

A DRUMMER IN CHURCH.

How a Clerical Traveling Man Won a Bet.

The Sunday School Convention held here, says the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, has brought hither some of the brightest and most interesting ministers in New England. And it was not surprising to find that among these earnest and successful preachers were some unusually good story tellers—for a man who can't tell a story well at the dinner table can't reach people well from the platform. One brilliant conversationalist and story teller, who took an important part in the convention, was Rev. A. B. Dunning, D. D., manager of the Congregationalist Publishing House and Sabbath-school work, and one of the busiest men in Boston. Dr. Dunning is an off-hand, approachable man, with a bright, winning face, easy manner, and personal magnetism that contributes much to his success. He has none of the outward signs of the clerical calling, but looks more like a business man. He travels nearly all of the time, and he generally passes as a drummer, and is recognized by the fraternity as one of their number. On going into Minneapolis one Saturday evening, a smart young fellow approached him in a free-and-easy way: "Going to stop over Sunday?" "Yes," replied the Doctor. "Stop at the Blank Hotel, I suppose?" "No, I am going to stop with a friend." "Come round to the hotel to-morrow afternoon. Quite a number of the boys will be there." "But to-morrow is Sunday." "I know it, and that's why we can have such a good time." "Oh, I think that we fellows who are traveling all the time ought to keep Sunday," said the Doctor. "Yes," assented the drummer, good-naturedly, "but I'll bet you won't." "I'll tell you what I'll do; I'll go to church to-morrow if you will." "I'll do it. Where shall we go?" "To the First Congregational. It's the best church in town." "All right. I'll be there, but I'll bet you won't." The drummer was there, according to his promise, and could hardly believe his eyes when he saw his friend of the night before ascend to the pulpit. Dr. Dunning tried to find him after the service, but he had fled. One of the Doctor's stories was that of a quaint old townsmen who once said to a well-known divine: "Parson, the Bible says that the Lord made the world in six days; do you believe it?" "Yes." "Now, do you think that He finished the whole thing up in that time?" "Yes." "Well, all that I can say is that He could have put in one more day to mighty good advantage right here in this town."

Taffy.

Many people suppose that all the taffy we have comes from the confectioner. Strange delusion! Taffy is manufactured to order by all sorts and conditions of men, women, and children. Society is held together by taffy. We couldn't begin to get along without it. A newspaper that failed to keep its taffy machine well filled and ready for use at a moment's warning would have to go out of business or live on patent medicine "ads." at top of column, next to reading matter. The preacher who felt it to be his religious duty to constantly give vinegar and eschew taffy would soon be a shepherd without sheep, and they on the free list. Taffy is something not to be made sport of. It is indispensable. True, it would make your creditors less obtrusive, but it can be used in the capture of Miss Moneybag, which latter is a prize worth sitting up late nights to entrap. Don't administer your taffy with a whitewash brush. Give it to the patient gently. Put it in capsules if necessary. Don't advertise car-load lots. Don't try to get up a trust to control the product. Then shall you long inherit what your rich uncle has bequeathed to you, and be a blessing to your mother-in-law.—Detroit Free Press.

A Negative Virtue.

"I think I ought to have more than \$2 a week," said the office boy, determinedly.

"Why, you little rascal," said the merchant, "what in the world do you mean? You are careless about your work; you never have anything done right; you are always late in the morning. If I want an errand done I have to do it myself, and you have the face to ask me for an increase of salary."

"I know," said the office boy, more determined than before; but you forgot one thing—I don't know how to whistle."

And the merchant doubled his wages right away. Some day, if that boy keeps right on not knowing how to whistle, he will be taken into the firm.—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

ONCE upon a time a dying grasshopper left the care of its property and young ones to the tadpole.

"For," said she, "I have long watched his innocent, affectionate ways, and he will be good to the children. I won't insult him by asking for bonds or security."

The grasshopper died after appointing the tadpole its sole executor.

But the tadpole soon after lost its tail and its innocent ways, developed into a bull frog, and in a short time swallowed the young grasshoppers.

Moral—Opportunity makes the thief.

THE Barmecides were a powerful Persian family, celebrated for virtue and courage, massacred through the influence of Caliph Haroun-al-Raschid, about 802.

DIVINES tell us that "nothing is certain;" but if nothing is certain, it can not be certain that nothing is certain.

A Foreigner's Property Rights.

An alien who may come to this country intending to become a citizen as soon as he can be naturalized, upon making deposition to that effect before any officer authorized to take proof of deeds, shall be entitled, after taking out his first papers, to acquire real estate. Certificate of such deposition is filed in a book kept for such use in the office of the Secretary of State. The person so acquiring real estate may sell, assign, mortgage or dispose of it in any manner for the ensuing six years as if he were a native citizen, but he cannot lease it. In case of his death within the six years real estate thus regularly acquired falls to his heirs, if he die intestate, as if he had been naturalized.—New York Times.

Are We to Have Another War?

Some political prophets aver that we shall. Be that as it may, the battle waged by medical science against disease will never cease until we arrive at that utopian epoch when the human family shall cease to be afflicted with bodily ailments. One of the most potent weapons which the army of medicine furnishes is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is of special utility as a family remedy, as it is adapted to the immediate relief and ultimate cure of those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels which are of a common occurrence. Indigestion, biliousness and constipation are inseparable companions, and these ailments are completely eradicated by the Bitters. But the remedial scope of this superlatively wholesome and genial medicine takes in also nervous ailments, rheumatism and kidney troubles; its action in these, as in the other complaints, being characterized by unequalled thoroughness.

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"He has, indeed."

"But he sometimes oversteps the mark. I could place some faith in 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,' but in his last novel of the 'Master of Ballantrae' he is away off."

"How so?"

"Because he states that a member of an impoverished Scotch family threw a guinea through a window and no one went to look for it. This is absolutely incredible."

Interested People.

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MEN are too much inclined to accept a pretty woman at her face value.—Texas Siftings.

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