He Suffered from the Drouth

On the ever glorious Fourth a confiding shopkeeper on Michigan Grand avenue mixed up a tub full of lemonade and took his seat behind it, with the exclamation to the public:

"Nice, cool lemonade and the old-fashioned tin dipper! Come and drink all you can hold for five cents!"

He was speedily patronized, but the tenth or eleventh man who came up was a negro. He was built with a basement and bay-window, and he had a mouth on him which would take in Billy Kersan's whole head.

"How much for five cents?" he carelessly inquired.

"All you want."

"No chokin' off?"

"No, sir. Pick up the dipper and drink away."

The stranger put down his nickel and took off hat and drank a full quart. Then he uttered a long drawn "y-u m!" and took off his coat and got away with two more dippers.

"Hain't you about full?" anxiously inquired the owner of the tub.

"Purty full, but not quite, sah."

Off went the vest and the dipper was filled and emptied three times, with only a breath between.

"Say! you've got away with a whole gallon!" called the lemonade man as a thunder cloud worked along his brow.

"I specks I hev, sah, but dar' was to be no chokin' off. All dese gem'lem heard de bargain."

He sat down on a barrel, removed his shoes, crossed his legs, and it did seem as if he imbibed another gallon before he let up long enough to remark:

"Does seem powerful good to hev Fo'th of July come again."

"Say, man, do you propose to empty this tub?"

"Can't say, sah. Reckon I'll put in an hour mo' bear."

"Are you a hog or a man?"

"A man moas' ellus, but when I strike a snap like dis I kin drap a few pegs.—Please stir up dat mixture, fur I'm awful dry again."

"I'll be hanged if I do! How much to quit?"

"Fifty cents, sah."

"I'll give you thirty."

The negro swallowed another pint, explained that he had been dry for six weeks, and he finally took thirty cents, six pieces of lemon and a chunk of ice and agreed to haul off, saying to the crowd:

"Gem'len I reckon I'se got to fill up de rest ob de space wid cl'ar water, and if any of you can tell me whar' dar' is a hydrant open I shall be greatly obleeged."—*Detroit Free Press.*

When Cooper was Frightened

'I was never more scared in my life,' said Senator Thomas V. Cooper, as he sat on the veranda of the [illegible] hotel [illegible]twood, this [illegible] again, a butcher [illegible] a afternoon sc[illegible] Cooper, as he removed his hat and pushed back his bushy red topknot—a habit of his—' it was while I was in the Army of the Potomac. Mosby's men had been bushwhacking us, killing our men wherever they could, picking off a picket here and there and making every mother's son feel uncomfortable. I was detailed one day on picket duty, and as luck would have it I got the extreme outermost post. There was no help for it. I either had to go or show the white feather, and nobody has yet called me a coward. I took my position and waited for the long hours to pass before I should be relieved. As I sat there thinking of 'home and mother dear' I heard the sound of a cow-bell and my hair went up on end; I had more of it than I have now. I knew it was a favorite trick of Mosby's men to get a cow-bell and by gently ringing it approach a picket until near enough to pick him off. I was up to that game. They were not going to kill me if I could help it. I retreated a few hundred feet towards our main post. The bell followed. I retreated further north and waited and again the bell followed I kept on retreating and the bell kept getting nearer and nearer and I knew in my soul the rebel rascal that jingled it was waiting to get a shot at me. Finally I reached the post and told the rest of the boys about it and we deployed to right and left of the cow-bell and surrounded it. Making a rush we dashed into the thicket and I tell you we made a haul!'

'What was it?' a dozen voices asked.

'One of those lean, lank, slab sided Virginia cows wearing a big bell. It was not one of Mosby's men, and all of us were fooled.'

Greenhorns Bucking on the Beach

Many of the people here take great delight in seeing their friends learn the alphabet of the ocean. Of such was the nice, economical, poverty-pounded, inlaid old lady who, upon her first sight of "vasty deep," placed her arms akimbo, drew a long sigh and murmured: "Dear me, it's a great joy to see something that there's plenty of." Of these was the middle-aged man whose wife thought the water too cold to bathe in that day. "No, Merriar," he said, pointing to some iron waste pipes that entered the waves near where he stood, "don't you see? They're a-runnin' hot water into the ocean an' heatin' of her up."

Little Willie' when he first saw his baby cousin, gazed on the tiny thing for a moment in awed silence and then whispered: 'Mamma, is he a her?,

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'So I understand—but are not some of the stories they tell of its fertility exaggerated?'

'Why, my friend, I am sorry to say some of them are downright untruths.'

'That's what I thought. Now, what is the most remarkable instance of the fertility of Dakota soil which ever came under your observation?'

'Well, I believe the case of my pump might go at the head of the list.'

'What was it?'

'I dug a well about forty feet deep the first season I was there and put down a wooden pump. It happened it was made out of a small cottonwood log which was a little green, and the soil at the bottom of that well, forty feet from the surface, was so fertile that the pump took root and it also grew up and branched out, and now while my children play in a swing attached to one of the branches I pump water through the hole which still remains in the trunk.'

'Do you tell that for the truth?'

'Why, certainly sir, I never tell anything but the truth.'

'Are you engaged in farming or the real estate business?'

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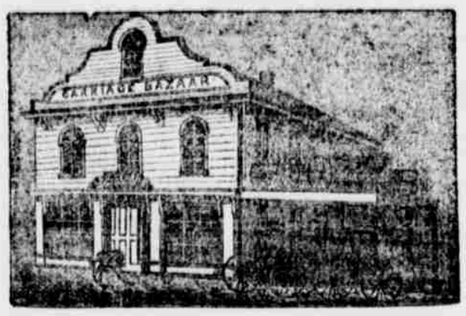

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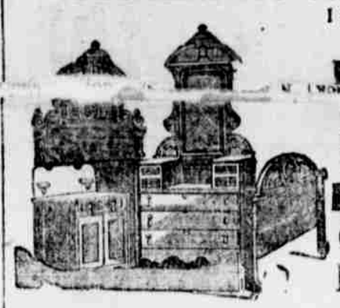

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