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In The Days of the Red Men

By LEVERT L. DOLSON

I was visiting in a small town in Iowa and one day met an old friend of mine. He was an ardent collector of Indian relics and was always getting lost in some prehistoric cave or something of the sort.

"Hello Jack!" he cried when he saw me, "When did you come to town? My wife and I were just talking about you today; come over to dinner, won't you?"

I readily consented, for I knew what kind of dinners Fred's wife prepared, and after completing some business which I had to attend to I started for his house. I arrived with a tremendous appetite and just in time for dinner.

I did ample justice to the meal, and after it was over we went to Fred's den. It was fairly lined with cases of all sorts of relics—spears, arrows, spades and old pottery were piled in every corner. But the worst of all was a skeleton in a glass case; by the receding forehead I knew it to be that of an Indian. The thing had an ominous grin on its bony face which made me shudder.

"Where did you get that grinning ape?" I asked Fred.

"Oh, that's my latest acquisition," he answered. "Did I never tell you about my finding him?"

I told him he had not, but if the story was as gruesome as the skeleton, he might tell it to me.

"Well, I was out in the southern part of this state," began Fred. "I was working in a bank out there, and near this town was a large mound,

or perhaps it could be more appropriately termed a hill. This mound, some people thot, was an Indian mound, but no one had ever taken the trouble to dig into it.

"As soon as I heard about this mound I was fairly wild, so the first nice Saturday that came around, I got away from my work and went out to the mound.

"It was about two miles from town and located between two large hills. I was armed with ax and spade, also some of my instruments for cleaning relics should I find any.

"When I arrived at the place I found it to be somewhat larger than I anticipated it to be; however, I climbed to the top and began digging in the center of the mound. I stepped down into the hole and began chopping with the ax; I gave a hard lick and the ax disappeared, and before I knew what was happening I followed the ax.

"When I looked around I found myself in a cave about ten by twelve, and on looking up saw the light glimmering in at the hole I had come thru. On further investigation I found the wall was lined with skeletons—horror of horrors I was in, as you might say, an Indian coffin or grave!!

"The foul air soon began to affect me and my senses to leave. My mind wandered, bright lights flashed before my eyes, I could hear shouts and groans—did I hear a voice?—

yes, it was the tall Indian greeting me, he reached out his bony hand to clasp mine, I reeled forward, clutching at once of the skeletons and grasped the tall one by the hand—we both fell to the floor in a heap; after that I knew no more.

"When I came to myself again, I was lying on the ground near the hole I fell in at. One of my friends from the town was energetically fanning me and dashing water in my face. I was soon strong enough to begin the journey homeward and then he told me how he happened to find me. It just happened that he hunting near the mound, and his dog, which had run along in advance of him, came upon my coat and began to bark. This called my friend to the spot; and on finding the hole, and a spade lying near, also my coat which I had taken off while digging, he thot something must be wrong. He lit several whisks of hay and dropped them into the hole. They did not burn very long on account of the bad air, but long enough to reveal my prostrate form to him.

"He then ran to a nearby farmhouse for help and a rope. The people were not at home, but he found a rope, and hastily making a loop in it as he ran, came back and then began the tedious job of getting the loop around my body. He finally succeeded and pulled me up. I was still clasping the Indians

right hand, which had pulled from the body, and only released my hold upon it when he lifted me into the light.

"The next day I went back and fished out the skeleton of the Indian who had been so willing to shake hands with me in my hour of need. I thot, 'A friend in need was a friend indeed,' so I brot the chap home, and that's him in the glase case."

I thot Fred's experience quite exciting, and with one last look at the "bony boy," bid my friends good-bye, very readily promising to return again, especially if it was for dinner and in time to hear of some of Freds varied and exciting experiences.



WHAT BORROWING DID

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SOME GOOD RECIPES.

SALMON SALAD. Break 3 eggs, separating yolks and whites. First beat whites stiff; place on the stove 1 cup of vinegar, take 1 teaspoon of salt, 1 teaspoon of mustard, 1 tablespoon of sugar, 1 tablespoon of corn starch; make a soft paste by adding a very little milk; add a tiny speck of cayenne pepper, then add 1-2 cup of milk and the beaten yolks of eggs, and beat this all well together; stir into boiling vinegar till it thickens and is smooth; stir constantly, add a piece of butter size of an egg. Take from the stove and pour into the well-beaten whites. Take one can of salmon and mix with the above sauce. In the summer this may be served on a dish which has been garnished with whole lettuce; in the center of each leaf put a spoonful of the salmon salad, adding adding a little of the sauce or dressing to each one.



OATMEAL ROLLS. Sift together 1-2 pint Graham flour, 1 pint wheat flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons baking powder; mix with 3-4 pint milk into a smooth dough, turn out and give one or two quick kneadings to complete its quality; roll out to thickness of 1-2 inch; cut out with large round cutter, fold thru center, laying one half over the other; wash over with milk; bake in hot oven 15 minutes.

JELLY TARTLETS. Make the paste same as for pies; line small patty pans, pricking the paste in the bottom to keep it from puffing too high. Bake in a quick oven and fill with jelly or jam.



PORTABLE LEMONADE This is an exceedingly useful recipe to know about, as it is so convenient for picnic parties, etc. Mix together 1 ounce of powdered tartaric acid, 6 ounces of powdered sugar, 1 drachm of essence of lemon. Allow the mixture to dry thoroughly in the sun. When dry divide it into twenty parts and wrap in papers. Each powder makes a glass of nice sweet lemonade.



STUFFED PRUNES. Select large prunes; wash well in warm water. Steam one hour and remove the stones; stuff with walnuts chopped fine and a little pulverized sugar; fill them full, shape nicely, and roll in powdered sugar. They are better if made a week before using.



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A STUNNER.

One of ex-Senator Mason's stunts of political vaudeville goes like this:

"Old colored preacher sets out on his Georgia mule to go to neighboring parish to hold revival. Next day he tells of his wonderful experience:

"Goin' 'long 'n goin' long, raoud gittin' crookeder 'n crookeder, er crookedes' raoud ah eber seed, Er git 'n der woods 'n get dark es er debble 'n ma orn'y mewl he plum set back 'n wouldn't preceed 'n inch. 'N dar I is!

"Den, suddint, sump'n show up big 'n white right 'fore me 'n scairt mos' t' deff, but ah says, 'Who is you?'

" 'I is er Lawd!'

" 'Well 'f yoh is er Lawd you gotter show me!'

" 'All right, say, watcher want?'

" 'Well,' ah says, 'if yoh do t'ree t'ings I believe yoh is er Lawd.'

" 'Go it, John!' it sais.

" 'De fu's t'ing is: You gotter straighten dis er raoud.'

" 'Mah sowl! Datter raoud he whoosh, an' straight's er string!

" 'Datter's pretty good,' ah sais.

'Now, ah want you 't put good speer-it in dis orn'y flee-bit Georgy mewl.'

" 'Whoosh!' 'n dat yer mewl flop his eahs 'n walk along.

" 'Datter's pretty good,' ah sais, 'speshiully dat mewl. Now, yoh tell me dis'n 'n den I believe yoh is er Lawd shewer. What am der true principles of er democratic party?'

" 'Well, sah, der 'Sumpin' er scratch his haid, den er stan' on one foot 'n den on odder, den er scratch his haid some more, den er say:

" 'Well, John, I des be damn'd 'f you aint got me.'"

10c gets this paper a full year.



A HOT ONE.

A Mississippi farmer while in Memphis recently, entered a cafe and ordered a sirloin steak. A bottle of tobasco sauce was on the table, and mistaking it for catsup, he spread it quite lavishly on the steak and settled down to enjoy the meal.

He cut off a big piece, sopped it into his mouth. Then he began to feel as if his tongue was on fire. He twisted and turned and soon had all eyes of every one in the dining hall fastened on him.

The more he twisted his face the hotter the steak in his mouth got. He could stand it no longer, and removing the burning bite, threw it on the floor and exclaimed:

"Now, confound you, blaze!"

A DIFFICULT POSITION.

Two Irishman were crossing a bog when one of them fell into a mud hole. His companion, runing to a near by farmhouse, asked the loan of a spade.

"What do you want it for?" asked the farmer.

"Sure, Mike is stuck in the bog and I want to dig him out," was the answer.

"How far is he sunk?" questioned the farmer.

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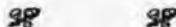


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A LONESOME SUNDAY

"Nope, I wouldn't go so far as to say that Washington is a lonesome town to live in," observed a western man who recently came back to Washington to live after an absence of several years, "but it certainly did seem to me like one vast oasisless desert last Sunday for a fact.

"Last Sunday was my first Sunday in Washington since I got back here. I've been out in my little town in the west for a number of years, and only got back here a couple of days before last Sunday.

"When I lived here before I only knew one family intimately. I knew a lot of folks, of course, in a stiff, distant sort of way, and was acquainted with the people in the house where I had my room just well enough to exchange nods with them when I met them on the stairs going out or coming in.

"But there was only one family that I knew well enough to go and visit with.

"The man was a chap I used to play marbles and shinny with back in the little western town where we were raised together. He came to Washington years before I did, married, began to raise a family, and when I got here the family was nicely settled in a flat over in Georgetown.

"His wife was a mighty nice little Washington woman, and the kids were interesting and lively. Used to enjoy going over to see 'em when I was here before above all things. My visits over to Georgetown at that time were right frequent. They'd let me sit around the flat for a few hours every Sunday, and make me stay to dinner more often than not, and I sure used to enjoy those visits a heap. Enjoyed the dinners, too, after 'rassing' around for what I could get at my boarding house.

"After dinner the man and I'd light cigars that I'd contribute as my share of the entertainment, and we'd sit down in his den and talk about the

way he used to lick me, or I licked him, when we were playing hookey from school back in the little western town, and cross-question each other about what became of all the boys that belonged to our particular gang. While we thus talked his wife'd come in and sit down and listen to us with her hands in her lap, and tell us that we weren't much better than huge, irresponsible kids yet—for we'd guffaw and holler so that it's a wonder the folks in the other flats didn't rap on the walls or complain to the janitor. I always hated to get up and come away, I used to enjoy my visits over in that little Georgetown flat so much.

"Well, when I got back here, feeling lonesome like a man's liable to feel after he's been away from a town for some time, I decided to drop in at that Georgetown flat on the next Sunday—which was last Sunday. I'd been feeling as blue as the deuce, and I honestly did feel good over the prospect of going over there and meeting my old friends.

"I reached there along about two o'clock in the afternoon, and it all looked so natural around that neighborhood that I guess I shortened my stride in my eagerness to push the electric button of that flat.

I remembered just the button to push, and I gave it three short pushes, like I'd always done—three pushes being the regular, understood signal that I was the applicant for admittance down in the vestibule.

"I waited for the little clicks in reply that I'd been accustomed to, signifying that the vestibule door had been unbolted, or unbarred, or unlocked—however it's done I never could make out—from the flat above.

"But the little clicks didn't come.

"That seemed queer. They'd always been home at 2 o'clock on Sundays, and it didn't seem possible that their church services could last as long as that.

"So I gave three more pushes at the button and waited again for the replying clicks. But again the clicks failed to come.

"Then I felt something must be wrong. I didn't have my glasses on, but I put them on then so's I could look to see if my friend's card was there behind the bit of glass above the letter box. I saw at once that his

card wasn't there. There was no card there at all—just the wood beneath the glass showing.

"Then I knew that the only family that I was on visiting terms with in Washington had gone away.

"Funny, but blamed if the sunlight didn't suddenly seem strained and thin to me. I felt like a chap that'd been marooned, or something. Stood there, kind o' dazed like, when the janitor walked up the basement steps. I asked him where the only family I knew in Washington had gone.

"'Oh, they went wes' somewheahs, boss—yo' all kin search me, suh—Ah don't know wheah—'bout six months ago,' the janitor told me.

"So I had to go back to my boarding house room feeling pretty badly crushed you'd better believe. I wouldn't call Washington lonesome, but I sure felt then as if I ought to've married, myself, a long time ago, so's I could have a family of my own to be chummy with. And I don't know but what I'll just think that over yet."

No Outside Help.

John—What doctor attended your aunt in her last illness?

James—None. She died a natural death.—Harvard Lampoon.

Jewish Colonies in Holy Land.

From time to time various colonies of Jews have actually returned to the Holy Land. There are records of Jewish settlements there as early as 1170, and in the sixteenth century the city of Tiberias, "where only Jews were to dwell," was rebuilt.

But it was not until comparatively modern times that the founding of regular colonies began. In 1878 the ideas of Laurence Oliphant and the earl of Shaftesbury took definite shape in the purchase of 700 acres of land by the Jews of Jerusalem and the foundation of the colony of Petah Tikwah. After the Russian persecution of 1881 large numbers of Jews emigrated and at the end of 1898 there were about 5,000 Jewish colonists in Palestine.

Always the Best.

"I suppose, Mrs. Come, you have nothing deleterious in your daily diet?"

"Sure I do. I want you to know we have everything going."

George, a Gilt-Edged Prize

The woman in the mottled barrel gown dipped the fingers of one hand into the bowl of suds at her side and proceeded to make herself comfortable while the manicure girl played upon the fingers of the other hand.

"Thought I would be in on Tuesday? Why, my dear girl, you have no idea how busy I have been! Simply rushed to death. I told you of my engagement when I was in before, didn't I? You don't remember?"

"Oh, you must! Don't you remember my showing you this exquisite ring? Oh, I thought you would. Well, just look at this bracelet! Isn't that swagger? George gave me that, too. Real, genuine rubies, and rubies are much more expensive than diamonds. You didn't suppose so? Well, just take it from me, they are the real thing and no mistake.

"I gave that reception I told you about and it went off just too lovely. Maybe the girls weren't envious! Why, do you know, two of my most intimate friends failed to show up, and after they had been asked to help receive, too! 'Twas awfully mean of them, but I knew it was just because they couldn't bear to see me so happy. Some girls are that jealous and spiteful.

"Clare—that's one of them—has tried her best to get a husband for the last three years and she envies me. I don't blame her, though. Most girls are willing to take anything when they get to be her age.

"Older than me? Well, I just guess! Clare's every day of 36 and her visits to the beauty shops haven't helped to hide it, either. Does she come here? Not it I know it. You don't suppose I'm giving any secrets away, do you?"

"Of course he was there—at the reception, I mean—and he looked too handsome for anything. Some of his friends were there too, and I reckon they was mad at my carrying off such a prize. Yes, he's got stacks of money—has an elegant business, all his own.

"I overheard one woman say to another, 'Well, they say she is a good sort of girl and I'm glad of that, though there ain't any girl quite good enough for him!' Now what do you know about that? I ain't vain, exactly, but of course that made me feel some joyous.

"He is a good fellow all right, but I guess he ain't any too good for me; I've been used to the best of everything. And, say, what do you think! You won't tell anyone, will you, for—well, it isn't so much to tell, really, only I wouldn't want anyone to know I was tickled over it, but two girls, I heard, was actually sick abed when they heard of my engagement. Think

of it—sick abed! Wasn't that grand? "It isn't that I feel so proud on my own account, but it pleases me to find that he is so popular. I like to know that a man has lots of admirers, and when they take on like that you can bet that a chappy is all right, can't you?"

"Wish you could see him—he's a perfect love. You wish you could? Well, I'd never dare to bring him to one of these repair shops. I've got a dandy little tintype of him—it isn't as good as it might be, though. It was taken before he knew me, when he was out with some other girls, and it has got rather a conceited grin; but you wouldn't blame him if you saw the way those girls were gazing upon him. Want to see it?"

"He is great and it's no wonder the girls were sick. There was one girl badly broken up over him. He used to take her out some, once, just because he felt sorry for her, I guess. She is a dumpy kind of a girl, hasn't a particle of style, and then—just think of it!—she isn't the least bit educated; says 'I done' and 'I seen,' and all that sort of thing, you know, and of course George couldn't go that. He ain't got any use for an uneducated girl, not him!"

"What! finished so soon, and I had oceans more to tell you! See that frump in green: she's beckoning to you; what a nerve! You had an appointment with her? Nonsense! You had one with me for last Tuesday and it wasn't my fault. I couldn't get here then.

"Well, good-by; I'll be in again next week and I won't forget the tintype. Good-by."

And the woman in the barrel gown hastened away to meet George, who believed she had had an appointment with her dressmaker.

Telephones in Mines.

Although the use of telephones in mines is not of recent origin, the advantages are, perhaps, hardly really appreciated until they have once been tried. Probably at no time in the history of mining has there been a greater demonstration of the great need of telephones in mines than at the Cherry coal mine disaster. How many more lives could have been saved had the mine been fully equipped with telephones is entirely problematical, but it is certain that the number would have been greater had opportunity been afforded for communication between the rescuers and the entombed men.—*Philadelphia Record.*

Founder of New York Ferry System.

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We are always glad to get articles or letters for this department from STAR MAGAZINE readers. Tell us about your collection.

STAMP COLLECTING.

By J. C. KINTZ

Postage stamp collecting, as an amusement, is said to have begun in the year of 1850, or as soon as it was noticed that stamps of different values, colors and designs were being received from different parts of the world.

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Some Pie Recipes



GENERAL REMARKS

Use the very best materials in making pastry; the shortening should be fresh, sweet and hard, the water cold (ice water is best), the paste rolled on a cold board, and all handled little as possible. When the crust is made it makes it much more flaky and puff much more to put it in a dish covered with a cloth, and put in a cold place for half an hour, or even an hour; in summer it could be placed in an ice chest.

A great improvement is made in pie-crust by the addition of about a heaping teaspoon of baking powder to a quart of flour, also brushing the paste as often as rolled out, and pieces of butter placed thereon, with the white of an egg, assists it to rise in leaves or flakes. As this is the great beauty of puff-paste it is well to try this method.

Raisins, and all dried fruit for pies and cakes, should be stoned and dredged with flour before using. Almonds should be blanched by pouring boiling water on them, and then slipping the skin off with the fingers. In pounding them always add a little rose or orange water to prevent their becoming oily.

Pie-crust can be kept a week and the last be better than the first, if put in a tightly-covered dish, and set in the ice chest in summer and a cool place in winter, and thus you can make a fresh pie every day with little trouble.

Great care is required in heating oven for baking pastry. If you

can hold your hand in a heated oven while you count twenty the oven has just the proper temperature, and should be kept at this temperature as long as the pastry is in; this heat will bake to a light brown and flaky appearance. If you suffer the heat to abate the under crust will become heavy and clammy and the upper crust fall in.



Pigeon Pie Take half-a-dozen pigeons, stuff each one with a dressing same as for turkey; loosen the joints with a knife but do not separate. Put them in a stew-pan with water enough to cover them, let cook until nearly tender, then season them with salt, pepper and butter. Butter a pudding dish, line the sides with a rich crust. Have ready some hard boiled eggs cut in slices. Put in a layer of egg and birds and gravy until the dish is full. Cover with crust and bake.



Irish Apple Pie Pare and take out cores, cutting each apple into 4 or 8 pieces, according to size. Lay them neatly in a baking dish, seasoning with brown sugar and any spice, such as pounded cloves and cinnamon, or grated lemon peel. A little quince marmalade gives fine flavor; add a little water and cover with a puff-paste. Bake 1 hour.



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Ideal Farmers' Fowl It has been said that "of the making of books there is no end," and it is equally true that after the publication of probably millions of chicken literature there yet remains much of interest, which even if told before will bear repetition. There are dozens of periodicals in the United States devoted exclusively to the subject of poultry, but as they are avowedly "class publications" and as such read almost exclusively by professional poultrymen, they do not reach, except indirectly, that greatest of all poultrymen, the American farmer. For after all it is the millions of farmers who are the real sources of supply for eggs and chickens, as for everything else consumed by the city dweller.

So it seems to me a matter of prime importance for the farmers of the immense territory served by this magazine to consider what sort of chickens are best adapted for their use and will produce the best financial results. Taking into consideration the fact that chickens are divided into three classes, the Asiatic, Mediterranean and American, he should keep in mind always the necessary requisites for an ideal farmers' fowl. The farmer must have first and foremost a chicken which is an egg producer. Second, it must be of sufficient size to be a profitable market fowl. Third, he must have a hardy bird, possessing the ability to rustle and forage for itself, thus requiring a minimum of attention.

In the Asiatic class we find Brahmas, Langshans and Cochis, all good birds.

Next comes the Mediterranean class, which embraces Leghorns, Minorcas Andalusians and Anconas. In this class the Leghorns are easily pre-eminent.

We will now pass onto the American class, which comprises Lavas, Plymouth Rocks, Wyandots and last but not least, Rhode Island Reds.



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On a certain memorable trip the rotund conductor demanded a ticket from a man who had been imbibing not wisely but too well. The tipsy passenger fumbled first in one pocket, then in another, insisting all the while that he "had—a ticket sh-omewhere." At last the conductor's patience became exhausted, and he said sharply, "Now look here, I'll make my round thru the train, and when I come back you'll have to do one of three things, produce your ticket, pay your fare or get off."

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HIS FIRST VOYAGE

The second day out Bobby was inquisitive.

"Pa," he ventured, peering out at the big waves, "when they say the ocean it choppy who chops it?"

There was no response from pa, who was pale and seasick in a big steamer chair.

Bobby was persistent.

"Pa, when a ship tacks do they use a hammer?"

Still no response from pa. Bobby again:

"Pa, what kind of dogs do they

use in the dog-watch?"

This was more than poor pa could stand.

"In the name of Neptune," he said feebly, "please keep quite. Can't you see there is a heavy sea running?"

There was a long silence.

"Pa."

"Well, young man?"

"W-where is the heavy sea running?"

And the next moment pa took Bobby back to show him the ship's spanker.

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"Baby carriages!" shouted the drummer, as he fled from the room.

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"I can marry a rich girl whom I do not love, or a penniless girl whom I love dearly. Which shall I do?"

"Follow your heart, man and be happy. Marry the poor one. And say--er--would you mind introducing me to the other?"

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An Irishman, who was very near-sighted and about to fight a duel, insisted that he should stand six paces nearer to his antagonist than he did to him, and they were to fire at the same time.

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SAVED

As is well known, many brerhren of the cloth gather at Chatauque

Lake during vacation time. Some of them like to fish, and know how to fish. Others do not know how to fish, but they do fish now and then. One day—so any of the old Chatauqua fisherman will tell you—one of this kind was trying his luck trolling for muskallonge, and although expert fisherman had been trolling every day since that season opened, and none had met with any success, a ten-pounder selected this preacher's hook and got fast upon it.

In his frantic and unskilled efforts to land the big fish, the preacher overbalanced the boat and capsized it, which left him struggling in the lake, far from shore. A boat at once put out to rescue him.

"Save him! Save him!" shouted a grizzled old native of the Chatauqua country, dancing excitedly on the beach.

The preacher was rescued, and was being brought ashore, but the grizzled old fisherman still danced frantically about and shouted:

"I tell you, save him! Save him!"

"We have saved him!" the rescuers shouted back; but the fisherman jumped into his own boat and rowed rapidly out to where the preacher's boat was tossing upside down on the waters, the rescuers in their excitement having paid no attention to it. He found the trolling line still fast to it, and seizing it he began hauling it in, soon landing the muskallonge, which by some remarkable fortune was still on the hook.

"There!" the old fisherman cried. "That's the feller I wanted you to save! There's lots and lots of dominies along Chatauqua, but I want to tell you that muskallonge is gittin' dum-jiggered skeerce!"

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HUMAN NATURE

"Good morning, parson."

"Good morning, deacon. As I was coming along just now I saw a fight between a brindle bulldog and a mastiff. And upon my word, deacon, more than fifty men were standing around. How can people take an interest in such things?"

"I dunno, parson. Which dawg won?"





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