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ABOUT THE WEATHER.

Mr. Wingleby Explains to Georgie About the Seasons.

"You see, Georgie," said Mr. Wingleby, whose youthful son had asked him how we came to have different kinds of weather, "the weather is put up in tin cans, a day's weather to a can, and usually they put up about a year's supply ahead, enough to last through a spring, summer, autumn and winter. In filling the cans they sort it all out as well as possible. Sometimes when they get a can full there may be a little left over, and whatever remains in this way they throw into one lot. When they've got pretty nearly all the cans full and the regular stock of weather has run out, they fill up from that lot of odds and ends. The cans so filled contain what is called variable weather, because it's mixed, but most of the weather they get pretty well sorted out according to the season.

"When they've got all the cans filled, they stack 'em up where they'll be handy to get at, and there's a man that does nothing but open them. Every day he cuts a can and pours out the weather for that day, and of course a great deal depends upon him. Sometimes this man gets careless and pulls down a lot of the wrong cans, getting them, say, from the July shelf in the month of April and likely as not getting down a week's supply at once, so as to have them handy on the opening table. Of course he discovers his mistake the first can he opens, but he is too lazy to put the rest back, and so he keeps on then until he has opened them all, and that's how it comes about, as it sometimes does, that we get a hot spell at a season when we ought to have nothing but cool weather.

"But of course those April cans are not lost. They must be around somewhere, and we get 'em later. Maybe the man will sprinkle them along with the hope that we won't notice them much, but as likely as not he opens them one after another together, maybe after some terribly hot spell in July or August, when they are sure to be a blessed relief, and if he does this we are pretty apt to forgive him his mistake in April."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Clever Man.

It is said of a contributor to some of the comic papers of the day that his wit shines more brightly in his speech than in his "copy."

"What a clever man that Tompkins is," he said lately to an acquaintance, referring to a well dressed, ordinary looking man who had just passed him with a bow.

"Clever!" echoed the other. "Why, I never heard of his saying or doing anything!"

"That's just it," returned the writer gravely. "Think of his being able to live without saying or doing anything. I couldn't."—Youth's Companion.

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A GOOD STORY.

But the Author Would Be a Poor Man to Write History.

"The most desperate personal act I witnessed during the war was performed by a Wisconsin cavalryman," said C. J. Hilton of Madison. "It was at Fleetwood Hill, and the man discounted the capture made at Ciudad Rodrigo by Charles O'Malley's man, Mickey Free. The Wisconsin man rode out between two great cavalry forces—Union and Confederate—and attacked a lieutenant and two men belonging to Jeb Stuart's force, and after a hand to hand saber fight, lasting fully ten minutes, captured the three and brought them in. It was the prettiest fight of the kind I ever saw, and the Wisconsin trooper was cheered by every man on our side who witnessed his act and by some of Stuart's riders. I don't know who the man was, but my recollection is that he belonged to the Second Wisconsin."

A man who wore the Loyal Legion button said he did not think the Second Wisconsin was in the fight with Stuart at Brandy Station and Fleetwood Hill. He asked for the story, however:

"I was a member of the Eighth New York," said Mr. Hilton, "and our regiment was part of the cavalry command sent under Pleasanton to look up Jeb Stuart just before Gettysburg. We found Stuart—yellow sash, black hat plumes, gold spurs and all that—at Brandy Station, and with him were all his riders. The fight was a hot one, and we came very near being beautifully whipped, although we claimed the victory on the ground that we learned what we wanted to know—where Stuart was and what Lee was about. Some of the heaviest fighting of the day was at a spot called Fleetwood Hill, and it was there that the Wisconsin trooper captured his three men.

"We had been at it hammer and tongs for two or three hours, when there came one of those let ups you all have seen—for all the world like two bulldogs looking for a fresh hold. While both sides were waiting for the order to advance a Confederate lieutenant and two men rode out from their tents, moving toward us as if searching for something on the field. Everybody on our side watched them and wondered what they were looking for. The two lines were fully two-thirds of a mile apart, and the three had got about a third of the way across toward us. Then over on the right of our line was a stir and commotion, and the excitement spread along until it reached us.

"The right of our line was concealed from us by a little grove of oak trees. A trooper in blue, mounted on a big bay that looked and carried himself like a thoroughbred, was riding out to meet those three men in gray. He sat on his horse like a riding school master. When within 100 yards of Stuart's three men he halted, saluted with his saber and dropped his carbine and revolver. The three men from the other side had been watching him, and, understanding the challenge, dropped their arms.

"Then came the fight. It was a saber contest, with three against one. That Wisconsin man disarmed that lieutenant in two passes, hamstringing the horse of another and put his blade through the shoulder of the third. He brought the three into our lines.

"What do you think of that?" he concluded.

"The story is all right," said one of the listeners, "but I don't think you would do to write history."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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