JOHN HENRY

ON THE DRUMMER BOYS

BY GEO. V. HOBART, ("HUGH M'HUGH.")

Dear Bunch: In that crowd of swift drummer boys going New Yorkward in the Mr. Pullman's sleep-wagon yesterday, one of the speediest was Buck Jones.

Buck's wife and a three-year-old were traveling with him, but he wasn't giving it out through a megaphone.

Buck is one of those goose-headed guys who begin to scratch gravel and start in to make a killing every time my name. He vill be glat to see you, yet."

Across the aisle seat sat two pet canaries from Plainfield, N. J.

They were members of the Soubrette Stinging society, and they were en route to the west to join the "Bunch of Birds Burlesque Company."

Their names were Millie and Tillie, and they wore Merry Widow hats, and did a sister act that contained more bad grammar than an East Side pinochle game.

Millie was fully aware that she could back Duse off the map, and Tillie was ready to bet a week's salary that she could make Bernhardt feel like she was out in the storm we had day before yesterday.

Slim called them the Roast-Beef Sisters, Rare and Well-Done.

In a minute the castors on Buck's neck began to turn.

Slim put us wise with a wink, so we lit the fire and began to cook it up.

Buck's heart was warming for the birds in the gilded cage.

"The real Kibo!" said Slim; "it's a plain case of Appomattox; the war is over and they are yours, Buck!"

Buck turned a few more volts into his twinkling lamps.

"Lower your mail-sail, Buck, and drop alongside; you've made the landing," suggested Burress.

Buck began to feel his necktie and play patty-cake with the little bald spot on the top of his head.

"Stop the hansom and get out; you're at your corner," said Dave.

The Sweet Dreams across the way were giving Buck the glorious eye-roll, and he felt like dinner was ready.

"Hang up your hat, Buck, and gather the myrtle with Mary!" I chipped in.

Then Buck bounced over and began to show Millie and Tillie what a handsome brute he was at close quarters.

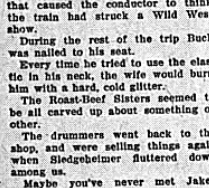
He sat on the arm of the seat and warmed up.

In less than a minute he crowded the information on them that he was a millionaire, who had escaped from Los Angeles, Cal., and he was just going to put them both in grand opera, when his three-year-old toddled down the aisle and grabbed him by the coat-tail:

"Papa! Mamma wants 'oo to det my bottle of milk!"

"Stung!" shrieked Slim.

"Back to the nursery!" howled Malcolm, and then as Buck crawled away to home and mother we let out a yell



Their Names Were Millie and Tillie.

that caused the conductor to think the train had struck a Wild West show.

During the rest of the trip Buck was nailed to his seat.

Every time he tried to use the elastic in his neck, the wife would burn him with a hard, cold glitter.

The Roast-Beef Sisters seemed to be all carved up about something or other.

The drummers went back to the shop, and were selling things again when Sledgeheimer fluttered down among us.

Maybe you've never met Jakey Sledgeheimer!

He travels for a firm in Brooklyn that makes imitation grape-fruit and rubber finan haddie.

Jakey is the laziest loosener that ever tied a string around a roll.

The boys call him putty because he's the next thing to a pane.

He's such a stingy loosener that he looks at you with one eye so's not to waste the other.

If you ask Sledgeheimer what time it is he takes off four minutes as his commission for telling you.

"Slim," said Sledgeheimer to Arthur Shaw, "do you smoke?"

It was a knock-out.

In the annals of the road no one could look back to the proud day when Sledgeheimer had coughed.

Once, so the legend runs, he gave a porter a nickel, but it was afterward discovered that Sledgeheimer was asleep, and not responsible at the time, so the porter gave it back.

Sledgeheimer tried to collect three cents' interest for the time the porter kept the nickel, and the conductor had to punch his mileage and his nose before he'd let go.

And now Sledgeheimer had asked Slim if he smoked!

Slim was pale but game.

"Sometimes!" he answered.

"Do you like a goot seegar?" queried Sledgeheimer.

We looked for the engine to hit a cow any minute now.

"Sure!" said Slim, weak all over.

"Vell," said Sledgeheimer, "here is my brudder-in-law's card. He makes dot Grass Vidow seegar on Sigsth Afenue. Gif him a call und mention my name. He vill be glat to see you, yet."

Then Sledgeheimer went away back and sat down.

The laugh was on Slim, so he dared us all into the cafe, and after he got busy with the button we all voted in favor of a Monticello highball.

After we had dampened our thirsts, Bill Burress showed us how Hammerstein would Americanize "Lingen on the Rhine." Bill called it "Der Empire," in honor of the Empire State Express, Frank Westerton said. ("English joke—rotten!) This is how Bill spieled it:

An Empire of der Big League lay dying, full mit fears, dare vas lack of

Buck Turned a Few More Volts Into His Twinkling Lamps.

players' nursing; aber nit of players' tears, but a cop policeman vatched him vile his life's bleed ebbed away, und bent mit pidying glances to hear vot did he say. Der dying Empire flitered as he took dot copper's hant, und he set: "I nefer more vil see my own, my native lant; took a message und a token to some distant friends of mine, for I vas born at Dopeville—at Dopeville down der Line!"

"Tell my dear, short-sighted brothers ven dey meet und crowd around to hear my mournful story, dot I brafely helt my ground; dot I foosled my decisions und I googooed at der mob, all howling for my heart's blood (ours is a fearful chob); full many a kicker, ghastly vite, hard on der bench I sat until some players sneaked behind und soaked me mit a bat; den I qvite swift und suttenly vent into a decline, no more vill I see Dopeville—dear Dopeville down der Line!

"Tell Pulliam his udder sons must comfort his olt age!—ach, how I luffed to put dis head of mine mitin a cage! For my father vas an Empire bold, und efen as a child my heart chumped fort to hear him tolt of strugules fierce und vild, und ven he died unde left us all ve hat to tiook our choice I let dem half yust" vot dey vished but kept my father's voice, und mit boyish yells I practiced on der leedle olt cat nine on Sleepy Street in Dopeville—dear Dopeville down der Line!

"Tell my brothers in der pitzness not to stood und bolt deir breath und vatch dem awful players celebrating my death, but to look upon dem proutly, mit a cold und codfish eye, und fine dem to der limit—as I dit in days gone by; und if der players fuss demselfs, und mit deir words eggsclaim, yust listen at dem brieflessly und chase dem from der game—for der Empire's rank decisionings must be backed as I backed mine for der honor of olt Dopeville—sveet Dopeville down der Line!"

His voice chumped to a visper; his grasp vas childish veak; his eyes put on a played-out look, his speaker ceased to speak; der copper bent to lift him, but, chee vis! it vas too late! Der Empire of der Big League vas ould—ould at der plate! Three strikes, py Chiminedd! und he hat no chance to call like he used to dit do often: "Say! dot last vun vas a ball!" Vell, he's gone, I eggspectation, vare der voodbine does der tvina but dare's plendy more at Dopeville—dear Dopeville down her Line!

By this time we had reached Utica, and I had to quit them.

Yours as usual,

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Curious Marriage Custom.

An English traveler in northern Nigeria describes an interesting custom connected with marriage which he came across among the Fulani, a tribe of wandering herdsmen who show no trace of negro blood and are supposed to be of Asiatic origin. One might almost suppose that they had advanced ideas about the relations of the sexes. Before a man is allowed to marry he has to stand a sound thrashing without wincing. In some parts of Europe this test of fitness for the wedded state might more reasonably be applied to the woman. One is reminded of Thomas Edgeworth's friend, who in selecting a bride dropped hot sealing wax on the girl's arm and fired a pistol off near her ear.

ILLINOIS HAPPENINGS

Pittsfield.—The ministers of the Methodist churches of the county met in this city and perfected an organization. The aim of the association is to draw the churches of Pike county closer in their work and make their relations more fraternal. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. A. S. Chapman, Pittsfield; secretary, Rev. F. M. Gibson, New Salem; treasurer, Rev. G. G. Maple, Rockport.

Peoria.—Declaring that she is here to fight for her rights, Mrs. Evelyn Kingman, who is suing her husband, Louis S. Kingman, president of the Kingman Plow Company, for a divorce, arrived from New York and in a petition filed in the circuit court prays for the issue of an order commanding her husband to provide for her maintenance during the pendency of her suit for legal separation.

Duquoin.—Mrs. Sebern J. Parker was made the victim of one of the boldest attacks in the criminal annals of the state when a masked burglar entered her home, and, after beating her into insensibility, bound, gagged and chloroformed her that he might go through the house uninterrupted. Mrs. Parker was brutally beaten and kicked and was in a critical condition.

Clinton.—Alleging that her award has not been set out, although three years have elapsed since the death of her husband, Mrs. Isabella Warner, the widow of the late Dr. John Warner, filed a petition in the county court asking that the appointment of three qualified and impartial persons be made to apportion the award to which she is legally entitled.

Paxton.—Rolland, the five-year-old son of Mrs. and Mrs. W. G. Parker, was drowned in a cistern at the family home. The mother was engaged in her work and left the cistern open after drawing water from it. She was away from it only a short time, during which the baby wandered to the cistern.

Tallula.—Rev. C. P. Pledger closed his revival service in Tallula with a great meeting. During the meeting there were 130 conversions and the people were so pleased with the religious awakening as a result of the revival that they gave Mr. Pledger a purse of $441.30.

Edwardsville.—Five thousand dollars balm is asked by Miss Louise Sido, a young school teacher of Wanda, for injuries to her feelings and body at the hands of Mrs. Julia Schillinger, following punishment she had administered to Allen Schillinger, 11 years old.

Woodriver.—As the result of a fight in Benbow City P. E. Ashleck, mayor of this place, was in a critical condition, with a dozen cuts on his face and head, his left eye badly injured by a blow from the butt of a revolver, and the tip of a finger on his left hand shot off.

Aurora.—Harry Rasey, 22 years old, son of an Aurora business man, walked about the streets, ate, and slept for six weeks unconscious that he had a fractured skull. A severe headache coming on he consulted a physician, who discovered the hurt.

Decatur.—Judge Johns in the circuit court denied an injunction making appropriations. It was charged that the aldermen were spending money to embarrass the local option regime and plunge the city heavily into debt.

Morris.—Severt Anderson is praising the skill of surgeons for restoring a thumb which was severed. The surgeon took a fleshy piece from another portion of his body and grafted it on the deficient member.

Lincoln.—Mrs. George Boyden took out a hunter's license, getting it from the city clerk and entitling her to shoot quail and other game. She is the first woman in Logan county to get a hunter's license.

Champaign.—Walter Jones and Albert Jones, University of Illinois students, arrested recently during a fight with Champaign police while the Iowa football victory was being celebrated, paid fines of $11 each.

Jacksonville.—Under directions of his attorneys, J. Bert Austin of Franklin, who slew his wife on June 4 last, pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Owen P. Thompson.

Quincy—While oiling some machinery the clothing of Joseph Himmel, a baker employer at the Eggo-See cereal food mill, was caught by the shafting and he was horribly mutilated and killed.

Carlinville.—Mr. and Mrs. George Fishback celebrated the fifty-sixth anniversary of their marriage at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. M. Boring. The couple was married in Carlinville.

Pana.—The collection taken at St. Mary's church in an effort to meet the church debt of $6,000, netted $4,953.75. Father Moroney is planning to erect a hospital in the city.

Quincy.—The launch "Ella May," which was built at this city, left for Florida. It is 36 feet long and contains six sleeping rooms and a well-equipped culinary department.

Iuka.—Cassius M. Grey of Iuka committed suicide by shooting. He placed a mirror on the side of a chicken house and, looking in it, fired the shot. Death was instantaneous.

Taylorville.—William Lewis, formerly of this city, was killed in a mine accident at Caseyville.

Decatur.—Decatur's first snowstorm arrived. It was almost rain, but nevertheless snow.

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