

## LIVE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT

low the Old Negro Who Was Presented Believes He Was Well Remembered, Too.

I was an only child, reared down in Virginia, and I always had Christmas gifts galore, says a writer in the Baltimore News. Had to hang up a shoe bag with ten pockets at it. Then the gifts would spill out. But I remember one Christmas gift my father gave me.

I woke up bright and early one Christmas morning to find a jet black negro boy I had never seen before standing by my bed. He was running from ear to ear.

"Where did you come from?"

"Out of the Jones family, sir."

"What are you doing here?"

"Your father does give me to you, sir, as a Christmas gift, yes sah. He said I was to be your valise, yes sah, sure am yours."

"What's your name?"

"Henry, sah."

And we played together many happy years in the dear old Virginia sunshine. Henry is an old man now, porter on the Penny. I came over from Philly with him the other day. "Henry, I am going back to the old town."

"Gard bless you, sah; give 'em my love. Mr. Hawks, do you remember the morning—the Christmas mornin'—the master gave me to you?"

"Indeed, I do."

"Well, sah, I think we both got a Christmas gift that mornin'."

## INDULGED SELF TOO MUCH

Now Dr. S. Weir Mitchell Was Gravely Reproved by the Late John Bigelow.

The late John Bigelow, the patriarch of diplomats and authors, and the no less distinguished physician and author, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, were together, several years ago, at West Point. Dr. Bigelow was then seventy-two and Dr. Mitchell eighty.

The conversation turned to the subject of age. "I attribute my many years," said Dr. Bigelow, "to the fact that I have been most abstemious. I have eaten sparingly, and have not used tobacco, and have taken little exercise."

"It is just the reverse in my case," explained Dr. Mitchell. "I have eaten just as much as I wished, if I could get it; I have always used tobacco, immoderately at times; and I have always taken a great deal of exercise."

With that, Ninety-two years shook his head at Eighty Years and said, "Well, you will never live to be an old man."

## THIS CROOKED WORLD.

Crawford—Everybody wonders at your good judgment. How do you manage it?

Crabshaw—Just a little system I worked out. Whenever I find I'd like to do anything I make up my mind it's something I'd better not do.—Puck.

## MAKES COMPLETE JOB.

Mistress (to new butler)—Oh, James, I found this bowl chipped and cracked in the pantry this afternoon.

James—I am not the culprit, madam; I never chips nor cracks. When I breaks I smashes utterly.—Punch.

## GULF.

"But now that these sisters are married, a social gulf separates them celestially."

"Indeed?"

"Yes. One of them married a mechanic and the other a mechanician."

—Puck.

## LIFE ON THE FARM.

"Hiram was a mustache last year. This year its chin whiskers."

"He always a great hand for rotation of crops."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## AS GOOD AS BUCKWHEAT.

People who are fond of buckwheat cakes are reminded that something at least equal, if not superior, to buckwheat is flour made from sorghum seed.

## NEW POETESSES.

Miss Amy Lowell, sister of President Lowell of Harvard, has issued a volume of poems.

## PROOF.

"Knicker—Is Jones original?"

Bocker—Very; he never describes himself as a live wire.

## THIS IS AGE OF "SOCIETIES"

New Yorker's Appeal for Suppressing Overworked Organization.

Who can deny that this is preeminently the age of combinations and societies? There is a society with a capital S, for every purpose under the heaven. Yes, really, a society to mourn and a society for peace, a society for noise and a society for the suppression of noise, a society for giving and, at last, a society for the preventing of giving.

It is not almost time to pause in our mad career of organization and to ask ourselves, What next? asks a correspondent of the New York Times. Whither and wherefore? Forsooth, can we not suppress superfluous noises without making so much noise about it? And is it absolutely necessary to pay useless dues in order to prevent useless givings?

Fellow sufferers, let us be up and doing! There is but one way out of this intolerable situation. Perhaps you have guessed it already. Let us organize one more society. This is to be the greatest, most far-reaching and final achievement of this age of marvelous achievements. Let us form a society for the prevention and suppression of useless societies.

Henceforth let Spasms be the great battler of humanity! Then shall we live happily forever after. Selah!

## NOT THAT END



The Parson—Virtue always gets its reward in the end.  
The Politician—No. Sometimes it gets it in the neck.

## DELICATE DISCRIMINATION.

"One can make anything express one's feelings, if so inclined."

"How do you mean?"

"Didn't you notice what Amy did when she handed the refreshments around? She gave Mame, who is her chum, some angel food and handed Jessie only the devil cake."

## HAD BEEN ENOUGH.

May (showing family)—This is father and that's mother, and over there with the beard is Uncle Jerry. Fresh (absent-mindedly)—Yes, I like your beard immensely, but I'd like to hold off a little while longer.—Cornell Widow.

## SLOW PROGRESS.

"To look at Plimpson, you would think he was the busiest man in the world."

"Yes, Plimpson reminds me of a man on a treadmill. He is always going like the wind, but never gets anywhere."

## HIS STATUS.

"Does that dentist go into society?"

"I don't know, but he ought to."

"How is that?"

"Yes. One of them married a mechanic and the other a mechanician."

—Puck.

## IN THE NIGHT ROOM.

"Here's a dispatch about a man bound over for stealing a load of pumpkins; case never came to trial."

"Head it, 'Indictment Squashed.'"

## CROOKED BEATS.

Church—I see that Boston has one policeman to every 456 inhabitants. Gotham—I hope they are not as crooked as the streets.

## QUITE THE CONTRARY.

"What's Digs doing now?"

"Looking, as usual. The list of activities printed on his stationery has nothing whatever to do with the way in which he spends his time."

## HER MEANING.

"Gladys says give her love in a cottage."

"Yes; a Newport cottage."

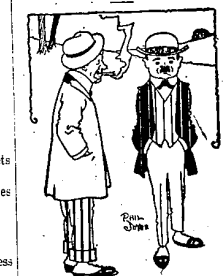
## HOW MUIR LEARNED TO SWIM

Famous Naturalist Tells How He Succeeded by Taking Lessons From the Frogs.

One hot summer day father told us that we ought to learn to swim. John Muir writes in the Atlantic. This was one of the most interesting suggestions that he had offered, but precious little time was allowed for trips to the lake, and he seldom tried to show us how. "Go to the frogs," he said, "and they will give you all the lessons you need. Watch their arms and legs and see how smoothly they kick themselves along and dive and come up. When you want to dive, keep your arms by your side or over your head, and kick, and when you want to come up let your legs drag and paddle with your hands."

We found a little basin among the rushes at the south end of the lake, about waist deep and a rod or two wide, shaped like a sun dragon's nest. Here we kicked and splashed for many a lesson, faithfully trying to imitate frogs, but the smooth, comfortable, sliding gait of our amphibious teachers seemed hopelessly hard to learn. When we tried to kick frog fashion down into the water, as if weighted with lead, the moment our feet left the ground. One day it occurred to me to hold my head sink as far as I could and let my arms sink as far as I could without paying any attention to it, and try to swim under the water instead of on the surface. This proved a great success, for at the very first trial I managed to cross the basin without touching the bottom, and soon learned the use of my limbs. From that course swimming was so easy that it seemed perfectly natural.

## WORD OF CAUTION



Wayne—Why didn't you tell me that confounded stock of yours wasn't worth a nickel?

Payne—Because I'm too much of a man to jump on a poor stock when it's down.

## ROYAL FAT BOY.

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## FLYNN'S PUBLIC SERVICES.

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"I wouldn't mind it a bit, after the paint got dry."

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"Quite true. Some youngsters been snowballing you?"

## COMPULSORY GYMNASTICS.

Prof. W. A. Stetcher is urging gymnastics for Philadelphia high schools, with compulsory attendance.

## PLAN TO CONSERVE THE SNOW

Scientists Have Discovered Its Importance in Relation to the Water Supply.

The attention of American meteorologists has been directed in recent years to the great importance of the winter snow fall in the mountains of semi-arid western states as a source of the water available for agricultural purposes or for motive power the following summer. A dual problem has been under investigation—the development of methods of measuring the volume of snow lying on the mountain slopes, as a means of predicting the amount of water it will yield; and the conservation of the snow by appropriate treatment of the forest cover. Among the interesting discoveries made in this connection is the fact that the ideal forest for snow conservation is one filled with glades whose area bears such proportion to the height of the trees that, while snow enters freely, the wind and sun cannot reach the bottom. The production of such glade by cutting and pruning, as well as by planting trees of suitable species, becomes, therefore, a part of forest practice in the regions in question. Aside from investigations by the weather bureau and other government institutions, this subject has been most actively studied by the excellent meteorological department of the University of Nevada, which is now planning to offer a special course for foresters in the relation of mountains and forests to the conservation of snow. An adjunct of this university is the well known meteorological observatory on Mount Rose.

## TENDER HEARTED



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## Legal Notices

### STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, SS.

Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, made on the 27th day of February A. D. 1913, four months from that date were allowed creditors to present their claims against the estate of

Charles Fendt, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, for examination and allowance on or before the 28th day of June next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court, on Saturday the 28th day of June next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

Dated February 27th A. D. 1913.  
KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,  
A true copy. Judge of Probate  
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH,  
Probate Clerk.  
1913

### Probate Order

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said county on the 27th day of February A. D. 1913.

Present: Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of William S. Hogle, deceased.

George Hogle, administrator de bonis non of said estate having filed in said Court a petition praying for the examination and allowance of his final account determining the heirs-at-law of said deceased, distributing the assets of said estate, and discharging said Administrator.

It is ordered, that the 29th day of March A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Kleber P. Rockwell,  
Judson A. Fredenburgh,  
Judge of Probate.  
Probate Clerk.

### Probate Order

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the probate office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county on the 25th day of February A. D. 1913.

Present: Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Louis Voss, deceased.

Reka Harbors having filed in said Court a petition praying that Administration of said estate be granted to John H. Thayer or to some other suitable person;

It is ordered, that the 29th day of March A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

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