NOT A MAN IN TOWN COULD BLOW UP TO SEVEN POUNDS.

Pap Perkins, the Postmaster of Jericho, Tella About the Meeting Which Discussed the Advisability of Starting a Brass Band,

(Copyright, 1900, by C. R. Lewis,) "Look here, pap," said Squar Johnson as he dropped into the postoffice one day when I was alone; "I've got a scheme on hand that'll do more to boost the town of Jericho to the top of the ladder than 40 miles of new sidewalk. Yes, sir, it's a boomer, and if it's carried out you'll see the price of real estate jump 50 per cent."

He walted fur me to git my breath and then lowered his voice and con-

"I'np, I've got a notice written out fur all patriotic citizens of Jericho to assemble at the postoffice this evenin, and I'll post her up on the door. I want to spring it on 'em all of a sudden. I want to see 'em turn pale and their hair stand up. Jest say to all inquirers, pap, that Jericho is comin right to the front like a steer goin fur a corn-

I wanted to know what the scheme was, but the squar winked and nodded and looked mysterious and went off



BLEW OFF HIS SOLE,

without givin his secret away. There was a great deal of curiosity durin the day. Some thought the squar had a balloon ascension in view in order to attract public attention to our new cooper shop, and others had it that he had found a way to dodge the state tax, but it was all guesswork. There was a tremendous crowd on hand when evenin came, and the squar went around rubbin his hands together and smilin all over his face. When he had got the crowd worked up to the pitch where everybody wanted to die fur liberty, he called the meetin to order

"Feller freemen of Jericho, we hev here a beautiful town, a salubrious climate and a populashun to be proud of. We hev the best of water, the lowest of taxes and skassly any use fur doctors. We hev the telephone, electric doorbells and a town pump. A stranger would look around him and say we needed nuthin else. But we do, and that is why I hev called you together here tonight. We need jest one thing more to put Jericho on the pinnacie, and that is a brass band."

"By John, but he's made a p'int!" said Deacon Spooner as he whacked on the counter with his cane. "Yes, sir, Jericho needs a brass band to boost her, and I'm with the squar. Let us hear what Moses Hopkins has to say

"As I take It," said Moses, "a brass band plays tunes, and I'd like to know band is goin to play. If it's goin to play 'The Sweet By and By,' then I'm in fur a band. If it's goin to play hididdle-diddle tunes, then I'm ag'in it."

"That's a p'int as fur as it goes," said the deacon, "but it don't go fur 'nuff. Enos Williams, you was in the hog buyin bizness fur 20 years, and you ought to know about brass bands. What d'you think of the idea?"

"That depends," said Enos. "I don't go much on a brass band that toots its wind all over town and wastes it on the air. If we had a band that would come down to the depot to meet me as I come in from Tarrytown, I think I'd

"By John, but he's right, and he's made a p'int!" shouted the deacon.

"I don't see the p'int," said Squar Johnson as he colored up. "Why should our brass band go down to the depot to welcome a man who hain't never done anything in particular fur Jericho? Enos is a good 'nuff man in his way, but did the outside world ever hear of him? Was he consulted about buildin the new sewer or paintin the town hall? Has he ever laid awake nights thinkin how this town could be boosted to the top?"

"Enos, he's knocked your p'int out and made one ag'in you," said the dea-con, "but we'll hear from some of the How is it with you, Jabez Fow-

"I can't exactly say till I know what the band is goin to do," replied Jabez. "My old woman is mighty fond of brass band tunes which lift up the heels, and if the band'll come over to my house three times a week and give us sunthin lively I'll chip in."

"Mebbe I'm mistaken in this crowd," said the squar as he looked around in a serious way. "Mebbe this is a crowd omposed of freeborn Americans whose forefathers fought at Bunker Hill, and mebbe it's made up of men who'd steal the statue of Liberty and sell it fur old junk. To say that I am astonished does not half express my feelin's."

"That sellin the statue of Liberty is p'int, and a strong one," said the eacon, "but what we want is a free apreshun of opinion. Jube Hornbeck-r looks as if he wanted to say sun-

"I'd like to ask the squar," said Jube

in his humble way, "If he expects that band to meet him at the depot when

"Beln I hold the posishun I do," answered the squar, "bein I'm referred to as the leadin man in Jericho, if the band wanted to go down and see me off or wanted to be there to welcome me home I don't reckon anybody would find fault.

"But I'd want the same thing," said Ebenezer Scott. "I ain't no justice of the peace, but my dairy is milkin 28 tows this summer, and I feel I'm as big as anybody. I go over to Dobbs Ferry once in two weeks, and I should want that band to toot me off and toot me home ag'in."

"There may be a p'int," said the deacon as he scratched his ear, "but I don't skassly see it. Mebne the squar wants to say sunthin fu ther about

liberty and Bunker Hill?" "I'm sayin," replied the squar as he heaved a long sigh, "that patriotism and love of country seems to be deader'n a doornall in these United States. Mebbe there's a man in this crowd aside from me who'd be willin to shed his blood that our glorious republic might be saved from ruin and desola-shun, but if thar be I can't name him. You might as well disperse to your homes and tell your wives and chil-

dren that Jericho is doomed." "By John, but what a p'int-what a p'int!" whispered the deacon. fore we bust up and go to ruln, however. I'd like to hear from Reuben White. Reuben's bin as far west as Detroit, and he ought to know what influence a brass band has on a town."

"The influence of a brass band is accordin to the leader," said Reuben. "I've seen 'em where they jumped a town right to the front in four weeks, and I've seen 'em where they killed things dead in two. The leader wants to be a peccollar sort of a man. He wants to be born fur the place, same as Washington was. He wants to be ready to die at two minits' potice or to live fur a hundred years."

"And mebbe you think you're that man?" queried the squar as he pounded on the counter with his fist,

"I do. I know I am. I'm the only man in Jericho as kin lead a band to success and make the town hump heryou all know, and if this meetin thinks best" self. I'm a self sacrificin critter, as

But the meetin shouted him down, and it was five minits before Deacon Spooner could make his voice heard, and then he said:

"There's more p'ints bobbin up here than you kin shake a stick at, but we might as well hey one more. S'posin we hear from Lish Billings. He's the only man in Jericho who kin play on an accordion. What d'you say, Lish?"

"There's mighty little to be said and nuthin to bust up the country," answered Lish. "Do any of you sons of Bunker Hill know how much wind it takes to blow a brass horn?"

Nobody did, and a hush fell upon the crowd. "It takes ten pounds, reckoned by a

lung tester," said Lish, "and you'd want an extra pound fur walkin up hill. There was a lung tester man in town two weeks ago, and every son of us handed over a nickel and took a blow. We blowed and strained and blowed, and Rube White was one of em who blowed a sole off his boot, and yit no man reached seven pounds. Whar you goin to git your wind to blow them horns?"

There was a painful ellence while you could count a hundred, and then Deacon Spooner said:

"By John, but I'm goin home and tell the old woman that I don't know beans when the bag's untied, and the rest of you'd better do the same thing!" M. QUAD.

Playtime In the Senate. Senator Butler once had a bill approprinting \$5,000 to build a monument on the Moore's Creek battlefield. North Carolina, which was an especial object of Senator Wolcott's fun.

"Can the senator tell me the date of the battle?" he asked Mr. Butler. "It was the first battle of the Revo-

lution, 29 days before the battle of Lexington," was the reply. "But cannot the senator tell me the day and the year?" persisted Mr. Wol-

Mr. Butler was stumped. "I can tell the senator tomorrow," he finally re-

"Then," replied Mr. Wolcott, "I will let my objection stand until tomorrow

A few minutes later Senator Wolcott relented, and Mr. Butler made another effort to get the appropriation agreed This time it was Senator Lodge

who objected. "Oh, don't object, Lodge," said Wol-cott in a stage whisper; "he'll put the date of the battle forward a year if you are jealous on account of Lexing-

But Mr. Lodge continued to object, and the monument bill remained on the calendar.-Washington Post.

Horseshoes.

Horseshoes are of uncertain date and have caused some discussion among military historians. Nailed shoes were not known by the Greeks, for Xenophon gives minute instructions for hardening the hoof. Nor did the Romans use them. Nero had mules shod with a plate of silver fastened by crossed thongs to the hoof. With Pop-pean, his later wife, it is said these plates were of gold. The earliest positive evidence of nailed shoes is furnished by the skeleton of a horse found in the tomb of Childeric I (458-81) at Tournay to 1658.

The very people who talk about "vulgar trade" are usually the ones who never pay their bills. — Philadelphia Record.

Dignity may stoop to conquer, but it never grovels in the dust.—Chicago Nows.

At Ramsbury Manor, England, there once resided a poulterer's family of the name of Duck. The third son was to be christened, and the mother wanted the name to be William. Just before starting for church the nurse ran up stairs to the father, who was laid up with gout, to tell Lim they were off. What be going to call un, nurse?" "Missus says it's to be William," was the reply. "William be blowed!" said the invalid. "Call un plain Bill!" In accordance with these Inconfe Instructious the nurse gave the name of Plainbill to the clergyman, and the infant was christened accordingly.

In an even funnier way is the queer Christian name of Mr. One Tichiner of Peckham accounted for. When his parents and sponsors arrived at the church, his name had not been settled upon, and when the clergyman said, 'Name this child." one of the friends said "John," and another said "Oh, no!" meaning not John, and, as no one else spoke, the clergyman thought that was to be his name and baptized him One. The full account of the baptism is contained in Blanck's "History of Camberwell."

A clergyman's son vouches for the following: "My father was baptizing a boy of 6 years of age. The names given were Benjamin Joseph. After the ceremony he said to the boy, 'You have two very good names, and you ought to be a good boy. How did you come by them? 'Please, sir,' said the boy, 'we was twins, and the other died!'

Easy For Him.

"You understand, of course," pursued the lawyer, "what is meant by a 'pre-

underance of evidence?"
"Yes, sir," replied the man whom he was examining with reference to his qualifications as a juror. "Let me have your idea of it, if you

please. "I understand it, I tell you." "Well, what is it?"

"Why, anybody can understand "I would like to have your definition

"I know what it is, all right. When I tell you I know what a thing is, I know it. That's all there is about

"Well, what was the question I asked

"You ought to know what that was, If you've forgot your own questions, don't try to get me to remember them for you.'

"I don't want to hear any more of that kind of talk," interposed the court. "Answer the questions addressed to you by the counsel."

"Judge, I did. He asked me if I knew what it was, and I said I did." "Are you sure you understand what is meant by the term 'preponderance of

evidence? "Of course I am, judge." "Well, let us hear your idea of it." "It's evidence previously pondered." Chicago Tribune,

No Time to Waste. "I'm a business man," he said brusquely, "and I've no time to waste. want to marry your daughter. Can

The merchant gasped. You seem to be in a good deal of a hurry," he suggested.

"I am," replied the sultor. "As I told you, I am a business man. I made up my mind that I wanted a wife, and I started out to get one. I've secured the refusal of two girls this morning. but my option expires in 24 hours, and if I can't have your daughter I want to close with one of them before it's too late. Do I get ber?" "No."

"Good. There's nothing like having ers lives in the next block, and the other is half a mile away. I'll take the nearest, save a good ten minutes of valuable time and get back to my desk in time to look over the late mail. There's no use letting the minor affairs of life encroach on one's business. Good day, sir."-Chicago Post.

Yucatan Ruins.

"Apropos of the wonderful ancient ruins in Yucatan." said a New Orleans college professor, "there is one very fortunate circumstance which has protected them almost entirely from spoliation by the Indians. It is currently believed by the natives all through that part of the country that the ruins are haunted and that devils will carry away anybody who attempts to molest them. This superstition has been encouraged by explorers and is a better safeguard than a picket of soldiers."

A Gem of London Humor.

"Well, goodby, Mr. Green. It was so nice of you to come. It does father such a lot of good to have some one to talk to. "I was delighted to come, Miss

Brown, but I'm afraid I'm not much of a conversationalist." "My dear Mr. Green, don't let that trouble you. Father's ideal listener is an absolute idiot, with no conversation whatever, and I know he has enjoyed

himself tremendously tonight!"-Lontion Punch. Didn't Know Dore. In discussing the want of compre-

hension of one branch of art for another Mr. Sutherland Edwards says that when Gustave Dore began to illustrate the "Idylls of the King" Tennyson did not even know him by name.

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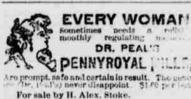
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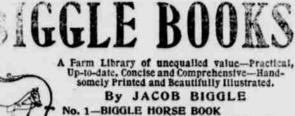
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