

A Lesson long Remembered.

The following story was originally published in the Massachusetts Teacher for 1834. The lesson is still fresh, and so is the genial writer:—

"In one of the most populous cities of New England, some years since, a party of lads, all members of the same school, got up a grand sleigh ride. There was about twenty-five or thirty boys engaged in the frolic. The sleigh was a very large and splendid establishment, drawn by six grey horses. The afternoon was as splendid as anybody could desire, and the merry group enjoyed themselves in the highest degree. It was a common custom of the school in which they belonged, and on previous occasions their teacher had accompanied them. Some engagement upon important business delayed, however, occupying him, he was not at this time with them. It was quite likely, had it been otherwise, that the restraining influence of his presence would have prevented the scene which is the main feature of the present story.

"On the day following the ride, as he entered the school-room, he found the pupils grouped about the stove and in high merriment, as they chatted about the fun and frolic of their excursion. He stopped awhile and listened; and in answer to some questions which he made about the matter, one of the lads—a fine, frank, and manly boy, whose heart was in the right place, though his love of sport sometimes led him astray—volunteered to give a narrative of their trip and its various incidents. As he drew near the end of his story, he exclaimed: 'Oh, sir, there was one little circumstance which I had almost forgotten to tell you. Toward the latter part of the afternoon, as we were coming home, we saw, at some distance ahead of us, a queer-looking affair in the road. We could not exactly make out what it was. It seemed to be a sort of half-and-half monstrosity. As we approached it, it proved to be a rusty old sleigh, fastened behind a covered wagon, proceeding at a very slow rate, and taking up the whole road. Finding that the owner was not disposed to turn out, we determined on a volley of snowballs and a good hurrah. These were given with relish, and they produced the right effect, and a little more; for the crazy machine turned out into the deep snow by the side of the road, and the skinny old pony started on a full trot. As we passed, some one who had the whip gave the old jilt of a horse a good crack, which made him run faster than he did before, I'll warrant. And so, with another volley of snowballs, pitched into the front of the wagon, and three times three cheers, we rushed by. With that, an old fellow in the wagon, who was buried up under an old hat and beneath a rusty cloak, and who dropped the reins, bawled out: 'Why do you frighten my horse?' 'Why don't you turn out, then?' says the driver. So we gave him three rousing cheers more; his horse was frightened again, and ran up against a loaded team, and, I believe, almost capsized the old creature; and so we left him."

"Well, boys," replied the instructor "that is quite an incident. But take your seats; and after our morning service is ended, I will take my turn and tell you a story, and all about a sleigh ride too."

Having finished the reading of a chapter in the Bible, and after all had joined in the Lord's Prayer, he commenced, as follows:—

"Yesterday afternoon, a very venerable and respectable old man, and a clergyman by profession, was on his way from Boston to Salem, to pass the residue of the winter at the house of his son. That he might be prepared for journeying, as he projected to do in the spring, he took with him his light wagon. He was, just as I have told you very old and infirm; his temples were covered with thin locks, which the frosts of eighty years had whitened; his sight and hearing too, were somewhat blunted by age, as yours will be, should you live to be as old. He was proceeding very slowly and quietly; for his horse was old and feeble, like his owner. His thoughts reverted to the scenes of his youth, when he had perilled his life in fighting for the liberties of his country, to the scenes of riper years, when the hard hand of penury had lain heavily upon him. While thus occupied, almost forgetting himself in the multitude of his thoughts, he was suddenly disturbed, and even terrified, by loud hurrahs from behind, and by a furious pelting and clattering of balls of snow and ice upon the top of his wagon. In his trepidations, he dropped his reins; and as, his aged and feeble hands were quite benumbed with cold, he found it impossible to gather them up, and his horse began to run away.

"In the midst of the old man's trouble there rushed by him with loud shouts, a large party of boys in a sleigh drawn by six horses. 'Turn out, turn out, old fellow!' 'Give us the road, old boy!' 'What'll you take for the bonny old daddy?' 'Go it, frozen nose!' 'What's the price of oats?' were the various cries that met his ears. 'Pray, do not frighten my horse, exclaimed the infirm driver.' 'Turn out, then! turn out!' was the answer, which was followed by repeated cracks and blows from the long whip of the 'grand sleigh,' with showers of snowballs, and three tremendous hurrahs from the boys who were in it. 'The terror of the old man and his horse was increased; and the latter ran

away with him, to the imminent danger of his life. He contrived, however, after some exertion, to secure his reins, which had been out of his hands during the whole of the affray, and to stop his horse just in season to prevent his being dashed against a loaded team. 'As he approached Salem, he overtook a young man who was walking toward the same place, and whom he invited to ride. The young man alluded to the 'grand sleigh' which had just passed, which induced the old gentleman to inquire if he knew who the boys were. He replied that he did; that they all belong to one school, and were a set of wild fellows. 'Ah!' exclaimed the former, with a hearty laugh (for his constant good nature had not been disturbed) 'do they, indeed? Why, their master is very well known to me. I am now going to his house, and I rather think I shall give him the benefit of his whole story.'

"A short distance brought him to his journey's end, the house of his son. His old horse was comfortably housed and fed, and he himself abundantly provided for. That son, boys, is your instructor; and that aged and infirm old man, that 'old fellow' and 'old boy' (who did not turn out for you, but would gladly have given you the whole road, had he heard your approach,) that 'old boy,' and 'old daddy,' and 'frozen nose,' was Rev. Daniel 'Liver, your master's father, now at my house, where he and I will gladly welcome any and all of you."

It is not easy to describe nor to imagine the effort produced by this new translation of the boy's own narrative. Some buried their heads behind their desks, some cried, some looked askant at each other, and many hastened down to the desk of the teacher with apologies, regrets, and acknowledgments without end. All were freely pardoned but were cautioned that they should be more civil for the future to inoffensive travellers, and more respectfully to the aged and infirm. . . . Years have passed by; the lads are men, though some have found an early grave, the "manly boy" is "in the deep bosom of the ocean buried." They who survive, should this story meet their eye, will easily recall its scenes, and throw their memories back to the school-house in "Federal street," Salem, and to their old friend and teacher, Henry K. Oliver.

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