The Lion and the Skunk.

A DREAM. I met a lion in my path, (Twas on a dreary automn Who gave me the alternation To either run or fight,

I dare not turn upon the track, I dare not think to run away, For fear the lion at my back Would seize me as his prey.

So summoning a fearless air. Though all my soul was full of fright sald unto the forest king, "I will not run but fight."

We fought, and as the fates decreed. I conquered in the bloody fray For soon the lion at my feet A lifeless carcass lay.

A little skunk was standing by

And noted what the lion spoke; and when he saw the lion die, The lion's track he took. He used the lion's very speech, And stretching to his utmost heigh

To either run or fight. saw he was prepared to fling Vile odors from his bushy tail, nd knew those odors very soon My nostrils would assail.

e gave me the alternative

, summening an humble air, Tho' all my soul was free from fright said upto the dirty brute, "I'll run but will not fight."

s years began to cool my blood, I'd rather all would doubt my spunk han for a moment undertake To battle with a skunk.

-David Parker

Humorous Side of Drunkenness.

It is an awful degredation, and yet hases of it. We cannot help it. I not blame reople for laughing. and he ought to enjoy the privilege dons, the feet were soon unjointed. chases of drunkenness. I could fill age after page by relating the funplest of stories about the drink, but

nown years before, very drunk, and e hailing him said: "I say, old man,

We cannot help laughing, but we now all the while that we are lookent into his house in the dark, and, mine. My family consists of my eing yery thirsty, groped about for aged parents, my wife, three sons he water pitcher and found it. He and three daughters, and yours, fted it to his mouth and began to rink very rapidly. One of his chilren had dropped a soft spool of silk to the pitcher, and in his hurry he vollowed it. He felt something disrecable and strange, and he became ightened and dropped ithe pitcher, h dear, oh dear. oh dear!" He aght hold of the end of the silk, and great affright began to draw the e thread from his mouth. "Wife, fe," he shouted, "hurry up, hurry , I'm all unraveling!"

remember when I was in Glasgow aring a man in the city hall tell a stures of it. I cannot tell the story he did, but I will give you an idea

it. He saidcated. In the gray of the mornthe laird and Sandy were riding call it, slipped over the pummel of

'No. laird, there's nothing felloff.' Sandy, I heard a splash. Sandy dismounted and said : 'It's self that's in the water."

fallen off."

'It canna be me, Sandy, for

hae one to steer the beaut wi,' exlaimed the laird.

"'Ah, laird,' replied Sandy, here's a miracle. The horse's head's aff, an' I auna and the place where it was and o' bis mane.

"Gle me the mane then Sandy. Wob, woh! He is gaing the wrong way, Sandy.' And se the thing went on. I laughed till my sides ached. We laugh at such stories because they are ludicrous; but, I repeat, they illus- and she said: trate only one phase of an awful fact. -Erom John B. Gough's "Platform

THE PITIFUL TALE.

One of the strangest applications for an increased pension that has ever been presented to Congress onk, Ill. He says he is forty years sirres ! old, and in the fall of 1862 joined the Fourteenth Illinois Cavalry, being captured in Stoneman's raid in July. 1864. He was kept in Aandersonville for awhile and then removed to Charleston, 8 C., where, about Feb. ruary 15, 1865, he was stricken with swamp fever He proceeds: 'I soon learned from the surgeon, after a basty examination, that I was

a victim of scurvy and gangrene and was removed to the gangrene hospital. My feet and ankles above the joints presented a livid, lifeless appearance, and the flesh began to slough off, and the surgeon, with a peegs then; an' if we do, I'll come bratal oath, said I would soon die. But I was determined to live, and begged him to cut my feet off, telling him if he would that I could live. He still refused, and, believing that my life depended on the removal of made any, did you? If you had, my feet, I secured an old pocket you'd know thate laugh at drunkenness!-at certain knife (I have it now in my possession), and, cutting through the de- your soap ?" Inn is the only animal that can laugh caying flesh and severing the ten-

and I mean to. But you know, and I leaving the bones protruding with- law and soap's soap. Let the jedge now, that we often laugh at some out a covering of flesh for five inches, At the close of the war I was taken soap. The good book says there's a by the rebs to our lines at Wilming- time fer everything au' this is my that which we laugh at is but one tou, N C., in April, 1865, and when time fer a bar'l o' soft soap' hase of an awful act, a dreadful re- weighed learned that I had been reduced from 165 pounds (my weight fined for contempt of court, all right To be sure we laugh. One fellow when captured) to 45 pounds Every You will be find sure asall down a flight of thirty or forty one of the Union surgeons who saw 'Bab! I know all 'bout the me to help him up he said: "Goway: me then said I could not live, but an' there aint anything in it, nor in don't want any help; that 'sh the contrary to this belief I did, and im- the Constitution of the United States, ay I allus come down stairs." The proved. Six weeks after being re- nor in the Declaration of Injecpenlishop of Rhode Island told me that leased, while on a toat enronte to dence; nor in nothin, else, that says once saw a man whom he had New York, the bones of my right a woman's got to leave a kittle o limb broke off at the ends of the half-cooked soap, and go off to court ere's a d'spute, and we want you to flesh. Six weeks later, while in the when she sin't a mind to. I guess I an umpire and ref'ree. Now you hospital on David's Island, those of st look where I'm pointing, and the my left had become necrosed and mestion ish, ish that the sun, or ish broke off similarly. One year after The Laborer Who Saves His Meney. the moon?" After looking up in a my release I was just able to sit up aid: "Ish it the sun or ish it the and was discharged. Twelve years noon? Well, gen'lem, you must 'souse after my release my limbs had heale, I'm a stranger in this part of the ed over, and strange to relate, no amputation had ever been performed upon them save the one I performed ng at only one phase of the terrible in person. There is no record of vil. You have heard of the man who any case in the world similiar to

> J. W. JANUARY.' Mr. January accompanied his petition with two photographs, one of which shows him as he appeared after his release from prison, and the other as he is at present.

Mock Mcdesty in Young Girls. A blush is something sacred to pure womanbood, and it is a sad spectacle for thoughtful eyes to note a young ory which made me laugh till my soman so far gone in the impropried the sached. I was not laughing at the that she pretends to be shocked unkenness, but at the rediculous at things which simple, unaffected candor is far from thinking of at all There are otherwise modest and virtuous young ladies who manage to nt with his man, Sandy, to pay convey by subtle insingations that nt to the squire; and the two, and it they are deeply conscious of senses ay have been all three, became in which a really modest woman would ignore. It is true, indeed as a great horseback, and were very drunk. writer has said, that a modest wohey had neglected the animals all man must be at times both deaf and ght, when they came to a stream of blind, Disagreeable happenings, ofater, the laird's horse very sudden- fensive to eyes and ears, are at times put down his head to drink, and incidental to almost every one's life. e laird, being in a 'limpsy' state, as The most sheltered young lady cansaddle and head of the horse into not be entirely protected. She may water. 'Sandy, Sandy, something find herself in places where profane language reaches her care, where objectionable sights meet her eyes. It is then the time for her modesty to take on an armor of dignity. It is the time for her to be both deaf

Scap vs Law.

A Missonri constable rode out to

'I can't go to day.' Bat you must.' 'What's the hurry !'

'Why, court's in session, and the case is now on trial. They want you by noon.'

Well, I ain't going off and leave comes from J. W. January, of Min- just to please your old court? No

> 'Why, my dear madam, you must-You really don't seem to understand-'

'I understand that I've got a big kittle o' splendid soap grease on to bile, and it'll make thin, sticky soap, if it ain't finished to-day. You go back and tell the jedge so.' 'You'll be find for-'

'Poob! I'd like to see the Missoury jury that'd fine a woman for not leaven' her soap-bilin' when it was at a critical p'int, as one might say. Tell the jedge I'll come tomorrow, if we don't butcher our some day next week.'

But I tell you that won't do. You must come now.'

'Lookee, young man, you think I'm a fool? I reckon you never

'What does the judge care about

'Well, what do I care bont the jedge, if it comes to that? Law's 'tend to his law, an' I ll 'tend to my

'Well madam, if you want to be

know a little law myself."

scheme itself is a spare and a delusion. Long bours of toil and paput it into the bank. He would soon ing wives of the laboring men. become, if not a 'bloated capitalist,' at least the owner of a little nestegg, growing with each passing year-The effect of such diligence in earping and saving on the character is pension bill, providing for the pen worth more than the money value of stoning of such ex soldiers and sailthe investment The soul takes on the 'fat' faster than the purso. The eyes look out on a different world when the hand of diligence begins to gather its little etore. The laborer who has begut to save is no longer the thrall of the corner saloon, or the tool of the walking delegate, or the ravenous beast of prey, ready for Congress. The friends of this bill the midday riot or the midnight ar- hope to obtain its passage and apson. He has a stake in the preser proval, as the clearness and explicit-

anpport of a paternal government, vecates, not only among the voterane. but leads by apath open to all into but also among those who

had noble trust which has the pro. that nothing is too good for

Content as a King.

Opce upon a time-so rope the there's nothing left but a long piece subpoens for a woman who was is-when Louis XII. of France was e found ourselves among strangers. wanted as a witness in a case in at the royal castle of Plesis-lea-Tours We had been informed by our landcourt. He found her in her back- be went one evening into the kitch- lord, however, that we would find yard, busily engaged in stirring a en, where he found a small boy en- the people 'sociable and neighborly' boiling, bubbling mass, in a large gaged in turning a spit for the ross in the vicinity of our new home. black kettle. He stated his business, ting of a loin of beef: The lad had This we found to be true, and we a peculiarly bright-looking face, keen. bright eyes, and features really five, and his appearance greatly prepossessed the king in his favor.

> Laying a band upon bis bead, be asked the little fellow who he was The boy, looking up and seeing a pale looking man in a bunting gard, climbed over the back fence and this bull kittle o' saft soap to spile supposed he might be speaking with riders of the royal stables.

> > were both dead.

work?' Louis asked.

is no better.'

king that ?'

bis pillow.

On the next day the astonishment thing.' conversed further with he lad, and came in again. when he found him to be as intelligent and naturally keen "itted as he had at first appeared.

really the position of a gentleman. his estimate of the boy's abilities.

ed as General Sir Simon de la Roche-

and seldom complain. They get up to go with it it'd be a favor.' All the eloquence which advocates at 5 o'clock in the morning and nevthe millenium of labor through legis- er go back to bed until 10 or 11 'neighbor' all she wanted, and she o'clock at night. They work with- struck a bee line for home. We out ceasing the whole of that time were eating supper when the lank and receive no other emolument than temale appeared again. tient self-denial are the only minise food and the plainest of clothing. ters that wait on thrift. There is no They understand something Fevery you too He's 'bout the size of cruelty in telling the poorest man branch of economy and labor, from your man. We're going to a ball that he ought to work hard, probably finance to cooking. Though harass- to night and if you'd loan him some harder than be does at present; that ed by a handred responsibilities, dancing boote and a white vest he'd he should deny himself not only such though driven and worried, reproach- be thankful. I brung this cup for a superfluities as rum and tobacco. ed and looked down upon, they never little salt; andwhich eat up so large a part of his revolt and they cannot organize for earnings, but also forego many per- their own protection. Not even sick- corner. I picked it up and said sonal comforts that swallow up an ness releases them from their posts. coldly and cruelly, and in dead ear unwarrantable portion of his income, No sacrifice is deemed too great for pest : There is no such thing in this coun- them to make and no incompetency try as 'hopeless toil' for any class of in any branch of their work is ex- ever come back while you live. workingmen. The case is a very cused No essays or books or poems We're not in the neighboring busirare one in which the toiler, by the are writted in tribute to their steadneeded self-denial, with no injury to fastness. They die in the barness himself or family, may not save a and are supplanted as quickly as trifle out of each day's wages and may be. These are the housekeep- town to the effect that she had

The Pensions Committee of the Senate has reported favorably a new or as are incapacitated for manual labor. Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, is the father of the bill, the objects to be accomplished by which are the same as were contemplated by the dependent pension bill, which President Cleveland vetoed during the last session of the Forty-ninth vation of order, and he has too many ness with which its purpose are stat- I was poor. reasons for self-respect to surrender ed, it is believed abviate the chief his manhood at the dictation of idlers objections raised against it by the and snarchiste. Diligence has in it President in his veto. The Pensions a double blessing. It places no vain Committee are unanimously in favor An Englishman came to New York alliance on banded craftemen, or the of the bill, and it will have many ad-

or saved the life of the

WANTED TO NEIGHBOR.

We moved on the first of the a farm near St. Joe armed with a story, and a pleasant little story it mon'h into a neighborhood in which record our experience, that those who read it may arm themselves with shotguns and other weapons of defense should they contemplate coming into our neignborhood.

We hadn't unpacked our goods yet when a long, lank, sallow weman came shambling into the boose withone of grooms, the or, perhaps, chief out observing the polite custom of first ringing the bell.

He answered very modestly that 'I'm Mis' Sary Ann Beggs,' she his name was Simon; be said he came said, by way of formal introduction. from La Roche, and that his parents 'I thought I'd come right in and get acquainted fast off and let you know 'Are you content with the sort of I was willin' to neighbor with you If they's anything I do jes natchelly 'Why not?' answered the boy love it's to neighbor with folks, an' I with a twinkle in his eyes and a sug- liked your looks the minnit I seed goetive nod, 'I sm as of off as you, I ain't got but a minnit to the best of them. The kirg himself stay , thought you might feel more to home if you had an interdooce to 'Indeed! How do you make that some of your neighbors an' knowed they were willing to neighbor with 'Why, fair sir, the king lives, and you. I'm willin' to neighbor with so do J. He can do no more than anybody that's decent. But I must live. Further, I am contrue. Is the burry home. I jest brung a teacup along, thinkin' mebbe I could bor-Louis walked away in a fit of row it full of coffee. I'm jest out of thought, deep and searching; and sugar, too, au' if you could spare me the image of that boy regained in a tincup full I'd be 'bleeged to you. his mind even after he had sought You see I'm jest that neighborly I come right in to borry of you fast

of the turn-spit may be imagined My wife got the woman the things upon being summoned to follow a she wanted and she cleared out afpage, and finding himse ! in the ter saying for the nineteenth time presence of the king-and the king that she 'callated on neighborin' his visitor of the previous vening! with us right along,' Before night On the present occas on Louis she vaulted lightly over the fence . Here I am agin, she said cheerily

'Thought mebbe you'd be lonesome 'thout no one to nighbor with He had sent for him . ob the 'n I found invest short o' ten for sen tention of making him a page; but per an' thought I'd run in aq' see the mouth, low spirits, general instead thereof he established him in how you was gettin' on an neighbor prostration, headache, and H H. GRIMM, with you some more. My flour bar'l constipation. There is no form played out to-day, an' I sin't had of disease more prevalent than Louis had not been deceived in time to go down town an' order an- Dyspepsia, and none so necul-The youth served Louis faithfully, flour I'll be 'bleeged. Ain't got No id-eating American people. and in the last years of the reign of 40 white thread, have you? Yes. Alcohol and tobacco produce Francis I. be was known and honor- Well, I'd like to borry your spoot. and if you'll jest stick a needle or two in with it I'd like it. Ain't got no bread baked, have you ? A buif An exchange says: There is one loaf is all I need, and if you could lass of laborers who never strike let me have the loan of butter enough

My meek little wife gave the

'My man wants to peigbbor with

An old shotgan of mine was in a

'You clear out! And don't you ness at present -- Avaugt !'

She avaunted and the next day she circulated a report throughout caught me whipping my wife; that I had been in State's prison; that I was ball negro; that our children had been in the reform school; that our furniture was mortgaged; that we had been in the poorbouse all winter ; that we were living noder an assumed name, and that a to ward was offered for my arrest for bigamy and bighway robbery.

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