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"Morning! Govenor in!" inquired a confident-looking stranger of a young man who was weighing sugar in a thriving village grocery-store.

"Yes, sir."

"Um m. Advertised for a manager I believe?"

"Yes, we have."

"Present manager anywhere about?"

"I'm acting in that capacity at present."

"You are! Well, then, you can give me a tip as to what kind of a codger the gov'nor is anyway. Old?"

"No; about my age."

"What's your trouble with him—closed?"

"Some people think he is."

"That's the trouble with most of 'em. But trust me to get the worth of my time out of him, one way or another," with a wink. "Just give him my card, will you?"

"I'm engaging the new man, if you're applying for the place," returned the other.

"You are? Well, now, do you think you could come to an immediate decision if I made it worth your while?" with another wink and drawing a bill from his pocket.

"Shouldn't wonder."

"Ah," chuckled the applicant, flickering the greenback across the counter, "I thought that would fix it. When shall I show up for biz?"

"Why, I don't believe you'd better show up at all for business here," replied the other quietly, pushing the money back to its owner.

"You see, I happen to be the 'govenor' myself, and—I don't believe you're just the man we're looking for. Good morning, sir!"

Troublesome Children.

Everything is relative, after all, even age; yet one might suspect that the "children" of one of Mr. Muzzey's "Men of the Revolution" might have arrived at years of some discretion and proper regard for behavior.

When I saw the old soldier, says Mr. Muzzey, he was the sole survivor of those who witnessed the Battle of Bunker Hill. At the age of ninety-five years he was attending a Whig celebration held at Boston in 1850, and there I met him. He was a good-looking old man with a large, well-shaped head, blue eyes and mild expression. His whole countenance beamed with benevolence.

I asked him if he had any children.

"Oh, yes, I have two sons," he replied.

"Why did you not bring them with you?"

The old man's smooth brow wrinkled into a semblance of a frown as he said:

"I didn't want to be plagued with those boys on an occasion of this sort."

"Why, how old ars they?" I asked, wondering if he could mean his grandchildren.

"Oh, one is seventy and the other is seventy-two. But I couldn't be bothered with them."

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Bombera.

Behind the gray forehead of the elephant lies a wise brain. The creature's great force is controlled by a docility in marvelous contrast to the huge, rough bulk. No wonder the masters are fond and proud of their servants who although brute, are intelligent and considerate. In Murray's Magazine, before Mr. Kipling had written of the elephant's wisdom appeared a story of Bombera, a big elephant employed in the construction of a Cevlon dam.

Bombera drew from the quarry the stone to be used, unfastened the chain, rolled the block with her forehead along the narrow embankment, and fitted it into its place. If it were not just even, she would straighten it until it was right, and all more quickly than a stone-mason would have done it, and nearly as accurately.

Once some visitors were watching the elephant, when one of them asked if Bombera could break a large stone with a heavy sledge-hammer which lay near by. The rest of the party exclaimed that it was too much to ask, but the mahout said quietly: "Bombera can do anything."

He gave a command, and the elephant swung up the hammer as if it were a feather and knocked the stone into bits.

"Now take your pipe and smoke," continued the mahout.

The animal stuck the sledge-hammer in her mouth and walked off as if enjoying a morning smoke.

The way to Bombera's heart was through her stomach. By timely attentions in the shape of eatable, one of the English officers stationed at the works won the elephant's undivided affection. She adored him. When he would come in sight Bombera would charge at him, prostrate herself before him, rub her head in the dust and trumpet. Sometimes she would steal up softly behind him, and he, feeling something like a leaf touch on his ear, would know that Bombera was holding it gently in her trunk as a token of her love.

Not a Stone Unturned.

Those who visited New York while its subway was in process of construction will appreciate this story, told in the New York Herald:

A friend of the street commissioner of New York, while passing through the city for the first time in his life, lost a watch which he valued highly. Not being familiar with Manhattan, the man wrote to the commissioner of his loss, and asked him to do his best to find the missing article. The commissioner answered that he would do all in his power to recover the watch, and that he would not leave a stone unturned in the search.

A short while after this the man happened to be in New York again, and business took him in the direction of Park Avenue. At a glance he took in the piles of stone, dirt and other material from the torn-up street. Rushing to the nearest telephone office, he sent the following message to the commissioner: "Do not bother any longer. Watch not worth it."

An Exact Equivalent.

There are many instances of "getting even" which are at once just and ungenerous, and although we may smile at the return thrust, we can hardly avoid a twinge of disapproval over the bad manners involved. Indeed, it is a well accepted fact that no man can go out of his way to seek witty revenge without lowering his own dignity.

The New York Tribune gives this case in point, touching Whistler, the artist. He was extravagantly fond of a French poodle, and once, when the dog had some trouble with his throat, sent for Sir Morel Mackenzie, the great specialist.

Mackenzie was not pleased, but prescribed for the dog, and took a partial revenge by charging a big fee.

The next day he sent for Whistler in great haste, and the artist, feeling that he had been summoned on some matter connected with the poodle, dropped his work and hastened to Mackenzie's house.

"How do you do, Mr. Whistler?" said the surgeon, gravely. "I wanted to see you about painting my front door."

Disgusting Narrowness.

"Why am I against Russia? Well, I'll tell you. It ain't that I've got any particular love for the Japs. No Jap never done anything for me as far as that's concerned. But Russia broke her word. Russia promised to git out of Manchuria at a certain time and she didn't do it. That's why I ain't got any sympathy for her. By George, I want people to live up to their promises. When they say they'll do a thing right out in plain English, I want 'em to do it."

"Yes, that's always to be desired. By the way, how about that \$20 you've owed me for groceries about two years? You remember you promised me that you would pay it on a certain day without fail. That was about three month ago, and—"

"Yah. You can't never argue about anything without gettin' personal. Confound it, there's no use tryin' to reason with people like you. You're too blamed narrow to understand these broad national questions."

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He nodded, after a slight hesitation.

"I did," he said, cautiously, "and I thought 'twas about the best piece of art over there. Of course that's only my idea."

"Many people agree with you," said the art student, approvingly. "It is very fine."

"Well, now, I'm glad to hear you say that," said the returned traveller. "Knowing I'm not really up in art, of course I feel some hesitation in giving my opinion. But do you know, candidly, it didn't seem to me there was another thing of Milo's that touched the Venus, or came anywhere near it!"

Glossing The Boot.

The teacher of English was hopeful, although he had met with disappointments at every turn.

"Now here is an interesting situation," he said, eagerly. "Let us analyze it. Just what is the meaning of the line, 'Doth not Brutus, bootless kneel?'"

"Why, I take it to mean that Brutus, being in a hurry, had come off without his boots, sir," said the pupil, with his usual promptness.

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