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They were coming to my rescue.

Drawing my hunting knife, for I was ashamed to be found at a stand, I sank down and crawled onward—I could not have walked, I believe. Nearer and nearer I made my way, and the quick beating of my own heart made a noise like thunder in my ears.

Nearer and nearer! Suddenly I struck something. I put my hand out blindly—it was the wagon. I rose to my knees and looked quickly; the dark forms of innumerable pines were silhouetted against the sky, beyond them were the stars—there was nothing more.

Marveling, I retraced my steps and turned again, and looked and laughed. A tall and straggling bush, an industrious spider, the silver dewdrops on the well-woven mass, and the glancing light of the moon—my ghost had declared itself.

Back in the edge of the marsh I could hear Amos calling.

"Come on, Amos," I cried. "Bring me your axe. It is nothing! It is only a bush!"

But before Amos could answer another form crept by the wagon.

"He's a callin' of me!" the newcomer muttered. "He's a callin' of me an' I'se got to go! Ever' night he comes yere an' calls—I ain't got de money, Mars' Wa'en! Hit's dar in de creek—right dar where you put hit. I doan want hit. God knows I doan, Mars' Wa'en! I never kilt yer for money. I kilt yer kase you was gwine ter kill me!"

"Ab! I called, sharply, "Ab!"

There was a scream, a crashing in the underbrush, and the man was gone.

"Who dat?" called Amos from behind me. "Who dat ar running' dar?"

"It's Ab Williams," I answered.

"He seems quite crazy."

I took the ax, and with two strokes brought my ghost down.

"What a little thing," I remarked, thrusting the bush aside. "What a little thing to scare a man so?"

Laura laughed nervously and put the lantern down. Amos picked it up and began peering into the bushes. Presently he leaped backward.

"Is dat a little thing?" he cried out, pointing. "Is dat a little thing?"

From the depths of the thicket laid open by cutting the bush the skull of a man was grinning at us and a bullet-hole was in that skull. Papers, too were scattered about—envelopes of the Southern Express!

When we went back to the camp the place was deserted save for the presence of the mules—the whole body of the "hands" were making hot foot for the hills.

"Hit was too much fer 'em," said Amos. "Nigger kaint stand a ha'nt."

Weeks afterward the safe was found, chained and hidden in the creek, and in the insane asylum at Columbia there is a negro man old bcfore his time.

"Gimme back my mule, Mars' Wa'en," he pleads.

"I is come fur enough. I want ter go home, Mars' Wa'en. Please, sur, gimme back my mule!"

"Well, I am farming again. I have sold the "plant" on the Sawkee and they are working it, I hear with Italians from New York, but as for me and the negroes—well, the hill country seems to suit us.

Liquor Arithmetic—An Object Lesson.

"Boy at the head of the class, what are we paying for liquor as a nation?"

"$900,000,000 annually."

"Step to the blackboard, my boy. First take a rule, and measure this silver dollar. How thick is it?"

"Nearly an eighth of an inch."

"Well, sir, how many of them can you put in an inch?"

"Between eight and nine."

"Give the benefit of the doubt; call it nine. How many inches would it require to pile these $900,000,000 in?"

"100,000,000 inches."

"How many feet would that be?"

"8,333,333 feet."

"How many miles is that?"

"1,578 miles."

"Miles of what?"

"1,578 miles of silver dollars, laid down, packed closely together, our national liquor bill would make. This is only one year's grog bill."

Reader, if you need facts about this temperance question, nail that to a post and read it occasionally. It would take ten men with scoop shovels to throw away money as fast as we are wasting it for grog.—"Christian Observer."

The First Snow.

The first snow came. How beautiful it was, falling so silently all day long, all night long, on the mountains, on the meadows, on the roofs of the living, on the graves of the dead! All white, save the river that marked its course by a winding black line across the landscape, and the leafless trees that against the leaden sky now revealed more fully the wonderful beauty and intricacy of their branches.

What silence, too, came with the snow, and what seclusion! Every sound was muffled, every noise changed to something soft and musical. No more trampling hoofs, no more rattling wheels. Only the chiming sleigh bells, beating as swift and merrily as the hearts of children. —Longfellow.

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Yet, leaning on th' upholding arm,
I trust, but cannot see;
Help me, as of myself, to stretch
My helpless hands to thee.

And when thou has received thine own
Oh, keep it, Lord, I pray:
And save me from the wayward will
That seeks a wider way.

If ever, before adverse winds,
Between the cloud and sea,
I—at the mercy of my heart—
Am drifting far from thee,

Light of all tempted souls, be mine,
Till, sea and desert passed,
Safe in thy circling love I find
My anchorage at last!

London Now Has a Genuine Gulliver.

London, February 12.—Londoners will now be able to realize the feelings of the Lilliputians when Gulliver appeared among them, for a Brobdignagian person, before whose size all other known giants dwindle into insignificance, will appear at the Hippodrome on Monday. This modern Gulliver's name is Machnow, and was born in Charkow, Russia, 23 years ago. His actual dimensions today are 9 feet 2½ inches from head to foot. His weight is 27 stone.

Machnow wears the largest hats ever made for a human being. His frock coat cuts into sufficient material to clothe five average-sized men. His boots are so large that they cost 8 guineas a pair, and three pairs of his socks, which have to be specially woven for him, would, if unscamed, make a coverlet for an average cot.

On the forefinger of his right hand Machnow wears a great gold ring, which weighs half a pound, and would make a respectable collar for a fox terrier.

The following is his food for one day:

Breakfast (9 A. M.)—One to two quarts of milk or tea, sixteen hard-boiled eggs, six or eight small loaves and butter.

Luncheon (12 midday)—Two to three pounds of meat, five pounds of potatoes, one quart of beer.

Dinner (5 P. M.)—Soup, three to five pounds of meat, fowl, fish, vegetables, potatoes, three pounds of bread, one to two quarts of beer.

Supper (9 P. M.)—Ten to fifteen eggs, with bread and butter, and one quart of tea.

Why He Wasn't Promoted.

He watched the clock.

He was always grumbling.

He was always behindhand.

He asked too many questions.

His stock excuse was "I forgot."

He wasn't ready for the next step.

He did not put his heart in his work.

He learned nothing from his blunders.

He chose his friends among his inferiors.

He was content to be a second-rate man.

He ruined his ability by half doing things.

He never dared to act on his own judgment.

He did not think it worth while to learn how.

He thought it clever to use coarse and profane language.

He imitated the habits of men who could stand more than he could.

He did not learn that the best part of his salary was not in his pay envelope.—"Success."

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Prairies Strewn with Dead Sheep.

Denver, Col., Feb. 12.—Reports of intense cold, accompanied in sections by snowfall, were received at the office of the local Weather Bureau tonight from Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. In Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico the worst storm since 1886 is raging, according to dispatches from Trinidad. In New Mexico the storm reached the proportions of a blizzard, and great damage to stock is reported.

Railroad men report the prairies all along the line of the Colorado and Southern strewn with the carcasses of dead sheep and cattle. At folsom, N. M., 18 degrees below zero was registered, and in the southern part of the territory, where cold weather is a rarity, the zero mark was reached at certain points.

The cold snap which has prevailed on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado for several days became intense last night, the thermometer dropping to 27 degrees below zero in Denver. At twin Lakes, near Leadville, 32 degrees below zero was registered. In Wyoming the cold has not abated, and much loss to livestock, it is feared, will result.

Don't Use Big Words.

An exchange says, in the propagation, promulgation and enunciation of your esoteric cogitations and in articulating your superficial sentimentalities or psychological animadversions, shun the use of cacophonious vernacular and platitudinous pomperosity.

Let your conversational communications and mental ebullitions or centrifugal reflections possess a clarified conciseness and a concentrating cogency.

Eschew all heterogeneous conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jejune babblement and sycophantic affectation.

Let your extemporaneous descantings and effervescent expatiations be void of innuendoes or mendacious calumniation, and have intelligibility and vivacious vivacity and be without rhodomontade or bombastic braggadocio.

Sedulously avoid polysyllabic profundity or didactic amplification. And finally, avoid the use of double entendres, fatuitous ambiguity, prurient jocosity, opaque facetiousness and pestiferous profanity—either obscurent or apparent.

The Galveston News tells a story of an old colored preacher who was endeavoring to explain to his congregation how it was that the children of Israel passed over the Red Sea safely, while the Egyptians, who came after them were drowned. The old man said: "My brethren, it was this way: When the Isralites pssed over it was early in the morning, while it was cold and the ice was strong enough so that they went over all right; but when the Egyptians came along it was in the middle of the day, and the sun had thawed the ice so that it gave way under them and they were drowned." At this a young man in the congregation, who had been away to school and had come home, rose and said: "I don't see how that explanation can be right parson. The geography that I've been studying tells us that ice never forms under the equator, and the Red Sea is nearly under the equator." "There, now," said the old preacher; "that's all right. I'se been spectin' some of you smart Alecks would be askin' jest some such fool question. The time I was talkin' about was before they had any jogafries or 'quators, either."

His cheeks were sunken and his mouth was drawn. His breath came in painful wheezes. But still he puffed on. One more box of cigaretts and Percival would have enough coupons for a baby grand piano. An hour later and his task was completed. He counted his coupons to make sure. There were 5,000,000 of them exactly. He packed them tidily in a soap box and despatched them to the cigarette factory.

Did Percival get his baby grand? Alas! The premium list had been subjected to change the day before, and a week later he found himself the ungrateful recipient of 4,000 rolled gold collar buttons, a nickle plated nut set, and fifty foreign postage stamps (assorted).

A Scotsman, who had been employed in the building of railways in the Highlands, was once asked about building a road across our western plains. "Hoot, mon!" ye canna build a railway across this country," he exclaimed. "Why not, Mr. Ferguson?" "Why not?" he repeated, with an air of effectually settling the whole matter—"Why not? Dae ye no see the country's as flat as a floor, and ye dinna hae ony place whatever to run yer tunnels through?"

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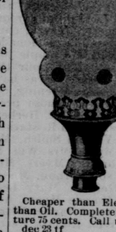


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STATIONS.	F M	W S	Ac.	Ac.	TP's	Ac.
	A M	A	A M	P M	P M	P M
Hillen Station	4 30	8 15	10 22	4 15	5 00	6 15
Union Station	4 35	8 20	10 17	4 20	5 04	6 20
Penna. Ave	....	8 24	10 23	4 24	....	6 24
Fulton Station	4 41	8 29	10 24	4 27	5 10	6 27
Walbrook	4 43	8 30	10 31	4 30	5 13	6 30
Arlington	....	8 37	10 38	4 37	....	6 40
Mt. Hope	....	8 40	10 42	4 40	....	6 43
Howardville	....	8 43	10 46	4 43	....	6 46
Sudbrook Park	....	8 45	10 49	4 46	....	6 48
Pikesville	....	8 47	0 50	4 48	....	6 50
Greenwood	....	....	....	....	....	....
Owings Mills	....	8 57	11 03	4 57	....	7 07
Glyndon	7 5 9	9 09	11 15	5 11	....	7 19
Emory Grove	....	....	....	....	....	....
York, ar	....	....	1 25	....	....	....
Hanover, ar	....	....	1 10	....	....	....
Gettysburg, ar	....	....	1 45	....	....	....
Glen Falls	....	9 11	11 26	5 11	....	7 32
Finksburg	....	9 16	11 28	5 20	....	7 34
Carrollton	....	9 20	11 41	5 31	....	7 46
Westminster	5 26	9 45	11 55	5 44	6 03	8 05
Avondale	....	9 51	12 01	5 51	....	8 13
Medford	....	9 54	1 04	5 55	....	8 17
New Windsor	5 49	10 01	12 11	6 05	6 21	8 27
Linwood	....	10 06	12 16	6 11	....	8 34
Union Bridge	5 56	10 10	12 20	6 15	6 30	8 40
Middleburg	....	10 15	....	....	6 35	....
Bruceville	6 02	10 20	....	....	6 40	....
D. P. Creek	....	0 24	....	....	6 44	....
Rocky Ridge	....	10 32	....	....	6 52	....
Emmittsburg, ar	....	11 05	....	....	7 22	....
Loy's	....	10 36	....	....	6 56	....
Gracehaun	....	10 40	....	....	6 57	....
Thurmont	6 0	10 45	....	....	7 02	....
Deerfield	....	10 58	....	....	7 15	....
Sabillasville	....	11 0	....	....	7 21	....
Blue Ridge Summit	6 45	11 13	....	....	7 30	....
Highfield	6 45	11 15	....	....	7 32	....
Buena Vista Springs	6 48	1 19	....	....	7 37	....
Pen-Mar	....	11 22	....	....	7 50	....
Blue Mountain	....	....	....	....	....	....
Edgemont	6 00	11 33	....	....	7 55	....
Waynesboro, Pa., ar	7 26	11 50	....	....	8 12	....
Chambersburg, ar	8 05	2 27	....	....	8 48	....
Shippensburg, ar	....	12 55	....	....	9 15	....
Smithburg	....	11 18	....	....	7 55	....
Cavetown	....	11 39	....	....	7 56	....
Chewsville	....	11 43	....	....	8 01	....
Potomac ave	....	11 50	....	....	8 10	....
Hagerstown	7 30	11 55	....	....	8 15	....
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STATIONS.	Ac.	Ac.	TP.	Ac.	WE	FM
	A M	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M
Hagerstown	....	....	7 10	....	2 10	4 10
Potomac ave	....	....	7 15	....	2 15	4 15
Chewsville	....	....	7 24	....	2 23	4 22
Cavetown	....	....	7 30	....	2 28	....
Smithburg	....	....	7 30	....	2 30	4 28
Shippensburg, Pa	....	....	9 00	....	....	2 55
Chambersburg, Pa	....	....	9 20	....	4 03	3 32
Waynesboro, Pa	....	....	9 40	....	4 17	4 10
Edgemont	....	....	7 38	....	2 40	4 40
Blue Mountain	....	....	8 13	....	....	....
Pen-Mar	....	....	8 47	....	2 50	....
Buena Vista Springs	....	....	7 40	....	2 55	4 53
Highfield	....	....	7 53	....	2 55	4 55
Blue Ridge Summit	....	....	7 58	....	3 00	5 00
Sabillasville	....	....	8 0	....	3 05	5 05
Deerfield	....	....	8 13	....	3 09	....
Thurmont	....	....	8 20	....	2 25	5 20
Gracehaun	....	....	8 23	....	3 23	....
Loy's	....	....	8 26	....	3 26	....
Emmittsburg	....	....	7 55	....	2 55	....
Rocky Ridge	....	....	8 30	....	3 30	5 28
D. P. Creek	....	....	8 37	....	3 36	....
Bruceville	....	....	8 44	....	3 45	5 40
Middleburg	....	....	8 46	....	3 48	....
Union Bridge	6 25	6 05	8 52	12 10	3 53