# "COUSIN BILL."

### Submitted in The Tribune's Short Story Contest.

amongst its popuation who has an ungov rnable desire for strong lrink, and through this egenerates into the town lrunkard. Razorville was no exception to this rule, for it had in the person of "Cousin Bill" an ideal town drunkard, who, at last, had become a sort of recognized institution. He was a lank, awkward, bleary eyed, ragged, and generally un-

washed, specimen of humanity. It would have been almost as much of a shock to the good residents of Razorville to see Bill sober, as to see Judge Hollister stagger down the street in a remote state of inchricty, so accustomed were they to his eter-nally progracted drunk. In fact, there were two conditions in which Bill was never remembered to have been-real angry or perfectly sober. He had a habit of disappearing for a day or two at times, and returning in a dilapi dated condition with some trophy o the trip, sometimes a filthy member of the genus canis family, who would accompany him in all of his orgics until becoming disgusted at the numerous cobblestones and brick-bats whose destination severally seemed to be a particular portion of his anatomy -yeleped, ribs-together with divers tin receptacles, which were periodically attached to his terminal appendage, he would decamp, leaving devastation in his wake, in the shape of

Bill made his appearance one evening, at the termination of one of those periods of oblivion, accompanied by a slovenly looking fellow, who hore in his arms a sunny-haired little girl of about five. Both men were in an in-toxicated condition, and the tot would now and again ery out and clap her little hands in childish glee as the fellow who was carrying her would stagger in drunken incapability under the weight of her frail body, she recog-nizing nothing in it other than that of a means he was exercising for her

At last, after describing innumerable semi-circles, the trio reached the ramshackle structure which Bill inhabited and the three disappeared within,

The child made her appearance on the following morning in a clean freck, and with hands and face like the proverbial pin. She scampered across the street, to where the other little children were playing, and, by way of introduction, divided amongst them the stick of candy she held in her chubby little hands. The proffered sweets were accepted with readiness, but when they were exhausted, and the giver unable to replenish the supply, they pushed her down and ran off, saying, contemptuously, and with an elevation of the olfactory organ, they had come to a definite conclusion that they would not, under any circumstances, associate with "Cousin

'Cousin Bill's' girl." poor little forlorn creature, seemed to accept the situation philosophically. She sat where the others had pushed her, and fought back the tears that swelled up in her This accomplished, she arose, and gulping down a little lump that persisted in lodging in her throat toddled back to her own playground.

The stranger seemed to be the un fortunate possessor of no little amount of money, for ever and anon, throughout the day, would Bill emerge, can in hand, and wend his way to a neighboring beer shop for a fresh supply of the jocund beverage.

The other, apparently, did not court the notoriety that Bill did, for never while their carouse lasted was he seen cutside the door, and when he did make his appearance, sometime later, he was not intoxicated. In build he resembled Bill, tall and thin, but his here traces of refinement that was raissing in the lineaments of his companion. Dissipation left its mark upon him in the shape of a dull eye and a mouth, once compressed in determination, but which was now beginning to droop at the corners.

Although neither of them did labor of

any kind, there seemed to be an abundance of money, nor did they seek to better their surroundings in any shape or form, but led a maudlin existence-Bill openly, the other with a closeners akin to secrecy.

Matters went on in this way for about the period of a year, when one wild winter night the stranger went off with a fit of delirium, in the midst of a prolonged debauch. Bill was affected by a genuine and melancholy sadness at this occurrence. He hung about the body of his friend, which lay in a plain coffin in a room of his dingy abode and cried with the anguish of a father over the lifeless body of his first-born, At the funeral there was but one car-

riage other than that which held the coffin. In it were Bill and the little child, whose laughing face was pressed against the window, enjoying the novelty of her first ride, and without one thought of the occupant of the conveyance ahead. Bill leaned back in the carriage with a wan and haggard face. He had not the heart to take the child back from the window, although he heard remarks which were occasioned by the sight of her, such as: "Poor

It was one of those dull, dreary days late in November that seem to be without an afternoon, so quickly does the darkness tread upon the heels of day. Night was just beginning to fall as they entered the cometery.

The old Sexton and Bill, assisted by the drivers, took the coffin from the hearse and lowered it into the newly made grave.

A low, heart-rending sob broke from Bill as he heard the clods of earth strike upon the coffin.

The child, who had followed then flew at the sexton and tried to stay his shovel. The kindly old fellow gathered her, sobbing wildly, in his arms them and food for their children. placed her in the outstretched ones of Bill, who turned and walked

Some few days afterward, when the from the father while he lived, called down upon them, cut off retreat, and Bill, he was met with a surprise. wreak vengeance. The child had disappeared, and upon

. . . . . . . . . We will now pass over ten cutwart- suing scene was appalling. event, for during there he changed y habits.

Never after the death of his friend was the sign of liquor seen upon him, and what was more surprising, he presented himself at the mouth of the al mine one morning, about a week afterward, as a candidate for a posi-

He never paid any attention to the ibes of those about him in the mine, who laughed at the incongruous idea of "Cousin Bill" working. Gradually the fact that he was serious in the matter, but not till a few monthly pay days had gone by without shaking his resolution in regard to drink. He applied himself with avidity to

evely possible chance of erning a ent-a course which is approved of at first by that improvident-as a ruleclass amongst whom he lived, but which is condemned and labeled penuriousness as the industrious one rises above them in the possission of worldly goods. In the evening and upon the days when there was no work for him in the mine he would employ his time advantageously working in the gardens of the wealthy element-an occupation in which he possesed no mean skill, and, as a consequence, was much in demand.

It is a curious fact that when Bill was his own greatest enemy he en-joyed the good natured tolerance, if not the friendship, of the community, who, after seeing him spend a few years in the acquisition of wealth, agreed en masse to dislike him; some because of his avarice; others for the cason that he chose to go in rags when he could afford well to wear good clothes; others because he ill; used himself so much in his inordinate greed for wealth as to cat only the poorest of victuals and carried water in his bottle to the mine when the poorest miner carried tea or coffee. These, and many moresuch, were the reasons given for their dislike of the man who some years since they passed with a smile as he wallowed in the gutter habited in the meanest rags. He conversed with few, and was on ntimate terms with no one save the old priest, Father Wharton, at whose home he sometimes spent his Sunday evenings.

The suspension of '72 came, and with it the horrors which made that year memorable in the annals of that staid

shoeless to school that they might not eggshell. go supperless to bed, and led on by labor agitator, they suspended work the strikers took to their heels. and began a long and bitter fight against the relentless operators.

Their brother laborers at the numerus other collicries, although they did not fare much better themselves, went out on strike also, in sympathy with the oppressed ones, thereby throwing every mine in the vicinity idle. The operators at oncel sent the agents about the country for the purpose of gathering together sufficient men to work the different mines, nor was their mission unsuccessful, for by the end of two or three weeks the Starkton-Morse was in full operation, as was also some three or four other collieries.

Met thus with defeat on every hand and crazed at the cries of their children for bread, the strikers threw prudence to the winds and resorted to violence. After one wild scene of bloodshed and murder the governor was appealed to, and, as a consequence, the militia pounced down upon the little town to enforce order. Sad and solemn were the few days

following the riot. Two of the strikers were killed in it, each leaving a wife and some helpless little children. Amid the wailing of these they buried the unfortunate fellows, and dividing he orphans amongst themselves, who had already too many mouths to feed, they turned homeward with vengeance in their hearts.

The presence of the militia tended to keep them from forming mobs, or from approaching the different collierles which were in operation, for some days afterward, until rumors of desertion from their ranks began to be heard. It was said that some seven or eight, amongst whom was the miserly old Bill, had gone back to their work in the Starkton-Morse at a still more reduced wage rate. Upon learning this to be true, their rage knew no bounds, nor was it directed so much against the poor fellows who were driven to it by the cries of their starying children, as at the grasping old miser, whom they believed to be able, not only to aid the cause by remaining idle, but to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Quietly the word was passed about thing, she ought to be taken away from amongst the strikers to come on a cer-that brute, now that her father is tain evening to a rendezvous about one-half mile in the rear of the Starkton-Morse, known as Hunter's Glen preparatory to a combined attack upon the blackless.

The evening of the day specified found a desperate and determined body of men gathered in the Glen. Some few were armed with shotguns, but the majority carried heavy cudgels, which they had wrenched from the surrounding trees, and now were brandishing them in the air waiting impatiently for the word to advance. Starvation had driven all vestige of humanity from their hearts, leaving unobserved, gave a shrill scream and the brute instinct uppermost, and they were now ready and eager to dash out

After considerable wrangling, they agreed to scatter about at the edge of slowly toward the carriage with his the wood in the vicinity of the Starkton-Morse, and, as the blacklegs left the place in a body for their sleeping representative of the society who had quarters at the close of the day's unsuccessfully tried to wrest the child work, as was their custom, pounce

the brains of those who stood between

The unaggressiveness of the strikhim being informed that she was in ers for the past few weeks had thrown possession of relatives in New the operators off their guard so much York state and voicing his doubts as that they relaxed their characteristic veracity of the statement, was vigilance in protecting their interests kicked out of doors by the maker of to the extent of removing the armed as he told me of the life of sacrifice you led

said statement, and given to under-stand that should be call again be would be met with a reception in only a short distance away from the painful fac simile of the present one. colliery, found themselves surrounded by a mob of infuriated men. The enly uneventful years in the life of Bill, was impossible, as was also flight, for which were to him years frought with on all sides were the gaunt, starved looking strikers armed and bearing from the jolly devil-me care inebriate down upon them. Right and left that he was, to a decrepit, gray-haired grasping and miscriy old man, who through the mass of stampeding ras generally disliked for his niggard- blacklegs, bearing down with them a victim at each blow,

The cries of the wounded, mingled variety of its uses. From America to with the exultant shouts of the others Asia Minor it appears as an article of as they trampled in a frenzy of hatred food on dinner tables and supper



There was an old woman tossed up in a basket, Ninety times as high as the moon. Find her two sons?

Tursday, July 9-The fitth boy's face is formed

scene a horrifying one. Suddenly, that does not exhaust its possibilities there was a loud shout as the form of by any means. In Egypt it is made to old Bill was seen endeavoring wildly yield a pleasant cooling drink by into extricate himself from the strug- genious treatment. A hole is cut in The men at the Starkton-Morse col- gling mass. A big sturdy fellow, liery had been undergoing for years a whose face was spattered with blood, steady and systematic reduction, until swung his club high in the air and with wax. The cucumber, still fastendriven at last to desperation at the brought it down upon his grey head, sight of their children going almost which crackled under the blow like an

the deceptive harangues of the wily had been summoned, now arrived, and

riot removed the injured ones, and the bodies of the dead were claimed and came upon the scene. Two fellows standing by, whose hearts were touched at the right of old Bill lying friendless and staring fixedly up at the evening sky, procured a stretcher and placing the limp form upon it, carried it to his home.

Curiosity getting the best of them to make it appear that Bill had opened guarantee with every cucumber sold. it, tore off the edge of the envelope, the digestive woe of humanity would and removed the letter. It ran:

I cannot find in my heart another name for you

although the good old priest, Father Wharlon has told me all, which, briefly, is:

was at that time living happely with his wife and child in a little town in the western part made few literary or other friends, so, when my ife, and liquor to deaden his memory of happier

'After a year of this life he met a man who had yearned for knowledge in his younger days, which circumstances and his environment perdistently denied him until he, too, had come of

non mustered both. "Upon the death of one, the other seeing the its father, and exposed to the necessity of receiving an education at the hands of charity, he dechild to a triend, with instructions to place it in

Such did the old priest tell me was my life.

God forgive me, it was my greedy call for of danger. You led me to believe, through your coodness of heart, that my father was alive, but understand now why I was never taken home, why my father never came to visit me. The ton says, is a picture of my father,
I wept until I thought my heart would break

without a murmur for my sake. But they were not all tears of sorrow, for I am a womap now, almost 17, and you shall work no more. There is a position of assistant instructor in one of the departments open which I will apply for. I beg of you to give up your present employ-ment. Enclosed you will find a portion of the money you sent me for my commencement dress Unfortunately I have expended almost half. God will reward you for the triendship you have shown to a friendless girl, who will never

be able to fully repay you, and who signs her-self Your loving daughter, Marian Hayes. They placed the letter back in the dead man's pocket and left the house, with faces burning with shame, while the encoming darkness slowly blotted out the scene within.

### ABOUT THE CUCUMBER.

Hardest Worked of Vegetables and Sometimes the Best. From the New York Sun.

The cucumber is the hardest worked member of the vegetable kingdom. At least it is if we may judge by the

### PICTURE PUZZLE.

#### Solutions for Last Week's Puzzles:

the policeman in between the two boys.

directly in front of the little girl's fair. Look at the picture from left-hand corner and it is

Wednesday, July 19-There is one bird on the

A detachment of the militia, which

The sight of poverty which met their eyes upon entering in no way surprised them for they were acquainted enough with his penurious ways to know that he denied himself even some of the with surreptitious bites, to the days necessities of life. As they laid the of formal dinners, when haby cucumbody on a ragged cot, which stood in the corner of the bare room, a letter sharpens hunger like a pickle? dropped from the inner pocket of his got it sometime that day while at to the injury of the strikers.

one smeared his fingers with coal dirt, reality digestible and could issue a

W--- College, June 12, 18-.

"My father, who is none other than the author of Pennsylvania. Being naturally reticent and communicative, although good at heart, he ole him but his little child, who was then four ears old. His spirit broken by the blow, and his ambition dead, he began a wandering life brough the state, doing doggedly here and there some odd little literary jobs to secure food and lothing for his child, who alone hourd him to

milder life a failure.
"There sprung up between these two a mutual friendship that lasted till death parted from. One drank in the learning he had wished for, as it fell from the lips of the other, and loved the giver. The other found in his companion the responsice, consoling, and friendly hature that Detroit ...
Sould have reclaimed him had not the same de-

ided to take the burden upon his own shoulders certain institution, where it would be maintained it his expense. At the end of four years the hild was removed, and entered in a more pready, while the man who was more than a fasanions, carning only be appellation of 'miser.

Two nights ago he says you came to his house end told him all, as you feared you would meet



Monday, July 8-Hold the picture sideways- ; trep, one on the coat cleeves and one under the

Thursday, July 11-The bag is in the tree branches. Friday, July 12-Hold picture upside down; the

father's face is in baby's lap. Saturday, July In-Hold picture sideways; the other face is in player's shirt.

on the bodies of the fallen, made the tables, all over the civilized world. But the encumber, the pulp is broken and stirred with a stick, and the hole closed ed to its stem, is lowered into a pit. After a few days the fuice terments and the Egyptian drawing it off has a liquor exactly suited to his taste. When my lady wishes to allay sun-

barn or to soften and whiten her skin

cucumber soap or cucumber cream. The very name makes her think that carried off, as some sorrowing relative the preparation must be harmless as well as efficacious and the Beau Brummels of today use cucumber pomade with the same sense of security. Then pickles-what is more universally popular than the pickle, and what new fangled invention can bear comparison with the old-fashioned time-

honored cucumber pickle? From the days of kilts and pinafores when boys and girls ate a huge penny pickle bers appear as gherkins, waat relish For the cucumber in its natural

coat to the floor. It was addressed to state is at once the temptation and the him in a woman's handwriting, and menace of the eating world. Plump, was still unopened. He had probably green and inviting as it is, doctors who have delicate digestions in charge work, for it was the custom of the taboo it. The average man eats it perator, since work began, to send to cheerfully, but with a sneaking fear of he postoffice for the mail of his men consequences. Mental science should that they might not expose themselves! turn its attention to cucumbers for a while. If it should convince the universal mind that cucumbers were in be wonderfully lightened.

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