

**Bad Behavior of a Corpse.**

Several days ago Mr. J. McCloud of Faulkner county, died of rheumatism. A large party volunteered to sit up with the corpse, and when night came many sad faces were seen, sallow by the mellowing light of tallow candles. The minister came, and entering the room remarked: "Earth to earth and ashes to ashes." The corpse lay on a table covered with a sheet.

"I thought I saw the sheet move," said one of the watchers. "See if there is a cat under it?"

The company sat still. "I am confident that the sheet moved," said the man.

The minister arose and lifted the sheet, and, standing, he looked at the pallid face of the dead man. The corpse's head left the table. The minister fell back. Stiff, stark and terrible the corpse slowly arose from the table and attained a sitting posture. The legs remained stretched out and the arms remained folded. The women shrieked and ran from the room, and the minister reprimanding them for their weakness and want of confidence, climbed a fence and stood in a turnip patch. When the frightened people saw that the corpse did not intend to follow, they went back into the house. The corpse retained the upright posture, stiff as the attitude struck by the amateur on the stage.

With fears somewhat allayed the minister advanced, and placing a hand on the dead man's breast pressed him backward. Proportionately as his head went down his heels came up, and when his head touched the the board, his heels were high in the air. The cause of the dead man's freak was then discovered. The muscles of the stomach, distorted by rheumatism, were contracting. It required the efforts of two men to straighten the corpse.—*Little Rock, (Ark.) Gazette.*

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"You had better be the emperor of one loving and tender heart, and she empress of yours than to be the king of the world. The man who has really won the love of one good woman in this world, it matters not though he die in the ditch a beggar, his life has been a success."

There is a heathen book which says: man is strength, woman is beauty; man is courage, woman is love. When the one man loves the one woman and the one woman loves the one man, the very angles leave heaven and come and sit in that house and sing for joy.—*The Physiologist.*

**The Last Words of the Dying.**

It is probably natural that at the last the scenes which have made the strongest impressions in life should be recalled by memory. The old mountaineer when he comes to die, with his last whisper says his snow shoes are lost; with the stage driver, he says "on a down grade and cannot reach the brake; the miner cannot reach the air pipe; and the gambler plays his last trump. A little girl died a few years ago, and as her mother held her wrist and noted the fainting and flickering pulse, a smile came to the wan face and the child whispered, "There's no desert here, mama, but all the world

is full of beautiful flowers." A moment later, the smile became transfixed. In an eastern city, not long ago, a Sister of charity was dying, and at last from a stupor, she opened her eyes and said: "It is strange; every kind word that I have spoken in my life, every tear that I have shed, have become a living flower around me, and they bring to my senses an incense ineffable."

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