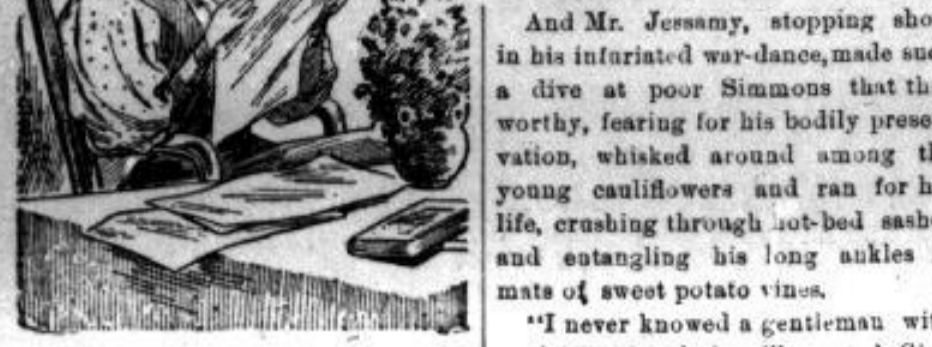


A GOOD STORY



Solitary Confinement

BY HELEN FOREST GRAVER.

The brief, decisive battle was over. The seven-year-old enemy routed, though not subdued, was carried off, kicking in his nurse's arms, screaming at the very pitch of his infantile lungs, "I won't! I won't! I won't!"

"So will I, my son," said the philosopher. "It's very wicked to get angry, isn't it, pa?"

"Very wicked, indeed, my son," said Mr. Jessamy, "but I had my supper together—alobster, with plenty of cream tarts, and peaches sliced in sugar—as amiably as possible."

"What is the meaning of this—this outrage?" he panted. "Solitary confinement—that's the thing!" said the tall man—solitary confinement!

"But he may come out to supper, Solomon!" Mr. Jessamy settled the goggles on the bridge of his nose, with an aristocratic dignity of movement.

"He will remain in the back-storeroom until tomorrow morning, Sarah!" "Alone?" gasped the nervous mother.

"Alone!" pronounced the domestic grand mogul. "Believe me there is nothing like solitary confinement. It has been proved, my dear, more than a score of times. That boy of yours—"

"Mr. Jessamy looked at the goggles on the bridge of his nose, with an aristocratic dignity of movement. "He will remain in the back-storeroom until tomorrow morning, Sarah!"

"Where is the big motion that I had here—a watermelon ground on the stem of the watermelon vine—grated by my own hands! And you to go and throw it away as if it were a blighted pumpkin or a half-ripe squash!"

QUANT AND CURIOUS.

The watermelon grows wild all over Africa. It was cultivated in Egypt B. C. 2500.

Among the curiosities that a Cobalt (Ct.) dentist left after his death were all the teeth that he had ever pulled.

Many of the inhabitants of India believe that elephants have religion, and engage in acts of divine worship.

A land-locked salmon was recently captured in Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester—the first of its kind ever seen in those waters.

Johann Kircheofer of Steinhilf, in the Austrian Tyrol, is a stammer. What's more, he has been the same Kircheofer before him for 300 years.

Chicago's board of education announces that it proposes to forbid the teachers in its employ to smoke pipes or cigarettes, or to chew gum.

The republic of Andora, in the Pyrenees, has a population of 6,000 and the republic of San Marino, in the Apennines, a population of 8,000.

A laborer grubbing roots recently found a human skull, three feet below the surface, and under the roots of a tree 300 years old, a fine three-pronged stone axe.

They say that Grey never got a cent out of his immortal elegy, though his publisher made \$5,000 by it.

Dewson Oldham, a seventy-eight-year-old resident of White Hall, Ky., never has missed a sermon at the Methodist Church in that place in the forty years he has been a member.

In the private chapel at Windsor Castle, which is octagonal in shape, with a lantern roof, the Queen's pew is in the gallery, in the division next to the organ loft.

VEROBY CLEVELAND.

The President Disapproved the General Deficiency Measure.

The House Sustained the Veto by 175 to 40. The Fresh Spillations and Other Claims Objectionable—These Items Cut Out the Measure Vot Through Without Any Delay.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The President set his veto on the bill for the purpose of disapproving the General Deficiency Appropriation bill, because of the objectionable items which it contained.

The President's veto was based upon two grounds—first, that the bill was, in many of its features, a departure from the principle of economy, and second, that the specific items which he referred to were not just and equitable claims for the public treasury.

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HOME-MADE GUNS.

The Crude Artillery Which Cuba's Patriots Use.

Fortis Captured by Logs Wound With Green Rawhide.

Both the old and the present revolution against Spain in Cuba have brought to the front many clever devices in the shape of home-made weapons.

During the night, the Spaniards came on, with the result that he had to seek shelter in the first house or hut to which he came.

The first layer of hide is tightly wound to the muzzle of the roughly gun and back to the breech.

When, in the early part of October last, General Gomez started on his northern expedition, he had with him a few hundred men, and these had hardly four shot apiece, although they knew they were going to meet fifty thousand well armed Spanish troops.

One of the first provisions of general Gomez's attack was the tower of Palapa, near the center of the trocha.

The old Swedish church of Wilmington, Del., has just celebrated its 171st anniversary.

The Los Angeles (Cal.) Postoffice took \$110,000 a year, just the corner of Uncle Sam's pocket.

On the Pennsylvania line east of Pittsburgh and Erie there are 1800 locomotives, 1800 passenger cars and 42,000 freight cars.

The Denver (Colo.) Postoffice took \$110,000 a year, just the corner of Uncle Sam's pocket.



FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

WOMAN'S BENEFIT

There is no nicer dessert for a luncheon or a family dinner than a piece of pulled bread, a bit of good cheese and a cup of coffee.

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A Song of Sweet Days.

Sweet are the days of the pastime, But they come no more to me; For the best time is the last time When I stand farewell to you.

First savage—Isn't she just too sweet for anything? Second savage—Yes! I'm trouble you for the suit.

Highly—Does happiness consist in having everything you want? Piggie—No, it consists entirely in the ability to get more.

City Man—How far is your home from the station? Suburbanite (hesitatingly)—Well, that depends on whether you are running to catch a train.

Mr. Woollice Passenger (in railroad station at Poughkeepsie)—Here, you, what time does the next train go to New York? Mike—Be jabbers, it's just gone.

"Oh, dear," said the girl with the X-ray glasses, she looked at her bushy lover. "Here's Jack come again tonight and not brought his bookcase with him."

Judge—Have you anything to say before the judgment of the court is passed upon you? Tough prisoner—Peggin' yer honor's pardon, he ya heard the score, judge?

Our Baristas—"Children, I hope you peeled the apples before eating them?" "Yes, mother, dear." "What have you done with the peels?" "Oh, we ate them afterwards."

"Just think, Mr. Wright," said the young woman who was trying to be pleasant, "all the children in the neighborhood are repeating in last month's magazine that 'That is father-mother's part of the earth is covered up to its penance. Of course you know what the word penance means? Bright scholar—Yes, sir! Penance is what the league fellows play for."

