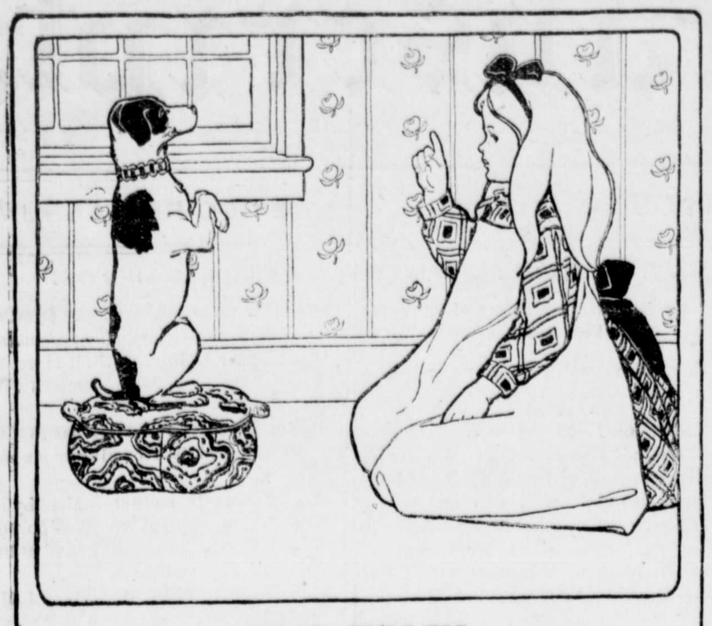

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In the Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, recently published, is a long and interesting article on "The Shamrock in Literature." The first reference to the Shamrock is in 1570, where it is mentioned as being used as a food plant in the times of the failure of the corn crop. This is very evidently one of the field clovers.

In 1681 the shamrock first appears in literature a s a badge or emblem, and likely refers to the wood-sorrel or oxalis. Many writers are cited who mention the shamrock (both clover and sorrel) as being used for food, thus John Wither in 1613 writes:

"In no more clothing than a mantle go,
And feed on sham rootes as the Irish do."

And then again:

"Had we found either leaves or grasse, or weeds,
We could have lived as now at this day can
Many a fellow subject Irish-man."

The trinity legend of St. Patrick and the shamrock is of rather recent date, 1681 being the first reference. The author is inclined to believe that the trefoil be ng common in ancient church art and the Irish being a deeply religious people took the plant in a religious signification and later adopted it as a national badge. "The legend and badge being alike painfully modern."

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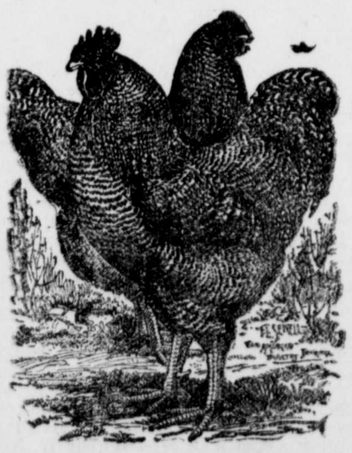

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FATHER AND SON DISCUSS POLITICS.

What is a national convention, pa?

It is a meeting of delegates, sent from all parts of this country, to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President.

Who sends them?

The people, my son.

Do the people tell them who to nominate?

Sometimes they do.

Then do the delegates do all they are bid?

They are generally ready to go to the highest bidder, though.

What is the unit rule?

It is a rule to be employed or laid aside, according as it serves or obstructs the purposes of the bosses.

Does a boss try to serve his country?

Oh, yes, but he spells country with but two letters—m e.

Was Washington a boss?

Well, yes. He was the boss patriot, the boss statesman, the boss soldier, and the boss truth-teller.

He had the boss hatchet, too, didn't he pa?

He had, and he played his little acts very well.

Did Washington go to the convention when he was a candidate?

He did not; he never cocked his eye in that direction. Workingmen's procession by Greenback serenaders would only have embarrassed him. If he had a red bandana he wouldn't have waved it in a national convention. He would have waived the privilege. And he couldn't have been engaged to propose another man for the nomination when he wanted it himself.

Did Washington ever take the stump?

No, nor anything else that didn't belong to him.

Could Washington be nominated now?

Not under civil service rules, child. He couldn't spell "clothes" correctly.

He brought the Revolutionary War to it successfully, didn't he?

Brought it to what?

To a close.

You are getting too smart for your clothes, young man.

But tell me what is a platform?

A platform, my boy, is a declaration of party principles upon which the candidates must stand.

Stand treat, I suppose you mean. Then the candidate don't know what his principles are until he sees the platform?

Not generally.

Does a candidate ever refuse to stand on the platform?

There is no instance on record my son. But he rarely reads the platform.

Who does read it?

The printers who set it up and opposition editors who pull it down.

Who makes the platform?

So many people dicker with it that it rarely knows its father.

Are platforms made to please free traders?

As a general thing.

Did anybody solve the traffic question completely?

Only one man, and he is in the lunatic asylum.

What is the party of corruption, pa?

The one that is in.

And the party of purity?

The one that is trying to get in.

And would they change names with a change of administration?

Instantly.

—*Kalamazoo Herald.*

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