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## SHIRTS AND THE LITTLE HEATHEN.

BEDFORD, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1869.

BY JOHN QUILL. "But they must have clothes, Mr.

Wilkins." "No they mustn't It's ridiculous nonsense for any collection of old women like your sewing society to start out a lot of duds to the heathen in Africa. It is confounded stupid, I say .-Whatdo you suppose a lot of old coffeecolored pagans, steeped in ignorance Why, they don't wan't 'em. They were born without 'em, weren't they? And if it was right for them to have have had 'em? Don't you suppose beneficent nature knows better than you and all the other heifers down at the gnawed the whole thumb off of Wm.

"Wilkins, you shan't talk that way ain't well yet." about-

"It's perfectly ridiculous. But you go on; you go on and send them over the very first thing you know some and mount one of those shirts some and scare the other heathen, and make whole continent of Africa to falling lot of old nine-headed idols, and jabbering away at their pagan prayers. You've got sin enough on your soul, distinctly to understand."

ible to notice." "Yes, and I'd like to know what an ignorant heathen knows about shirts, any how? Why, absolutely nothing; tries to get into one will get it upside down, and mix his legs all up in the sleeves, and get himself into a tangle pice or other, and then there will be the now, will you?" responsibility for a mangled man added to your list of crimes. But I'd just like you to bear in mind that you don't send any of my wardrobe out there. I don't want a parcel of Ethiops sporting around on Afric's sunny shore in the sewing-circle." my linen. Not exactly. I like to see men enjoy themselves, but not in that

indecent style. "But, Mr. Wilkins \_\_\_\_\_" "Pretty spectacle it will be now, won't it? Forty-six little Africans abusing-me-you'll break my heartdressed in a simple but chaste garb of yes, you will." white shirts, sitting along a bench in Sunday-school wriggling their toes, or else enjoying themselves at recess singing 'ham fat' and doing 'the walk around.' That's a pretty way to civilize a heathen land, ain't it? For they won't wear any pants you observe. If you go to shipping a lot of pants over | you are." there the first thing you know they'll been stuffed with sand, and used as a tently sat down on it. war club. That's so, and I've no doubt that very identical pair you're knitting on now will brain a stray pagan some

day or other in some muss. "Mr. Wilkins, you know that's not "If you want to do your colored

friends a service, why don't you go to work and ship them a lot of the delicacies of the season? Why don't you send out a ship load of canned missionaries, or something else that will make their teeth water? Or you might collect an assortment of second hand jaw bones, and give them for necklaces, or send out your own false teeth, or-

"Wilkins! I'll scratch---" got my permission, you understand.

me, my love--" "Mr. Wilkins, you are a brute." "But for my part I think you had better stay at home and attend to your children, instead of fooling down there at that society with a lot of tabbies, who slander their neighbors, and make more mischief than they do underclothes for the naked Hottentots."

"Mr. Wilkins, that's not so." "You'd better stay at home and sew for your family, that's what you'd better do. There's William Henry been going round for six weeks or more with only one gallus on his pants, and looking like he was a deformed cripple, with one shoulder a foot higher than the other, while his stockings have no feet, and the upper part of them keep a working up his leg until the boy nearly goes mad."

"What an awful story, Wilkins." "And Bucephalus Alexander's best Sunday jacket has burst out all over in spots, and Breckenridge Augustus, having run out of handkerchiefs, has late- dy. ly been practising wiping his nose on his sleeve in church, until I was so mortified that I had to take him out last Sunday and have him stood in the coal hole and spanked like the nation by the sexton. Unaffected simplicity is all well enough in its way, but that's

carrying it a little too far." 'Well, it proved one thing, and that "Mr. Wilkins, you know that's not is the papers don't always tell lies." true." "And, as for Mary Jane, she is just going straight to destruction. She's

got to imitating your example, and now she thinks it ain't worth while to live if you can't do something for the heathen. So what does she do yesterday but go and give my best high hat to the boy who swept the chimney, and it came nearly down to his waist, JUNISM3

NOTICE.—I hereby give notice to all persons not to harber or trust my wife, SARAII, on my account, as I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract—she having left my bed and board without just cause or produced that he "didn't know nuffin about dat dar, he reckon" and while she recation.

ANDREW POTE.

bezzled two chunks of corned beef and a cold potato, and the first thing you know he will be in the penitentiary, and all along of your blame foolish-

ness." "I declare, Mr. Wilkins, you are a

scandalous story-teller." "And there's the boys, it was only last Saturday that they took their crowd up stairs, and played that the garret was Africa, and one half of them represented heathen, and ran aand vice, want with shirts? Hey? round without a stitch of clothes on them and Bucephalus Alexander he distributed my clean shirts among them, and they upset all the barrels, clothes don't you suppose they would fired away all my old books in a skirmish with the savages, and one of them, who was a cannibal, like to sewing bee? Why it's absolutely ri- Henry, trying to swallow him, because he said he was a missionary, and it

"Pshaw, Mr. Wilkins, you talk like

"And, then, what must Mary Jane there to Africa, and do you know what do, but try to represent a heathen will happen? Do you know what will mother; wholly unenlightened by be the result of your tomfoolery? Why, Christianity, trying to drown her infant in the sacred river, which she repbenighted heathen or other will go resented by dousing the cat in the bath-tub, but that animal wouldn't night, and paddle around in the dark play fair, and liked to scratch the whole hide off of her, whileshe let the them believe in ghosts, and set the water run until the room was full, and it poured a perfect cascade out of the down and sacrificing themselves to a window, which she said was to represent the overflowing of the Nile, like she read about in her Sunday school lesson. I say it's perfectly outrageous old woman, without that, I want you to bring up your children in this kind of style. If you love the heathen, "Mr. Wilkins you are too contempt- why go among them, but don't go to poisoning the minds of your innocent offspring."

"As long as you have made such fuss about the sewing-circle, Mr. Wiland very likely the first fellow that kins, I'll tell you what I've been making there."

"You needn't mind, I don't want to hear it. I'm tired of hearing you talk. and trip up, and fall over some preci- Just give me a chance to speak a word "But-

> to you." "I wasn't sewing for the heathen, didn't stick a stitch for the heathen at

"Well, what in the mischief were you fooling your time away down there for, then?' "Why--I--was--making--you-a

dozen-new-shirts-while--you--were

"There, now, don't cry, my darling. Don't cry, I was only in fun; I was only joking, you understand. I didn't mean it. There now, don't cry, I say, Sally. Well, bellow, then, bellow. You may cry until you are tir- ted?"

And Mr. Wilkins took a pull at the have them tacked on some idol or covers, turned over and went to sleep. other, or rammed full of feathers, and But he seemed to be reconciled to her be holding religious service before each | next day, for he called her several hard pant; and as for socks, why every sock | names because she left the baby coveras has ever been sent over there has ed up on the sofa, so that he inadver-

ed. I never did see such a woman as

A curious suit is about to be tried before a Memphis justice of the peace. A white man has a young bull pup. The pup bit a bare-footed negro in the heel as he was passing. The negro jumped and two of the pup's teeth were thereby abstracted. The negro sues the white man for allowing a vicious dog to run at large. The white man files a crosscut saw bill and sues the negro for having a heel tough e-nough to drag a dog's tooth out.

The Hon, Edward Everett, when a young man just out of college, was invited to give an oration in the city of Salem. At the dinner, Judge Story "Or go yourself, and see how it feels | called up Mr. Everett by the following to be eaten. I won't stop you. You've sentiment: "Fame follows applause where ever it (Everett) goes!" Mr. But I pity the miserable pagan that | Everett arose instantly, and gave the stuffs himself with you. You won't following: "The members of the legal agree with him. You never did with profession! However high may be their aspirations, they can never rise higher than one story.

The Chinese do not steep their tea in a pot, but put it in your cup, pour in hot water, covering the cup to retain the steam, allowing it to stand five minutes, draining off and refilling. The second cup is considered the best, and the third filling is very good. But when the strength is exhausted, the grounds are thrown into the jars, taken outdoors, spread on clothes, dried, doctored, repacked, and sent over to

The following sentiment is attributed to Napoleon Bonaparte: "A handsome woman pleases the eye, but a good woman pleases the heart. The one is a jewel-the other a treasure.'

A man in Wisconsin has invented a pocket stove warmed by alcohol. We have seen one of them. It looks very much like a pint flast filled with bran-

bad for the lungs. So says a doctor of An old lady was asked what she thought of the eclipse. She replied:

In an Illinois cemetery is a tomb stone, bearing only this simple but touching epitaph, "Gone up."

A sailor once had a high dispute with his wife, who wished him to the devil. A store in Denver city has a sign as follows: FyNe KUT 2. bakO.

can vip his own taddy." Light literature-the books of a gas

His House and Habits in Philadelphia

Awhile since, in looking over a Philadelphia Directory for 1797, my heart gave a great bound as I came upon this entry:

Washington, George, 190 High Street. To the disgrace of Philadelphia, that house, second only in historic interest to Independence Hall, was many years ago demolished.

But, for a few charmed hours of a midsummer evening, that mansion has stood again for me, and Washing. ton has walked before my eyes "in his habit as he lived;" and yet the only magic conjuration was the clear memory of a gracious old man, who in his early childhood, was a neighbor of Washington, his parents living, I believe on Sixth street, near High.

At the house of a friend in Philadelphia I was so fortunate as to meet Mr. Robert E. Grey, a man past four score, but wonderfully well preserved-looking much younger than his years-a gentleman of the old school in courteousness of manner, in elegance and neatness of dress, stately in figure, with a fresh and handsome countenance. In person and demeanor he reminded me strongly of Walter Savage Lander,

as I saw him in his eighty-first year. When I asked this noble relic of the past for his recollections of Washingington, he said: "Bless you, I have little to tell. I was so very young at the time when I knew him, that I have only childish recollections, mere trifles which will scarcely interest you." On my assuring him these were just the things I wanted to hear, he talked modestly, and with much questioning, of the old days of Philadelphia, and of the great President and his household.

In his childhood, he said, the place where we then were, on Tenth street near Arch, with the roar of the great city about us, was quite in the rural districts. He remembered going to bathe in the little pond, near the corner of Sixth and Arch streets, a secluded and shaded spot. High street, the "Oh don't 'but' me; I won't listen fashionable avenue, was only planted with rows of the Lombdary poplar nearly out to the Scuylkill, and was the favorite Sunday promenade of the

"Washington's house," said Mr. Grey, "was thought a very fine mansion. It was what was called 'a house and a half'-that is, the hall was not in the middle, but had two windows at the left. It was two stories and a half high, with dormer windows. It was rented for the President of Robert Morris, but originally belonged to

Galloway, the Tory." "Was Washington the stately and formal personage he has been represen-

"Yes he was a very dignified gentleman, with the most elegant mannersvery nice in his dress, careful and punctual. I suppose he would be thought a little stiff nowadays." "Did you ever hear him laugh hear-

tily ! "Why, no, I think I never did." "Was he always grave as you remember him, or did he smile now and

"Why, bless you, yes, he always smiled on children! He was particularly popular with small boys. When he went in state to Independence Hall, in his cream-colored chariot, drawn by six bays, and postillions and out-riders and when he set out for and returned from Mount Vernon, we boys were on hand; he could always count us in, to huzza and waive our hats for him, and he used to touch his hat as politely as though we had been so many veteran soldiers on parade." "Were you ever in his house, as a

child?" "Oh! yes; after his great dinners he used to tell the steward to let in the little fellows, and we, the boys, of the immediate neighborhood who were never far off on such occasfons, crowded about the table and made quick work with the remaining cakes nuts and raisins.

"Washington had a bad habit of pacing up and down the large front room on the first-floor, in the early twilight, with his hands behind him; and one evening a ltttle boy, who had never seen him, in attempting to climb up to an open window to look in upon him, fell and hurt himself .-Washington heard him cry, rung for a servant, and sent him to inquire about the accident-for, after all, he was softhearted, at least toward children .-The servant came back and said:-'The boy was trying to get a look at you, sir.' 'Bring him in,' said the general, and, when the boy came in, he patted him on head and said: 'You wanted to see General Washington, did you?" 'Well, I am General Washing ton.' But the little fellow shook his head and said: 'No, you are only just a man, I want to see the President.' "They say Washington laughed and told the boy that he was the Presi-

dent and a man for all that. Then he Sleeping on feather beds, or with the had the servant give the little fellow hands raised above the head, is very some nuts and cakes and dismissed him."

I asked Mr. Grey if he remembered the Custis children. "Yes," he said I often saw them at the windows or driving with Mrs.

Washington in her English coach." They did not seem to have left a very vivid and human impression on his memory. With their fine clothes and company manners, with their attendants, tutors, dancing and music masters, they must have seemed very strange, inaccessible, and unenviable little personages to all the happy, freeand-easy children of the neighbor-

hood. "Do you remember Washington's "Vell, Jake is a shmart fellow. He levees, and Mrs. Washington's drawing-rooms?" I asked.

'Yes I remember hearing about Used up when it rains—an umbrella. over by 9 o'clock, and the President's face to keep the flies off.

GOSSIP ABOUT GEORGE WASHING- house was dark and silent by ten. They were great affairs, but I was too young to know much about them. I attended his horse levees. I was very fond of visiting his stables, early in the morning, at the hour when he always went to inspect them. I liked to see him at that work, for he seemed to enjoy it himself. Like President Grant, he was a great lover of horses. I can almost think I see him now. come striding out of the house across the yard to the stables, booted and spurred, but bareheaded and in his

shirt-sleeves? "Washington in his shirt-sleeves?" "Yes, madam; but he was always Washington. The grooms stood aside, silent and respectful, while he examined every stall and manger, and regularly went over every horse-I mean, he passed over a portoin of its coat with his large white hand, always looking to see if it was soiled, or if any loose hairs had come off on it. If so, the groom was reprimanded and ordered to do his work over. Generally, however, Washington would say:

"Very well. Now, John get out Prescott and Jackson, his white chargers. 'I'll be ready by the time you come round."

"Did he ride at so early an hour?" "Yes. Generally between 5 and 6 of pleasant morning he was off; and he almost always rode up to Point-no-Point, on the Delaware, a little way above Richmond. He was a fine horscman, and being a long-bodied man, looked grandly on horseback. It was a sight worth getting up to see."

Here came a pause, and then I propounded the momentous old question: "Did Washington ever swear?"

"Well, as for that I can not speak from my own observations. Washington had great self-control-he was a moral man-a religious man, for those times, and did not swear upon small occasions, and, I should say, never before children; but, from what I have heard my father and old soldiers say, I think he must have blazed away considerably in times of great excitement. . He was very tender to his favorite horses, and, at one time I remember to have heard a young aide or secretary ask leave to ride one of his white chargers, on the way to Mount Vernon, and the General allowed him to, but cautioned him not to rein the horse too tightly. After awhile, Washington saw he was worrying the animal, and cautioned him again; but the fellow kept pulling and jerking at the bit until the creature became almost unman-

ageable." "Then Washington broke upon him, like a whole battery, ordering him to dismount, and swore tremendously. I remember, too, that I once heard an army officer tell about his cursing some General who disobeyed him in battle."

"Lee, at Monmouth?" "Yes, I believe so. Anyhow, my informant said it was the great st sort of swearing, yet wasn't so awful as Washington's face at the time. He said, I remember: 'I never saw the devil before.'

"These things were told of him, but

not told against him. It was the fash-

ion of those times. However, I never

heard a rough word from him, or saw his face when it was not peaceful and pleasant.'-Grace Greenwood in Hearth and Home.' Like the generality of the kings and conquerers, Frederick the Great had a most philosophic indifference to death -in others. In one of his battles, a batalion of veterans having taken to

their heels, he galloped after them.

bawling out, "Why do you run away,

you old blackguards? Do you want to live forever?" A man, less heavy than a horse, has a greater relative muscular power. The dog, less heavy than man, drags a comparatively heaiver burden. Insects as their weight grows less and less, are able to drag more and more. It would appear, therefore, that the muscular force of living creatures is in

inverse proportion to their mass A preacher in Chicago recently refused to say grace at the table when requested to do so, saying it was a mere formality, and the best grace was to eat moderately, digest well the meal, and then go to work and earn another. For the same reason he refuses to pronounce the benediction.

An invalid disturbed all the inmates of his boarding house, recently by imitating a dog. When asked why he did it, he said he had been ordered by his physician to use Port-wine and bark. Why are sheep the most dissipated

animals in creation? Because they gambol in their youth, spend most of their days on the turf; the best of them are black legs, and they are sure to be fleeced at last. The author of a radical total-abstinence novel wrote in his book, 'Drunkenness is folly." He was much cha-

grined when the work came home from the press to find that the printers had made it read, "Drunkenness is jolly." A pupil in declamation having been told to gesticulate according to the sense, in commencing a piece with 'the comet lifts its fiery tail, innocently

round for applause. A lady complaining that her husband was dead to fashionable amusements, he replied, "But then, my dear, you make me alive to the expense."

lifted the tail of his coat, and looked a-

The London Spectator justly remarks that in the United States "a tone of contempt towards the President is becoming more apparent in both parties. An infant died in Westport, Conn.,

recently, from the poison taken into its stomach by sucking a green veil them. All the evening parties were which the nurse had thrown over its