

### Trouble in the "Amen Corner."

'Twas a stylish congregation, that of Theophilus Brown,  
And its organ was the finest and the biggest in the town,  
And the choir, all the papers favorably commented on it,  
For it was said each female member had a forty dollar bonnet.  
  
Now, in the "Amen corner" of the church sat Brother Eyer,  
Who persisted every Sabbath-day in singing with the choir;  
He was poor, but genteel-looking, and his head as snow was white,  
And his old fiddle-bowed with sweetness when he sang with all his might.  
  
His voice was cracked and broken, age had touched his vocal chords  
And nearly every Sunday he would mispronounce the words.  
Of the hymns and, 'twas no wonder — he was old and nearly blind,  
And the choir rattling onward, at ways left him far behind.  
  
The church strolled and blustered,  
Brother Eyer sang to show,  
And then he used the tunes in vogue a hundred years ago!  
At last the storm cloud burst, and the church was told, in fine,  
That the brother must stop singing, or the choir would resign.

Then the pastor called together in the vestry room one day Seven influential members who subscribe more than they pay,  
And having asked God's guidance in a printed prayer or two,  
They put their heads together to determine what to do.

They debated, thought, suggested, till at last "dear" Brother York, Who last year had made a million on a sudden rise in pork,  
Rose and moved that a committee visit him once on Brother Eyer,  
And proceed to raise him nicely "for disturbance" of the choir.

Said he: "In that case organ Eve is vested quite a papa.  
And we'll sell it if we cannot worship in the latest style.  
Our Philadelphia tenor tells me 'tis the hardest thing  
To make people understand him when the brother tries to sing.

We've got the biggest organ, and the best dressed choir in town,  
We pay the steepst salary to our pastor, Brother Brown;  
But if we must humor ignorance because he's blind and old,  
If the choir's to be pleased, I will seek another folk."

Of course the motion carried, and one day a couch-and-four, With the latest style of driver, rattled up to Eyer's door:  
And the sleek, well-dressed committee, Brothers Sharp, Young and Lamb, As they crossed the humble porch

were ready to meet everyone.  
A. T. TOSSEY.

They found the choir's great trouble sitting in his old arm-chair, And the summer's golden sunbeams lay upon his thin white hair.  
He was singing "Rock of Ages," in a broken voice and low,  
But the angels understood him—that was all he cared to know.

Said York: "We're here, dear brother, with the vestry's approbation.  
To discuss a little matter that affects the congregation."  
"And the choir, too," said Sharp, giving Brother York a nudge.  
"And the choir, too," he echoed, with the grandness of judge.

"It was the understanding, when we bargained for the choir, That it was to relieve us; that is, to do the singing for us!  
If we capture this agreement, it is very plain, dear brother, It will leave our congregation, and be gobbled by another.

"We don't want any singing except that what we've bought!"

The latest times are all the rage, the old ones stand for naught.  
And so we have decided—are you listening, Brother Eyer?— That you'll have to stop your singing, for it irritates the choir!"

The old man slowly raised his head, a smirn that he did bear,  
And on his cheek the trio caught the glint of a tear!  
His feeble hands pushed back the locks, white as the silky snow,  
As he answered the committee in a voice both sweet and low.

"I've sang the psalms of David, nearly eighty years," said he;  
"They've been my staff and comfort all along life's dreary way!"

I'm sorry I disturb the choir; perhaps I'm doing wrong;  
But when my heart is filled with praise, I can't keep back a song;

"I wonder if beyond the tide that's breaking off my feet  
Is the far off heavenly temple, where the Master I shall greet—

Yes, I wonder, when I try to sing the songs of God up higher,  
If the angel band will church me for disturbing heaven's choir?"

A silence filled the little room; the old man bowed his head;  
The carriage rattled on again; but Brother Eyer was dead!

Yes, dead! his hand had raised the veil the future hangs before us.  
And the Master dear has called him to the everlasting chorus.

The choir missed him for a while, but he was soon forgot;  
A few church-goers watched the door, the old man entered not;  
Far away, his voice no longer cracked, he sung his heart's desire,  
Where there are no church committees, and no fashionable choirs?

The English papers make a great many breaks, sometimes, in referring to American matters. When Dr. Webster was hanged at Boston for the murder of Dr. Parker, the announced that it was Noah Webster, author of the great dictionary, and now an English newspaper has the following biographical sketch of Buffalo Bill, who is now a jester in that country: "Hon. William B. Cody (Buffalo Bill) was a close companion of a man named Boone, who discovered Kentucky in 1769. Mr. Cody married a granddaughter of a distinguished gentleman known as sitting Bull. Cody was twice governor of Colorado and was at one time mayor of the Arkansas legislature. He served in the Confederate army by the command of General Butler who so gallantly defended New Orleans against the threatened invasion of the federal general Longstreet. After the war Mr. Cody went to Congress from the province of Detroit and introduced a measure for the relief of the citizens of Buffalo, which gained for him the name of Buffalo Bill. He has contributed largely to the Atlantic Monthly a newspaper edited by Mark Twain and Uncle Tom Cabin, a man mainly known for his negro dialect sketches. Mr. Cody has a ranch of many acres in St. Louis where he keeps a large lot of Indians and ponies constantly on hand.

**NEARLY CRAZED**  
with pain is the result of many a victim of rheumatism, neuralgia, and frequently other diseases, such as kidney and liver complaints, are directly traceable to rheumatism or neuralgia. These diseases, for some unknown reason, are rapidly increasing, and in many instances are the direct cause of much sickness which so bites its real origin as to be mistaken for other diseases. In curing rheumatism, neuralgia, sick headache, and in many cases of kidney and liver troubles, Athiphorous has wrought wonders. Those who have used it are best qualified to speak of its merit. Dr. J. H. BURGESS, a physician of Springfield, Mass., says: "Athiphorous is a thoroughly good medicine. I use it in practice, and find its action excellent. I have found it to be a safe and effective remedy. It is all that is claimed for it." DR. N. V. THOMAS, of Worcester, Mass., says: "Athiphorous is the best Remedy I have ever used. It cures Rheumatism and Neuralgia, and is a powerful Antiseptic and Digestive System. Restores Appetite, and Digestion. It does not blister or irritate the tooth, causes headache, and cures Neuralgia, and Rheumatism. Dr. H. BURGESS, a leading physician of Springfield, Mass., says:

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