

### Lincoln and the "Clary's Grove Boys."

Public opinion at New Salem was formed by a crowd of ruffianly young fellows who were called the "Clary's Grove Boys." Once or twice a week they descended upon the village and passed the day in drinking, fighting and brutal horse-play. If a stranger appeared in the place, he was likely to suffer a rude initiation into the social life of New Salem at the hands of these jovial savages. Sometimes he was nailed up in a hogshead and rolled down hill, sometimes he was insulted into a fight and then mauled black and blue; for despite their pretensions to chivalry, they had no scruples about fair play or any such superstitions of civilization. At first they did not seem inclined to molest young Lincoln. His appearance did not invite insolence; his reputation for strength and activity was a greater protection to him than his inoffensive good-nature. But the loud admiration of Offutt gave them umbrage. It led to dispute, contradictions, and finally to a formal banter to a wrestling-match. Lincoln was greatly averse to all this "wooling and pulling" as he called it.

But Offutt's indiscretion had made it necessary for him to show his mettle. Jack Armstrong, the leading bully of the gang, was selected to throw him, and expected an easy victory. But he soon found himself in different hands from any he had heretofore engaged with. Seeing he could not manage the tall stranger, his friends swarmed in, and, by kicking and tripping nearly succeeded in getting Lincoln down. At this, as has been said, of another hero, "the spirit of Odin entered into him," and, putting forth his whole strength, he held the pride of Clary's Grove in his arms like a child, and almost choked the exuberant life out of him. For a moment a general fight seemed inevitable; but Lincoln, standing undismayed with his back to the wall, looked so formidable in his defiance that an honest admiration took the place of momentary fury, and his initiation was over. As to Armstrong, he was Lincoln's friend and sworn brother as soon as he recovered the use of his larynx, and the bond thus strangely created lasted through life. Lincoln had no further occasion to fight his own battle while Armstrong was there to act as his champion. The two friends, although so widely different, were helpful to each other afterward in many ways, and Lincoln made ample amends for the liberty his hands had taken with Jack's throat, by saving, in a memorable trial, his son's neck from the halter.

This incident, trivial and vulgar as it may seem, was of great importance in Lincoln's life. His behavior in this ignoble scuffle did the work of years for him, in giving him the position he required in the community where his lot was cast. He became from that moment, in a certain sense, a personage, with a name and standing of his own. The verdict of Clary's Grove was unanimous that he was "the cleverest fellow that had ever broke into the settlement." He did not have to be constantly scuffing to guard his self-respect, and at the same time he gained the good-will of the better sort by his evident peaceableness and integrity.—*Century*.

### Women and Their Feet.

"Women who pose as models have, as a rule, poorly shaped feet," said an artist to a reporter. "If their feet are not poorly shaped, they are apt to be out of proportion by being too small. The reason is obvious. Women are ambitious to have small feet and hands, and at an early age they begin to wear tight shoes. The result is that their feet are cramped and do not grow with the other members of the body. Of course, there are some professional models who began early in life and never cramped their feet with tight shoes. They have correct proportions. I speak generally of the mass of women who become models after they are eighteen years old. Women imagine if they have small feet and hands they have all that is necessary to give them a shapely appearance. A worse mistake was never made. Women who are large should naturally have feet in proportion. From an artistic point of view they look better. But you cannot make them think so."

A crusade ought to be waged against wearing tight shoes. The tight shoe, in the first place, cramps the toes all together, until they lose shape and become freckled with corns. The foot doesn't get the free circulation of blood in it that it should have, and falls behind in growth. The big toe usually bears the brunt of the sin for tight shoes, and manages to have a large lump gather just where it joins the body of the foot. The Americans are more prone to wear tight shoes than the English women. The French, outside of Paris, are not devoted to the semi-barbarous habit either, and some of our finest models came from the provinces of France. The nobility are supposed to have small feet and hands, but that is an erroneous impression, as many noble families I could mention in England are noted for their large feet. To produce a race of perfectly shaped women a reform must be made in their shoes, even if we have to substitute the ancient sandal.—*New York Mail and Express*.

### Scalding Hot.

A scientific writer tells how hot water can be boiled in a sheet of writing-paper. We don't doubt it. We have known a man to write a few lines on a sheet of writing-paper that kept him in hot water for three years.—*Burdette*.

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"H-h-h you seen C-c-c-colonel J-j-jack Wiggin?"

Nobody had seen him, but everybody caught the new title. And promptly Wiggin started in a similar pilgrimage through the town. Thrusting his head into the first grocery store he came to he stammered out:

"H-h-h-a-a-a-ave you seen M-m-major Jim Ch-ch-ch-ch-a-a-a-ase?"

Of course they had seen Major Jim Chase, and so informed him, and by the time he overtook the Major at the end of the village and had congratulated him warmly the appointment had been, so to speak, officially gazetted through the town of Exeter. —*Boston Record*.

### Mabel and Her Cat.

Mabel, at the mature age of five, insists upon growing. Her mamma looked meditatively at her one day, saying: "What a big girl you are getting to be!" "Why," said Mab, "do you want me to stay little so you can spant me when I'm naughty?"

Mabel's cat is a tremendous great black satin fellow, named Sambo. Like other much cared for pets, he has become surprisingly human in his ways. For some time he has, when thirsty, gone to the stationary basin and cried for water, but lately his attention seems to have been attracted by the manner of emptying the bowl when he is through. After drinking one morning the inmates of the room, hearing the noise of escaping water, turned quickly to see Sambo with upraised paw, to which hung by a link the chain of the basin plug. When the water was out he dropped the chain, but still stood looking curiously, with head on one side, at the opening of the escape pipe. To test his intention the water was again let in, when hooking his claw again in the chain he repeated the trick.—*Detroit Free Press*.

At the masquerade ball in Adin last week St. Jacobs Oil took the first prize. Nothing strange in this, as it is highly prized in every family where used—especially in ours.—*Bieber (Cal.) Mountain Tribune*.

### A Good Story of Henry Clay.

In Van Buren's time a fire broke out in the kitchen of the White House while the President was giving a dinner. A servant came to him and whispered that the house was on fire. He excused himself, and on going to the kitchen found it in flames. A few buckets of water, however, soon extinguished these, and he returned and told the company what had happened. Mr. Clay, who was scheming at this time for the presidency, took this occasion for one of the happy remarks for which he was noted. Said he: "Mr. President, I am doing everything in my power to get you out of this house, but I assure you I do not want to see you burned out."—*Lippincott's Magazine*.

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