THE NEW POSTMAN.

DEAR SIR—I object to your attentions to my daughter Virginia. I believe I have hinted something to that effect before. If you call at the house again, I shall be under the [illegible] necessity of kicking you down the front steps. In my absence, my butler and his feet will represent me.

Should you be presumptuous enough to accost my daughter anywhere else, I assure you that I shall hunt you up and inflict a kicking upon you wherever I overtake you. Believe me, sir, very truthfully yours,

BENJAMIN PARSONS.

Lawyer Parsons smiled as he read this unique production over.

"That'll settle him," he mused.

Horace Vane whistled when he had read the letter.

"This is a serious piece of business," he reflected. "Mr. Parsons stands 6 feet 2, weighs 200 pounds and wears No. 11 boots. One good, honest kick from him would settle me for life."

Still Horace would have died for Virginia, and he didn't propose to let the prospect of a kicking keep him away from her. He wondered if he couldn't devise some method of visiting her that would be both safe and feasible.

As he thought his eyes wandered toward the mirror. He had been away from New York for five days on a hunting trip in the country and hadn't seen a barber in all that time.

"I need a shave," he thought, and then suddenly added:

"No, I don't either. A beard is one of the first elements of a disguise, especially as the people at the Parsons' house have always seen me with a smooth face."

For two weeks, although he was supposed to be in the city, Horace Vane was not seen at the house of Mr. Benjamin Parsons.

"My letter settled him," chuckled the lawyer.

At the end of the fortnight a registered letter came for Miss Virginia.

"I'll take the book up to her to sign," said the butler to the postman—a new man on the route.

"No; she must come down and sign," retorted the postman. "I am responsible for delivering this letter into her own hands."

The butler grumbled, but called Miss Virginia, who came down, received the letter, signed for it and chatted affably with the postman for a moment or two.

The butler, who had instructions to intercept any letters that came addressed in Vane's writing to Miss Virginia, saw that the registered letter was free from suspicion, and therefore withdrew.

Miss Virginia had never had so much mail as came during the next few weeks. She laughingly declared that it was worth while to go to meet the postman at the door.

The butler did not feel that his instructions from his employer required him to be at all suspicious.

Lawyer Parsons came home early one afternoon and saw the postman in the act of handing a letter to Virginia.

"From whom is that?" he asked sternly.

"Only Clara Russell, papa," was the sweet answer. "By the way, papa, the postman has kindly offered to take me to a place where I can do a great deal of good. He has volunteered to escort me."

"Attend to your charities in your own way," grumbled Mr. Parsons, going into the house without giving the postman more than a glance.

It so happened that just as Mr. Parsons was leaving the house again, three-quarters of an hour later, a carriage drove up at the curb. Out of it stepped the postman. He was followed by Virginia, who looked half defiant, half inclined to laugh.

"Congratulate me, papa!" she cried. "I have just been married."

"Married!" echoed the thunderstruck lawyer. "To whom?"

"To Mr. Horace Vane—yours, truly," interposed the new postman, bowing.

"Vane! Thunderation, so it is! That beard disguises your rascally face. But, sir"—

"All quite easily explained, sir. You forbade me your house—called the only way I could with safety—political friend got me a job—substitute postman—fellow who took my place enjoying himself—Old Point Comfort—my expense—comes back tomorrow—there you are, sir!"

"Confound you!" roared Mr. Parsons. "I'm going to kick you."

"Pardon me, my dear sir, but you, as a lawyer, know what a serious offense it is to interfere with the United States mail and its carriers."

"You young jackanapes," blurted Lawyer Parsons; "you've got nerve enough for a hundred men. Come here, both of you, dash it! Bless you, my children."—Ralph Rivers in New York Journal.

Lengthy Devotions.

A young New York city lad, who spent a vacation with a very devout uncle in Rhode Island, narrates a very amusing story on the subject of family prayers.

The uncle was noted the country round for the length and fervor with which he offered up his petitions, whether at home or at prayer meeting. Those at home became such a bugbear to the boy that whenever possible he delayed his home coming at night until an hour sufficiently late to escape the ordeal.

One evening he approached the house as usual at about 7 o'clock, thinking that he had well escaped the rehearsal of thanks and requests for mercy. Peeping through the dining room window, however, he discovered his aunt kneeling devoutly upon the floor before her chair.

Then he sneaked off and busied himself in cleaning his gun. This operation completed, he returned and took a second peep through the window, but still found his aunt in the same position. He repeated his visits at long intervals a third and finally a fourth time.

Upon the latter occasion to his surprise he saw his venerable uncle enter the room. The latter, seeing his wife upon her knees, took in the situation at once, and setting down his milk pail walked to the woman's side and shouted "Amen!" in her ear.

Then the aunt got up as though nothing unusual had happened and began to busy herself with the tea dishes. It seems that she was very hard of hearing, and not catching the first amen and being used to lengthy prayers continued in her devotional attitude for about three-quarters of an hour, when her husband, who, in his haste, had not noticed her position, returned from some late work and terminated her long prayer.—New York Herald.

One Blessing.

Tom Moore used to tell a story about [illegible]

HOG SLAUGHTERING.

Farmers Why Don't You Use Mechanical Appliances For This Purpose?

There is no necessity to have a crowd of men about to kill and dress a few hogs. There is no reason why a farmer with his dozen pigs may not make use of some of the simple mechanical appliances that are used by the great slaughterers. Of course it is not suggested that he should [illegible] but there are some really simple devices by which one man may do as much as three or four, and, with one helper, the dozen pigs may be made into finished pork between breakfast and dinner, and without any excitement or worry or hard work.

It is supposed that the pigs are in a pen or pens, where they may be easily roped by a noose around one hind leg. This being done, the animal is led to the door and guided into a box having a slide door to shut it in. The bottom of the box is a hinged lid. As soon as the pig is safely in the box and shut in by sliding down the back door and fastening it by a hook, the box is turned over, bringing the pig on his back. The bottom of the box is opened immediately, and one seizes a hind foot to hold the animal while the other sticks the pig in the usual manner. The box is turned and lifted off from the pig, which, still held by the rope, is guided to the dressing bench. All this is done while the previous pig is being scalded and dressed, or at such a part of the work that as soon as one pig is hung and cleaned the next one is ready for the scalding.

The scalding vat is a wooden box with a sheet iron bottom, so that a small fire may be kept under it to maintain the proper heat of the water. This is 180 degrees F. or 82 C. Or the vat may be replenished with hot water from an adjacent boiler. This vat is placed close against the dressing table, so that the carcass may be rolled upon a barred table that is immersed in the hot water the full depth. This barred table may be made in various ways. It may consist of slats fastened at each end and the middle to chains by strong staples so that it is pliable, and the hog may be embraced by it and easily turned out of the water by two short rope handles, or one attached to a pulley block on a bar over it.

As the carcass is dressed it is lifted by a hook at the end of a swivel lever mounted on a post and swung around to the hanging bar, placed conveniently. This bar has sliding hooks, made to receive the gambrel sticks, which have a hook permanently attached to each so that the carcass is quickly removed from the swivel lever to the slide hook on the bar. The upper edge of the bar is rounded and smoothed and greased to help the hooks to slide on it. This serves to hang all the pigs on the bar until they are cooled. If four persons are employed, this work may go on very quickly, as they may divide the work between them and one pig be scalding and cleaning while another is being dressed. The entrails should be dropped into a wheelbarrow as they are taken from the animal.

Where 10 or 12 pigs are dressed every year it will pay to have a suitable building arranged for it. An excellent place may be made in a driveway between a double corn crib, or in a wagon shed or an annex to the barn where the feeding pen is placed. The building should have a stationary boiler in it, and such apparatus as has been suggested and a windlass used to do the lifting.—Henry Stewart in American Agriculturist.

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