

OVER THE HILL TO THE POOR HOUSE.

By Will M. Carleton. Over the hill to the poor-house I'm trudg-

I, a woman of seventy, and only a trifle gray.

Over the hill to the poor-house, I can't quite make it clear!

What is the use of heapin' on me a pauper's shame?

Am I lazy or crazy? am I blind or lame? True, I am not so supple, nor yet so awful stout;

I am willin' and anxious an' ready any day To work for a decent livin', and pay my honest way;

For I can earn my victuals, an' more too, I'll be bound, If anybody only is willin' to have me 'round.

Once I was young an' han'some, I was, upon my soul,

Once my cheeks were roses, my eyes as black as coal;

And I can't remember, in them days, of hearin' people say, For any kind of reason, that I was in their way.

'Tain't no use of boastin', or talkin' over free, But many a house an' home was open then to me;

And when to John I was married, sure he was good and smart,

But he and all the neighbors would own I done my part;

For life was all before me, an' I was young an' strong,

And I worked the best that I could in tryin' to get along.

And so we worked together; and life was hard, but gay,

With now and then a baby for to cheer us on our way;

Till we had half a dozen, an' all grewed clean an' neat,

An' went to school like others, an' had enough to eat.

So we worked for the child'r'n, an' raised 'em every one;

Worked for 'em summer and winter, just as we ought to be done;

Only perhaps we humored 'em, which some good folks condemn,

But every couple's child'r'n's a heap the best to them.

Strange how much we think of our blessed little ones!

I'd have died for my daughters, I'd have died for my sons;

And God He made that rule of love; but when we're old and gray,

I've noticed it sometimes somehow fails to work the other way.

Strange, another thing; when our boys and girls was grown,

And when, exceptin' Charley, they'd left us there alone;

When John he nearer an' nearer come, an' dearer seemed to be,

The Lord of Hosts He come one day an' took him away from me.

Still I was bound to struggle, an' never to cringe or fall,

Still I worked for Charley, for Charley was now my all;

And Charley was pretty good to me, with scarce a word or frown,

Till at last he went a courtin' and brought a wife from town.

She was somewhat dressy, an' hadn't a pleasant smile,

She was quite conceited, and carried a heap o' style;

But if ever I tried to be friends, I did with her, I know;

But she was hard and proud, an' I couldn't make it go.

She had an education, an' that was good for her;

But when she twitted me on mine, 'twas carryin' things too fur;

An' I told her once, 'fore company (an' it almost made her sick),

That I never swallowed a grammar, or 'et a rithmetic.

So they have well-nigh soured me, an' wore my old heart out; But still I've borne up pretty well, an' wasn't much put down,

Over the hill to the poor-house—my children dear, good-bye!

Many a night I've watched you when only God was nigh;

And God'll judge between us; but I will always pray

That you shall never suffer the half I do today.—Ex.

1922 TAX INFORMATION.

The following statement is issued by Collector of Internal Revenue D. B. Heiner, Twenty-third district of Pennsylvania:

"The Revenue Act of 1921 contains two new and important provisions, which are the subject of frequent inquiry. The first relates to the personal exemptions allowed married persons, and the second to the provision requiring that a return be made of gross income of \$5,000 or more.

The act provides that a married person, living with husband or wife, whose net income for 1921 was \$5,000 or less shall be allowed a personal exemption of \$2,500. If the net income of such person was over \$5,000 the exemption is \$2,000. Under the Revenue Act of 1918 the personal exemption was \$2,000 regardless of the amount of net income.

The normal tax rate remains unchanged, 4 per cent. on the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemptions and 8 per cent. on the remaining net income.

In order that an income slightly in excess of \$5,000 shall not be subjected to an inordinately disproportionate tax because of the reduction of the exemption to \$2,000, the law provides that such reduction shall not operate in increasing the tax, which would be payable if the exemption were \$2,500, by more than the amount of the net income in excess of \$5,000.

For example, on a net income of \$5,010, the tax, without this saving clause would be \$120.40, which is 4 per cent. on \$3,010, the amount of net income less an exemption of \$2,000. The actual tax is \$110.40, computed as follows: From the net income of \$5,010 is deducted \$2,500, leaving \$2,510, the 4 per cent. tax on which amounts to \$100.40. To this is added \$10, "the amount of net income in excess of \$5,000."

The personal exemptions allowed married persons, apply also to the head of a family, a person who supports in one household one or more relatives by blood, marriage or adoption.

Heretofore, a person whose net income was less than his exemption (\$1,000 if single, or \$2,000 if married) was not required to file a return. Under the Revenue Act of 1921, if the gross income of an individual equalled or exceeded \$5,000, or if the combined gross income on a married couple and that of dependent minor children equalled or exceeded \$5,000, a return must be filed, regardless of the amount of net income.

"Net income" is gross income, less certain deductions. The fact that allowable deductions from gross income, for business expenses, losses, bad debts, etc., may reduce the net income to an amount below the personal exemptions of \$1,000 or \$2,000, does not alter the requirement to file a return of gross income, if such gross income equalled or exceeded \$5,000."

Largest English Walnut Tree in North America.

The largest English walnut tree in North America so far as official records show has been discovered on the farm of Jacob Bauder, in Alsace township, between Berks' church and Friedensburg, Berks county. The discovery was made recently by tree experts who had heard rumors that there was a giant tree of this species in Berks county, and who made a systematic search for it.

The tree is three feet and nine inches in diameter, four feet from the base and is 15 feet and one inch in circumference at the point. Its height is approximately 100 feet and it has a spread of branches that totals 92 feet. Branches two feet in diameter begin at a distance of 12 feet from the base. The tree is estimated to be 210 years old and has been known to yield as high as 25 bushels of nuts in a single year under favorable conditions.

The tree is one of the rare kind of walnut which is used to make the furniture known to the trade as Circassian walnut. It is not to be confused with black walnut.

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Pat's Little Jokes.

Pat, while on a visit to America, became deeply interested in watching a Yankee gardener. After a while the following dialogue took place:

Yank—Some fine vegetables here, Pat!

Pat—Yes. Yank—I once grew a cabbage, when cut in two, and the heart removed, made a grand cradle for kiddies!

Pat—Begorra! But it must have been a fine one! But we have some fine vegetables in old Ireland. I once remember seeing three men sleeping on one beet!

Yank—Three men? Pat—Sure! Policemen!

—Get your job work done here.

Not to be Outdone. They were big game hunters, and they were trotting out their usual stock of "reminiscences." When each had told his best lie, the only member of the party who had never been to Africa was asked to tell a story.

"Well, I'm afraid I've nothing very exciting to tell you," he piped in a small still voice. "I once had a small affair with a lion escaped from a menagerie. He bounded on me as he got clear of his enclosure—and, well, of course I wasn't armed."

"What on earth did you do?" chorused the others.

"Well," retorted the little man, "I just seized his lower jaw with my right hand and his upper jaw with my

left hand and held his mouth open till he starved."—London Opinion.

The "Watchman" gives all the news while it is news.

How dangerous is the process of spreading unslaked lime has been shown in the unfortunate case of O. C. Yarger, of Middleburg. He worked for several hours with the lime dust blowing in his face before he noted the ill effects. Then his eyes began to burn. The condition continued to become aggravated, and oculists fear the man will never be able to see as well as he did before the slaking of the lime absorbed the water coating from his eye socket.

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