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THE SONG OF THE DECANTER.

There was an old decanter. And its mouth was gaping wide; The rosy wine had ebbed away, And left its crystal side; And the wind went humming; Up and down the sides it flew, And through the reed-like, hollow neck The wildest notes it blew. I placed it on the window. Where the blast was blowing free; And fancied that its pal' mouth sang The queerest strains to "They tell me, puny conquerors, The plague has slain its tens And war its hundred thousands Of the very best of men; But I—"t was thus the bottle spoke—"But I have conquered more than all your famous conquerors, So feared and famed of yore. Then come, ye youths and maidens, come drink from out my cup The beverage that dulls the brain And burns the spirit up; That puts to shame the conquerors That slays their scores below; For this has deluged millions with the lava-tide of woe. Though in the path of battle Darkest waves of blood may roll, Yet while I killed the body, I have damned the very soul. The cholera the sword, Such ruin never wrought, As I, in mirth and malice, On the innocent have brought. And still I breathe upon them, And they shrink before my breath, and year by year my thousands Tread the dismal road to death."—[*Sunday Herald*.]

A-TE-KA'S HEART BLEEDS FOR THE INDIAN.

Our good friend Mrs. Platt, who occasionally writes for the *HELPER* under the affectionate nomdeplume of A-te-ka—a name meaning grandma, and given to her by some of Pawnee friends who loved her most—now has a little incident at the World's Fair to relate as follows:

TABOR, IOWA, 11-3-1893.

M. O. T. B. S.—DEAR SIR:

During the very pleasant evening I spent with the Carlisle Indian School at South Pier Hotel, your chief clerk said to me,

"Perhaps A-te-ka will favor the *HELPER* with some short notes of her thoughts on the Fair, when she arrives at home."

I wish first to relate a little occurrence of that evening, as it so illustrates the depressing influences our boys and girls must meet when they leave school and go out to be recognized as citizens of our Republic.

When the time came for me to return to my hotel, a young Comanche—a worthy member of Dr. Norcross's Church, whose rising steps I had long ago watched with interest, was detailed to accompany me.

Thinking it would be a pleasant episode in the evening's entertainment, I invited my escort to enter and introduced him as Mr. Otto Wells, a young Comanche, member of the Carlisle Indian School.

Instead of the gentle courtesy to be expected from a company of women calling themselves Christians, the introduction was met by a dumb, silent stare at the young man, who stood hat in hand ready for the expected greeting, which silence was continued till my friend was seated and engaged in conversation.

Soon after, a man entering the room was greeted by one of the silent stagers with, "Oh, you have missed the event of the evening."

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Send in your names as soon as you get them so that the subscribers may see by receiving the next issue of HELPER that you are fair and square.

The Contestants MUST INDICATE whether a subscription is a renewal or not. If a name gets upon our books twice it will have to count against the contestant sending it in. Please remember this.

John Ground writes a pleasant letter from the new home he has found in the country. He says one of his first jobs was milking. The third cow he tackled kicked him over and he said he whistled,—"I was a rolling little darkie all the way from Alabam, where I used to hoe the cotton and the cane, and the white folks they would miss me, etc. Good for John. It is better to whistle than to abuse the cow."

Every stroke of work a person does he makes for himself either a good or a bad reputation. No one can afford to make a bad reputation even in such work as sweeping the floor. There is great science in sweeping. To get all the dirt and dust from the floor without filling the air of the room with dust is the secret. We have printers who sweep the large office when all hands are at work, and they do it without making any perceptible dust. They make the floor clean and do not sprinkle it. Ask Timothy Henry, he can tell how it is done. A person who can sweep a floor well, can be trusted to do ANYTHING well.

A fond father writes of the death of his daughter, thus: "With much sorrow I write to inform you of the death of my daughter, Katie Bent. She died Thursday, Sept. 27, 1893. She loved Carlisle School very much and before her death talked much of Carlisle, sending her love to all her friends there. I am respectfully her Father, W. Bent, Harlem, Mont." Katie had many fond friends who will mourn her loss. She has a good record at the school as well as in the country where she had a good home, winning many friends. The people with whom she lived were very fond of her.

The Sunday School pupils very much enjoy reading the *Morning Light* and *Temperance Banner* so kindly given them by their good friend Mr. George B. Brown of Sag Harbor, Long Island. He says, "I want the Indian children to have just as good papers as ours have, etc." That is the secret of Indian civilization. If every body could see it in that light there would be no more urging and encouraging Indian children to stay near HOME and go to poorly equipped schools there, when a chance to get out and learn "just as good things as our children learn," may be had.

Raymond Stewart has been silent for a long time, but now comes a letter from his Rosebud Dak., home saying he must have the HELPER. He knows what's what.

Names of persons who have entered the contest for the thirty-dollar prize: Howard and Leander Gausworth; Timothy Henry; William Denomie; Samuel Dion; John Sanborn; Harry Kohpay, Mary Bailey, William Carrefell, LeRoy W. Kennedy, Ned Brace, Ida Wasee, of the school.

Harry Eberhard, Phila.; Frank Fackenthal, Roanoke; Mrs. Joseph Weber, Bethlehem; Jacob P. Keplinger, Lancaster; Mrs. Will Gephard, Carlisle; Miss Dora Yetz, Carlisle; Walter A. Downey, Phila.; A. A. Beaninger, Haskell Institute; William C. Hauf, Lancaster.

If the reader is acquainted with any person whose name is in the above list of contestants and wishes to help him or her win the prize, send to the HELPER address as many subscriptions as you can, being very careful to say to whom the credit shall be given. In every case the money must accompany the names. We will publish all such credits, giving name of sender and name of one receiving credit.

CRY out!

And then GET out
Of the reservation!

And away from EVERYTHING

That holds you back and gives you
ONLY A SMALL VIEW OF GOD'S WORLD!

The Thanksgiving turkey is getting restless.
Miss Bender is assisting temporarily in the
school room.

Run away from the reservation as slaves
ran away from slavery!

Always give FORMER address when
change of address is asked for.

Oh, no, it was not an Indian who went
through that ceiling in the office building.

Bangs are suffering slightly these days of
limited opportunity to heat curling irons.

One of the girls said in her home letter she
liked the America Round at the county fair.

Mr. Claudy is off on his annual two week's
leave, and the Man-on-the-band-stand is per-
spiring.

The Standard Debating Club is in an argu-
mentative mood and are willing to consider
challenges from whatever source.

One of the boys thinks that all forms of
"spiritual lickens" should be avoided. He is
only a little mixed in his spelling.

Dr. Montezuma has gone on a trip to Hart-
ford, Conn. to talk Indian—not the Indian
language. He has given that up long ago.

The name of Chappo was omitted last week
in the list of Apache pupils who went to Mt.
Vernon Barracks on a visit. He is Geronimo's
son.

Miss Ely has returned looking rested and
well after a short vacation among friends in
Kansas.

The news comes from Lancaster that our
friends Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnston have
been blessed with the arrival of a little daugh-
ter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan of Middlesex farm
have returned from a pleasant visit to Mis-
souri where they went after the World's Fair
trip with the school.

A list of names from Hazleton, Pa. was sent
by some one asking for a premium. We can
not send it as there is no address given to
show who sent the list. The last name on the
list is R. M. Prilehard.

Mrs. Worthington's father, Mr. Ephraim
Corman of Carlisle died this week. He was
very much esteemed by the community and
his loss is mourned by a large circle of friends.
Mrs. Worthington has the sympathy of her
co-workers in the school, in this her great
trial.

The school exhibition last Thursday night
was a very good one. Those who took part by
special declamation and recitation were Mel-
inda Porter, Paul Teenabikazen, Elmer Sim-
on, Cassie Hicks, Ida Blue Jacket, Bruce
Peterson, Joseph Black Bear, Anna Tabasash,
Lucy Enter Lodge, George Cobell, Ida War-
ren. There were singing by the school and
choir and class exercises adding variety to
the occasion.

The trees on the campus are trimming.

The foot-ball team is practicing hard to
make ready for challenges.

Julia Given has gone to Anadarko, I. T., to
live with Miss Reeside, and help her.

And the next day it was cloudy. This we are
called upon to say, to keep in fashion.

ONE cent paid for something we do not
need is willful waste. Remember the old ad-
age, "Wilful waste brings woeful want."

The Y. M. C. A. held its weekly prayer
meeting in No. 4. school room, Wednesday
evening, instead of the Y. M. C. A. hall which
is being repaired.

George Nyruah, known to us as Grasshop-
per, occasionally writes to let us know of his
whereabouts. He is now at Mohawk, Arizona.
Austin Navajoe is with him.

The *Red Man* is the main work of the Indian
school printing office. It is an 8-page quarto
of standard size, and covers the Indian ques-
tion on all sides. Subscription price fifty cents
a year. Sample copies free. Address HELPER.

Miss Ella Patterson has returned to her
work as Superintendent of the Otee Boarding
School, Oklahoma, from Washington, D. C.
She left Miss Bessie in Washington, and misses
her much in the work, and as a companion.

ANOTHER INDIAN GIRL GRADUATED AS
A NURSE: Miss Zippa Metoxen has just
graduated from the Hartford School of Nurses.
She thinks some of spending a short vacation
which she has well earned, at Carlisle, and
she will be welcomed by her many friends.

The kissing habit is not a good one. If
your friend does not kiss you when you re-
turn after a long separation, do not think she
is not glad to see you. She may be opposed
to the custom, and it would be better if every
body were opposed to it. The best form of
greeting is a good warm shake of the hand,
and a an affectionate expression of the eye.

The HELPER office was presented with a
sheet of American tin, the centre of which
was the portrait of Gov. McKinley to show the
Republican victory on Tuesday. Although
not a Republican we must admit that the tin
as a specimen of American industry is equal
to any tin we ever saw. The HELPER is not
a political organ, and we have as many Re-
publican subscribers as Democratic, no doubt.
We are a firm believer that RIGHT will gov-
ern eventually, whether that be the Republi-
can, the Democratic, the Populist, the Pro-
hibitionist or what not party remains to be
seen.

There were some able addresses in the S. L.
L. Society on Friday evening upon the ques-
tion of which has the stronger and more val-
uable intellect a boy or a girl. Susie McDougal
stood out bravely for her sex while Nettie
Fremont made a commendable effort on the
opposite side. She brought out some most
excellent argument showing superiority of
man's intellect owing chiefly to circumstance
and environment. Miss Shaffner closed the
argument and gave in connection a most in-
teresting account of the recent W. C. T. U.
Convention which she attended while in Chi-
cago. We learned of the capabilities of woman
as manifested in that great world's confer-
ence.

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Otto sat for a while in all his self-possessed Indian dignity conversing pleasantly, and then quietly withdrew saying the time drew near for the school to leave the city.

And what of A-te-ka during the remainder of her stay at Windsor Park hotel?

She moved under a social cloud, but to her it had a brightly gilded lining, for was she not learning a deeper lesson of sympathy for our naturally intensely high-toned—our proud Indian boys and girls, who must meet such treatment everywhere as they are trying to come up into a life of honest pure man and womanhood?

A-TE-KA.

WAS IT AN INDIAN BOY WHO WAS FOOLING WITH A TORPEDO?

We read in an exchange of a boy who found a piece of tin can.

He thought it would be fun to put it on a Railroad track.

He began to hammer it when he found out too quickly that it was a torpedo, for it burst and tore his wrist, injured his face and put out one of his eyes.

A good application of the story was made by the writer, who says there are plenty of old torpedoes lying around, and no one can tell just when they will explode.

These are some of them:

A young person with a book that he would not like his teacher to see and so hides behind the door or sneaks off in a quiet place to read it, is fooling with a torpedo.

When we are carrying unclean thoughts, we have a torpedo in our brain.

When we slip behind the fence to smoke or carry a bunch of tobacco so snugly under our tongues that we think no one sees it, we are fooling with a torpedo.

When we speak Indian, and say we have not, that is a torpedo.

These torpedoes may look innocent now, but some body is bound to be blown up by them by and by.

Better let torpedoes alone.

The INDIAN HELPER is an interesting little paper which comes weekly from the Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, Pa. It shows what Christian influence and teaching may do towards civilizing the Indian and making a noble and upright citizen of him. May the work continue to prosper till there shall be no longer need of it.—[Reading, Mass. Pioneer.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S Charade: Matri-mony.

An Enigma from an Appreciative Subscriber from far off California.

He says:

We get the dear little HELPER out here every week, and read it carefully; work out the enigmas, read the doings of your Indian scholars, about the trips to Chicago and Lake Mohonk, the Man-on-the-band-stand, and in fact everything the newsy sprightly little paper contains.

We can say of the HELPER—*Multum in parvo*.

Now the writer has an enigma to contribute which we hope will particularly interest the scholars of your school, or rather the DEAD INDIANS killed by the Carlisle process.

I am composed of 16 letters:

My 6, 8, 11, 16 is a wild animal much coveted by sportsmen.

My 2, 11, 13, 1 is weight.

My 14, 5, 12 is necessary to sustain animal and vegetable life.

My 7, 3, 10 is the kind of weather Miss Hunt complains of in Oregon in the HELPER of Oct. 20.

My 1, 15, 9 is a metal as yet quite scarce in America, but much used.

My 4, 8, 16, 11 is what an Indian pony dreads.

My whole is now the main talk of the people of the Pacific coast and elsewhere and something the people of San Francisco want the teachers and pupils of the Carlisle Indian Training School to see—not leaving out the Man-on-the-band-stand.

STANDING OFFER.

Premiums will be forwarded free to persons sending subscription for the INDIAN HELPER, as follows:

2. For two subscriptions and a 1-cent stamp extra, the printed copy of Apache contrast, the original photo, of which, composing two groups on separate cards, (8x10), may be had by sending 30 sub.scriptions, and 5 cents extra. Cash price 60 cents for the two.

(This is the most popular photograph we have ever had taken, as it shows such a decided contrast between a group of Apaches as they arrived and the same pupils four months later.)

3. For five subscriptions and a 1-cent stamp extra, a group of the 17 Indian printer boys, Name and tribe of each given. Or, pretty faced pappoose in Indian cradle. Or, Richard Davis and family. Or, cabinet photo. of Piegan Chiefs. Cash price 20 cents each.

4. For seven subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, a bound volume containing showing all our prominent buildings. Cash price 25 cents.

5. For ten subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, two photographs, one showing a group of Pueblos as they arrived in their Indian dress and another of the same pupils, three years after, showing marked and interesting contrast. Or a contrast of a Navajo boy on arrival and a few years after. Cash Price 20 cents each.

6. For fifteen subscriptions and 5 cents extra, a group of the whole school (9214), faces show distinctly. Or, 8x10 photo, of Indian baseball club. Or, 8x10 photo, of graduating classes choice '89, '90, '91, '92, '93. Or, 8x10 photo of buildings. Cash price 50 cents for school, 30 cents for 8x10's.

7. For five and seven subscriptions respectively, and 5 cts. extra for postage, we make a gift of the 6x8x12 and 8x10 photos, of the Carlisle School exhibit in the line of march at the Bi-centennial in Phila. Cash price 20 and 25 cents.

8. For fifteen subscriptions and eight cents extra for postage, a 13x16 group photo of 8 Piegan chiefs in elaborate Indian dress. This is the highest price premium in Standing Offer and sold for 75cts. retail. The same picture lacking 2 faces Boudoir-size for 7 sub.scription, and 2 cents extra. Cash 25 cents.

Without accompanying extra for postage, premium will not be sent.