

He Knows Why.

A well-known gentleman called on the widow Collins. During an interesting conversation...

"Davy," said the widow, "can't you speak for me?" "Can't I speak for you?" "Speak to Mr. Gray."

"You are a fine little man," said the visitor. "How old are you?" "Five years old."

"Oh, you are not that old," said the widow, with an embarrassed air. "That's what you said, anyway."

"Davy!" "Davy!" "Davy!" "Davy!" "Davy!" "Davy!" "Davy!" "Davy!" "Davy!" "Davy!"

"I say he ain't dead. Paw an' maw told me not to call him paw no more, but I do, to all the same. How much money have you got?"

"Not much." "Yes, you have." "How do you know?" "Have told Mrs. Buck that you had a bushel of money. Are you going to marry my man?"

"You must not ask such questions," said the visitor, coloring deeply. "Have you got any sense?" "Why, of course. What makes you ask?"

"I know." "Well, tell me." "You might get mad." "Oh, no, I won't." "Sho' 'nuff?" "Yes."

"Well, maw told old Misses Buck you didn't have no sense, but said she didn't care."

The widow entered. "Well, Davy, have you been a good boy? Why, Mr. Gray, you are not going to leave?" "Yes, maw! I must go."

"Oh, do wait 'till after dinner." "I am not hungry. Good day." In the evening when the katydid began to file their saws...

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Sixty tons of almonds were gathered from sixty five acres on the Oakshade farm, in Yolo county, Cal., the present season.

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Secure early, before fall rains or winter snows begin, a bountiful supply of dry straw to be used about, and under the stock at night.

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Cotton-seed oil sells in London at half the price of lard oil. It is the low price of cotton-seed products that keeps the price of all other grease down.

Incubator chicks are increasing in the markets every season, and yet the prices are still very high during the period between Christmas and June.

A mixture of several kinds of grain for feeding stock is always better than one kind alone. Variety in grain is as important as variety in bulky food.

During the dry season a large supply of the road dirt should be stored away for winter use as an absorbent. It is excellent in the stalls and also in the manure heap.

Whitewash the her-coops now in order to rid them of lice. Use carbolic acid with the whitewash as a disinfectant and preventative of lice.

Onions must be well ripened, secured without much frost, and stored in a dry and cool place; shallow boxes, such as old orange boxes, do well for holding them.

Why do not the owners of worthless orchards destroy them and remove a nuisance? Such old orchards breed destructive insects, which scatter in all directions.

Charles O'Donnell, of Twentieth and Dickinson street, Philadelphia, writes in the Record that ducks of his which were hatched on the 29th of April last began to lay on the 24 of September.

The Ohio Experiment Station recommends as an efficient remedy for the cabbage worm a mixture of one ounce of pyrethrum with four ounces of buckwheat flour, applied with a bellows.

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A RECENT BALLOON TRIP.

According to foreign papers, which give a detailed account of it, the balloon trip made a few weeks ago from Cherbourg, France, to Tottenham, near London, England, was not so great a success as the dispatches claimed it to be.

M. F. L'Hote, a professional aeronaut, and M. Joseph Mangot, a young astronomer, left the coast of France in the balloon "Torpilleur," at 11 o'clock at night, passed clear across the English channel and over the Isle of Wight, and arrived in the vicinity of London about 7 the next morning.

The occupants of the balloon stated that they met with no accident on the trip, which was pleasurable and highly instructive. They admitted that they derived scarcely any benefit from their steering and propelling apparatus. They claimed, however, to have derived very great advantage from a new system of using ballast.

In all previous attempts to manage balloons, there was no way to make them descend or to keep them near the surface of the earth except to open the valve and allow part of the confined gas to escape. It often happens that this gas is wanted before the trip is completed. So, too, there was no way to make the balloon ascend, except to throw out ballast, which usually consists of bags of sand.

By the use of the apparatus employed by these Frenchmen, all the gas, except what escapes through the cloth, is kept to the end of the trip. In making a voyage requiring a day and a night, the tendency of a balloon is to sink after sunset, and to rise after the sun has made its appearance. If the trip is made over water, the apparatus employed by these Frenchmen will keep the balloon as near the surface as is desired all the time.

These balloonists think they made another valuable discovery. In passing over several nations they got down some small torpedoes, which exploded on their decks. They accordingly claim that balloons may be made very useful in war by enabling persons to drop torpedoes, bombs and various explosive instruments on vessels, in fortifications and on buildings in towns.

It is scarcely likely, however, balloons will ever be used for the purpose suggested. Only highly civilized nations could employ balloons in warfare, and among such nations civilization extends to the arts of war as well as to those of peace. The people who would drop torpedoes from an elevation on vessels and unfortified towns would be likely to be classed with those who fire explosive bullets and make use of noxious gases and virulent poisons.

The question has often been raised: what proportion of balls exchanged by hostile armies will hit the mark and kill? Difficult as it is to solve it exactly, some approximate result may be arrived at from the number of balls—estimated at 20,000,000—which were fired by the Germans in the war of 1870-71. The French army lost, in dead and wounded, about 140,000 men. According to this, only one ball out of 143 fired hit its man, and assuming that on an average only one man out of seven hit was actually killed, it would seem that only one rifle ball in 838 proved fatal.

It is further considered that the number of men wounded and killed by the guns of the artillery are included in the above estimate. It may safely be said that not over one rifle ball in 1,000 fired proves to be fatal.

"Ticket, please!" "Ain't got em." "Then your fare, please." "Nary a red." "Then what did you get on this train for?" "To ride, you bet." "I'll bet you don't." "Take yer."

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An Old Scotch Legend.

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There is a legend of a pious old Scotch minister of a country parish in the seventeenth century, who had entered into a league with a familiar spirit and was thought none the worse of it by his parishioners. Like Solomon, the minister held this power on a condition. Solomon's lay in the retention of his mind, the loss of which, according to the Talmud, once subjected him to terrible misfortunes. The Scotch minister had his familiar spirit subject to his will as long as he wore only one extra pair of shoes. This condition the venerable minister adhered to throughout his life, though it is recorded that the baffled spirit stooped to the meanness of transforming itself into a flea, for the purpose of tormenting the minister's maid while she knitted stitches and manufactured shawls.

The power of exorcism, of laying troubled spirits in the Bedlam—as we eagerly claimed by the names of various denominations, and the successful exercise of this influence was regarded as the power to lead vestigial spirits to the kind of ball mark of orthodoxes—was no more far-fetched, they should have taken me to Rome, 'twas preter John, was in jest, half in earnest, when some one remarked that his visit to London was a child to be lashed by Queen Anne had not resulted in the miraculous cure expected. Possibly he was not altogether destitute of faith, in the efficacy of the healing touch of the direct male heir of the Stuart line.

In the same way duly ordained ministers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries ridiculed the claims of the quaker, dissenting unorthodox brethren to quakerly apparitions and restless ghouls. The early seventeenth century, the perturbed spirit is brought to reason by the minister of the parish, and besides, departing independence information of the coming plague of 1664-5. Many a Scotchman's gold has been banished by the power of a "prayerful preacher" like the celebrated Peden; while Sir Roger de Coverley did sufficient exorcism to the ghosts which had appropriated all the best beds-room in the manor house to cause his chaplain to lie in each to turn.

"You look thoughtful to night, Dumley," remarked the feathery, stretching himself on the bed as he spoke to the lady. "Yes, I've just had a note from the lady."

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