Judge Sewall.

10. A man who was a member of the grange, and who was a member of the grange, the grange meetings were held in the church as well as the religious meetings, and this fact was the cause of the following conversation:

Signals Under Heaped

Many Bells Are Now Being Heaped with the Apparatus.

References have been made heretofore to the new system of submarine signaling through the water and the simultaneous use of bells. It is now a very considerable interest in the company has been secured by J. P. Morgan & Co., says the Philadelphia Record. The apparatus consists of a series of bells, which are connected by wires to the company's receivers and the company's transmitters. The apparatus is now being used in a number of places, and it is expected that it will be used in many more places in the future.

Grateful Hospital Patient.

"Slick and a stranger," John McKido, a native American, has not a pang that may criticize Salem, possessed of far more ample means than he would do well to follow, says the News that city. He had suffered, his illness at last assumed a critical stage, and he asked permission to the Salem hospital, and there he was taken, and every thing was done for his comfort. It was apparent, however, that he was not a patient, but a visitor. He was not a patient, but a visitor. He was not a patient, but a visitor. He was not a patient, but a visitor. He was not a patient, but a visitor. He was not a patient, but a visitor.

Boomerang as Life Saver.

Attention is being directed to the boomerang as a means of saving life. The contrivance is simply a boomerang, which is thrown out from the shore, and it will return to the shore. It is a simple contrivance, and it is a very useful one. It is a simple contrivance, and it is a very useful one. It is a simple contrivance, and it is a very useful one. It is a simple contrivance, and it is a very useful one. It is a simple contrivance, and it is a very useful one.

Were Prejudiced.

It is known that a jury, theoretically, is composed of a fair number of men with open minds, still there may be occasions when a slight personal feeling indicates their ranks. Such was evidently the case in a case involving the trial of a man who was charged with the murder of a woman. The jury was composed of men who were prejudiced against the man, and they found him guilty of the crime.

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