THE AUTO AND THE IDIOT.

(From Puck.)

The Auto and the Idiot
Came moting on the scene:
The air was full of violets
And odors fresh and clean—
And that was odd, because, you see,
Their fuel was gasoline.

"O Glory!" cried the Idiot,
"We're forging right ahead.
If I had wheels upon my feet,
"I'd also run," he said.
The Auto moaned, "It is a shame
Your wheels are in your head."

The Auto and the Idiot
Rang bang into a fence.
"To steering," said the Idiot,
"I'm giving thought intense."
And that was odd, because, you know,
He hadn't any sense.

Adown a pleasant country lane
They journeyed fast and far,
Until they spied a gentleman
A-smoking his cigar.
"I'll hit him hard," the Auto cried,
"And minimize the jar."

Across the quiet gentleman
Right merrily they sped.
"Pedestrians should look alive,"
The busy Auto said—
And this remark was odd, because
The gentleman was dead.

Their Self-Inflicted Punishment.

Lennie and Ben Frank were as clean as soap and water could make them. Their hair, robbed of all secular snarls and kinks, was firmly plastered down to its usual Sunday smoothness. From their stiff straw hats to their still stiffer shoes, they bore the patent stamp of two good little boys on their way to Sunday school.

"Don't stop to play on the way, and remember the text and as much of the sermon as you can," was their father's parting charge.

"Don't scuffle in the dust and get your shoes all white, or lose your handkerchiefs," admonished their mother, straightening Lennie's necktie and giving Ben Frank's hair a superfluous pat; and don't loiter, because you have just time enough if you go right along."

The boys took their books under their arms and walked out of the yard with great dignity, and minds devoid of all wrong intentions.

It was a resplendent June morning—a morning in which all nature seemed to combine to set smares for the feet of unwary youth. The narrow, winding road was bordered with a bewildering array of wild flowers. The birds sang with a fervor and gaity unknown on week days. A depressing fog had hung over the land for several days, and a change of wind the night before had blown it out to sea, leaving the sky a clear, translucent blue, whose tint was intensified by the whitest and fleeciest of sunlit clouds.

The boys walked on for half a mile in decorous and becoming dignity. Then some spirit of mischief began to work in the mind of Ben Frank, and he muttered, half defiantly:

"It's too good a day to go to meeting, anyway, and I'll bet," pointing a chubby thumb toward the meadow on the right, "that the wild strawberries are ripe over there."

"'Tain't time for strawberries," said Lennie virtuously, "and if it was, we're going to meeting. You needn't think you're going to play hookey just because pa had the rheumatism and couldn't come and ma had to stay home to doctor him."

"Who wants to play hookey?" was the indignant retort.

Lennie let the subject drop. His mind had wandered to a ground sparrow which had just flown up from a juniper bush near his path in a very suspicious manner. "I'll bet it's got a nest there!" he cried excitedly, turning over the bush with his feet.

"Come along!" shouted Ben Frank, not deigning to join in the search; "We ain't nest-hunting. Its Sunday."

Lennie trailed along after his brother, his mind still on the undiscovered nest, and had no new temptation assailed them they might have reached the church in safety.

But Alder brook lay in wait for them. They had crossed this stream every Sunday since they could remember; at first led by their mother's protecting hand, and later with one or both parents to guard them from the many temptations it offered. But it seemed to them the brook never looked so alluring in its loveliness as it did that morning. The alders—suggesting whistles—the yellow lillies, the arrow heads, the gurgling rush of the sparkling water, and most of all, the alewives which made it their breeding ground at this time of year, and were darting and gliding in shoals through its transparent current, all appealed to the boys with a power too strong to be resisted.

"Let's catch just one," pleaded Ben Frank. "We can stop just a minute and not be late."

Lenny hesitated—and was lost. "There's an old tin pail there on the bank and we might catch just a few," he assented, pulling off his coat and making a rush for the pail.

Carriages and foot passengers began to cross the narrow bridge on their way to the little Baptist church on the hill, but although the boys saw them, themselves unseen, so fascinated were they with their sport that they compromised with evil by deciding it would not matter much if they did lose the sermon if they were in time for Sunday school.

But, alas! even this good resolution was doomed to failure, for they lost all sense of the flight of time, until it was forced upon them by the homeward steps of their neighbors recrossing the hollow bridge which spanned the brook.

Sobered by the weight of their misdemeanor, the boys washed the telltale stains from their faces and hands, carefully brushed their clothes, put on their coats, and turned homeward, hungry and conscience smitten.

They were very silent on their return, their belief in future punishment gaining strength with every step. Neither thought of mapping out any plan of evasion when they came in contact with parental questioning, but in order to delay the evil hour, both entered the house noiselessly and with the usual question, "Ain't dinner ready yet?"

Dinner was ready. So was the father with his catechising.

"Have a good sermon to-day, boys?"

"Yes, sir," was the double reply, neither culprit having the courage to confess the truth.

"Parson Hicks preached as usual I suppose?"

"Yes, sir."

"What was the text?"

"'Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us,'" answered Lennie glibly. He had been to Sunday school ever since his third birth day, and could repeat many passages of scripture.

"Greyson and his wife there?"

"Yes, sir."

"Many out?" asked the mother.

"Yes'm."

Both boys were naturally truthful, and they tried to lesson the blackness of their falsehoods by putting them into as few words as possible. At last the ordeal was over and the boys left the table, hot and uncomfortable, yet with a feeling of relief. They had at least gained a respite, and perhaps the subject would never be brought up again.

But hidden sins have a disagreeable way of coming to to the surface. Scarcely had they gained the sitting room when neighbor Greyson himself appeared.

You lost a great treat to day, Brother Dunn," were almost his first words. "Old Elder Phinney preached and it was preaching, I tell you! Pity you and your wife had to miss it, but we all have our crosses to bear," he added by way of consolation, "and yours is rheumatism."

Lennie, who had listened like one stricken dumb, glanced at Ben Frank, and wondered if his own face looked as red and guilty as his brother's. Their father never noticed them in any way, but gave his whole attention to his caller while he stayed.

When the family was again alone, he said sternly, "I thought all the time you boys were lying. You didn't go near the the meeting house, did you?"

"No, sir." The double reply was very weak and shaky.

"Played around the brook, or somewhere, I suppose?'

"Yes, sir," still more faintly.

"I thought so. Well you know what you deserve. I shant break the Sabbath by punishing you now, but you know what to expect in the morning."

"Yes sir."

The Dunns lived in a fishing village, and every family kept a supply of salt codfish stacked in some convenient place about the premises. The Dunns kept theirs in a shed chamber.

When the boys awoke the next morning, a bright idea struck Lenny.

"I say Ben Frank," said he, "I'll tell you what we'll do. I'll fasten a codfish under your shirt and you fasten one under mine; then when dad straps us it won't hurt hardly any."

This scheme was received with joy and promptly carried out and the boys appeared at the breakfast table thus armored.

After the meal was over, the father said nothing of punishment, but instead ordered them to take their hoes and go to work in the garden. They went but were afraid to take off the fish, expecting every minute to be summoned to the barn to receive their just dues.

It was a sultry June day, and the garden lay unshaded beneath the direct rays of the sun. The salt in the fish combined with sweat from their bodies acted like a mustard plaster and caused an almost unendurable itching and burning. Their sufferings increased every minute until the strapping would have seemed a welcome relief compared to the punishment they had brought upon themselves. They were about to surrender unconditionally when they heard their father's voice call:

"Well, boys, you may as well come in and take off the fish. You look as if you had had punishment enough."

They had; for days their backs were inflamed and blistered, and Ben Frank, now a grandfather, never tires of telling the story of his first Sabbath breaking, and the self-inflicted punishment which followed it.

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"Dear," said the melancholy wife, "if you die first you will wait for me there on that far shore, won't you?"

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Length in miles.		Length in miles.	
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Saint Gothard, Alps	9.25	Gravehols, Norway	3.35
Mont Cenis, Alps	7.6	Trans Andean, Arlberg, Austria	6.38
Andes	3.	Tequixqu'ac, Mexico	6.
Khojak, India	2.5	Hoosac, Mass	4.75
Cascade, Mont	2.4	Stampede, Wash	1.8

The new and longest tunnel in the world is one of the links of the Jura-Simplon Railway. The tunnel, which was long supposed to be impossible, begins, going southward, at Brigue, in Switzerland, and extends to Iselle, on the Italian side. Its completion makes possible direct railroad communication between Paris and Milan, without the steep grade of the Saint Gothard tunnel. A very hard formation of rock was encountered at the beginning on the Iselle side, to overcome which special machinery had to be constructed. After the boring had extended for two miles, the workmen struck cold springs, discharging five hundred gallons of water a minute. This caused a suspension of work on that side for a time. After they had overcome this difficulty and gone 200 feet further, they struck a stratum of shifting material, and it took six months' time and cost $100,000 to get through the next 150 feet. Later the brickwork arch erected to support the finished portions was threatened with ruin because of the slippery substance contained in the formation of the mountain, and most work done there had to be done a second time. September last they encountered the greatest difficulty. Hot water began to pour into the tunnel in great quantities; in fact, at one time the temperature of the tunnel arose to 131 degrees; there was delay till the engineers found means of cooling the atmosphere. Ruchet, president of the Swiss Republic, sent congratulatory messages by telegraph to King Victor Emmanuel, expressing the hope that the great work would further strengthen the friendship between Italy and Switzerland. On the northern side is a great accumulation of water which will have to be drawn off. After this tunnel is completed a smaller one is to be constructed, which will be increased in size, finally, to admit of traffic both ways at the same time. Until then a midway switching station is to be constructed inside the tunnel to allow for the passing of trains. The work has been in operation about seven years, and has cost about $14,000,000. The railroad company pays two-thirds and the Swiss and Italian Governments the balance.

Great as are such achievements, the ruins of early ages show that man did things as wonderful, and, in view of his more limited knowledge and cruder machinery and implements, more wonderful. In the remote period in which the Book of Job was written man had done, and was doing, such mighty works as to merit this eulogium:

"Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they find it.

"Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone.

"He [man] setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection; the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

"He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

"He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

"He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light."—"Christian Advocate."

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4. Practice frugality and sobriety.
5. Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much stfens and enfeebles.
6. To be sensibly dressed, with freedom of movement and sufficient warmth.
7. A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.
8. The mind is refreshed and invigorated by distractions and amusements, but abuse of them leads to dissipation, and dissipation to vice.
9. Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is half health. Sadness and discouragement hasten old age.
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STATIONS.	FM	W E	Ac.	Ac.	TPs	A
	A M	A	A M	P M	P M	P M
Hillen Station	4 30	8 15	10 12	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 21	4 24	....	6 24
Fulton Station	4 41	8 29	10 24	4 27	5 10	6 27
Walbrook	4 45	8 30	10 31	4 30	5 19	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 48	4 46	....	6 48
Pikesville	....	8 47	10 50	4 48	....	6 50
Greenwood	....	....	....	....	....	....
Owings Mills	....	8 57	11 00	4 57	....	7 07
Glyndon	†5 00	9 00	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 18	....	7 32
Finksburg	....	9 16	11 29	5 20	....	7 36
Carrollton	....	9 20	11 41	5 31	....	7 46
Westminster	5 36	9 45	11 58	5 41	6 08	8 05
Avondale	....	9 51	12 01	5 51	....	8 12
Medford	....	9 54	14 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 44	....
D. F. Creek	....	10 24	....	....	6 44	....
Rocky Ridge	....	10 32	....	....	6 50	....
Emmittsburg, ar	....	11 02	....	....	7 22	....
Loy's	....	10 36	....	....	6 53	....
Gracham	....	10 40	....	....	6 57	....
Thurmont	6 40	10 45	....	....	7 02	....
Deerfield	....	10 56	....	....	7 15	....
Sabillasville	....	11 01	....	....	7 21	....
Blue Ridge Summit	6 43	11 13	....	....	7 30	....
Highfield	6 45	11 15	....	....	7 32	....
Buena Vista Springs	6 48	11 19	....	....	7 37	....
Pen-Mar	....	11 22	....	....	7 50	....
Blue Mountain	....	....	....	....	....	....
Edgemont	7 00	11 35	....	....	7 55	....
Waynesboro, Pa., ar	7 26	11 50	....	....	8 12	....
Chambersburg, ar	8 05	12 27	....	....	8 48	....
Shippensburg, ar	....	12 55	....	....	9 15	....
Smithburg	....	11 38	....	....	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.	TPs	Ac.	W E	F M
	A M	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M
Hagerstown	....	....	7 10	....	2 30	4 10
Potomac ave	....	....	7 15	....	2 35	4 15
Chewsville	....	....	7 24	....	2 43	4 22
Cavetown	....	....	7 28	....	2 48	....
Smithburg	....	....	7 30	....	2 50	4 28
Shippensburg, Pa	....	....	6 00	....	....	2 55
Chambersburg, Pa	....	....	6 26	....	1 45	3 22
Waynesboro, Pa	....	....	7 05	....	2 17	4 10
Edgemont	....	....	7 38	....	2 40	4 40
Blue Mountain	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pen-Mar	....	....	1 47	....	2 50	....
Buena Vista Springs	....	....	7 00	....	2 55	4 53
Highfield	....	....	7 53	....	2 58	4 55
Blue Ridge Summit	....	....	7 58	....	3 05	5 03
Sabillasville	....	....	8 04	....	3 08	5 05
Deerfield	....	....	8 08	....	3 09	....
Thurmont	....	....	8 20	....	3 25	5 30
Graceham	....	....	8 23	....	3 28	....
Loy's	....	....	8 26	....	3 38	....
Emmittsburg	....	....	7 55	....	2 55	5 40
Rocky Ridge	....	....	8 30	....	3 30	5 28
D. F. Creek	....	....	8 37	....	3 38	....
Bruceville	....	....	8 44	....	3 45	5 40
Middleburg	....	....	8 46	....	3 48	....
Union Bridge	5