





JOHN PARTON'S BABY

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His white forelocks seemed to twinkle as they came peering across the clearing. The scallaway leaned forward and patted his horse's glossy neck, and the animal whinnied in response.

Yes, there was something in the scallaway's style which was not the style of the backwoods. He was unshaven and unbuttoned and bareheaded, but Miriam instinctively felt that he was a gentleman now-standstill.

Miriam was awakened from a dream by a noise which she had noticed from the moment she had entered the clearing.

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"You're a gentleman," said Miriam. "I can trust a gentleman." "Thank you, madam," said the scallaway. "Thank you very much."

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IN PAPER BAGS.

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WONDERFUL EFFECTS OF FORESTS.

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STRANGE.

Customer: How is it that your horse is so thin?

Customer: Unlikely. How's that?

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THE ELECTIONS.

MR. J. G. MEMBREY OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN.

ADDRESS AT NORTHCOOTE TOWN HALL.

Mr. J. G. Membrey opened his campaign by addressing the electors at the Northcoote town hall on Thursday night. There was an attendance that filled the hall, the back portions being crowded. The meeting was a good one. The candidate was submitted to a considerable amount of interrogation—principally from a stranger with a spiritual voice—but never by his embarrassment. He most manfully gave back a little more than he got, and though at times the meeting was a little so far as a small section of the audience was concerned, it was never anything but good.

The mayor (Mr. Hastings), who presided, remarked upon the fact that there would be two new features in connection with the forthcoming election—the women would vote for the first time at a State election and there would be preferential voting, which would do away with minority representation.

Mr. Membrey, who was introduced by the mayor, was a well-known figure in the community. He had been a member of the House of Representatives for several years, and he had a reputation for being a man of good character and high ability. He had been a member of the Liberal Party, and he had been a member of the Cabinet.

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CRICKET.

NORTHCOOTE V. EAST MELBOURNE. SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

MR. MEMBREY VICTORY FOR NORTH COOTE. This match was resumed at East Melbourne yesterday in perfect weather, on a beautiful wicket, and with Northcoote showing a magnificent batting performance.

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Northcoote Rifle Club.

The above club held their annual meeting at the Northcoote Rifle Club on Thursday evening last. The meeting was held at the club house, and was attended by a large number of members.

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BOWLS.

NORTHCOOTE CLUB. Northcoote A team met and defeated Brighton on the Northcoote green last Saturday. The match was played on a fine day, and the bowling was very fine.

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ERNEST LEES, Auctioneer & Sworn Valuer.

295 HIGH ST., NORTHCOOTE. Has the following Cheap Properties for Immediate Sale: Villa, 5 rooms, street main, sewerage, gas, adjoining station. £350.

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NORTHCOOTE FREE LIBRARY.

Corner High and James Streets. 5,000 Volumes of Varied Literature. Free to all residents of Northcoote over the age of 14.

Why should Ladies call at The Regal.

68 Smith Street. Near Pool Street. Because they can have a Nice Lunch or Afternoon Tea. High-Class Pastry and Confectionery.

Wanted to Sell.

Wanted to Sell: 12 Chickens (Wheat and Padma strains), 120 S. Ham, 120 S. Ham, 120 S. Ham, 120 S. Ham. Reasonable offer refused. Will exchange for light draught horse. Stirling Street, Northcoote.

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TO LET HER KNOW.

HOW A TRAMP LET THE DUSTY HIGHWAY FOR THE ROAD TO DETERMINATION.

Three barrels, muffled at first, gradually revealing their contents... The dust of powerful engines warmed the air...

I heard the whirring engines, then I saw the headlights... The dust of powerful engines warmed the air...

suppose she felt my eyes upon her, for she lifted her head, stared at me, and suddenly scowled... "Stand back, there," said the policeman...

SPORTING ARCHBOLD. Our Friend Tootle Booms a Sports Meeting to Good Effect. The trouble about the scheme for a "Sloaneville Sports Meeting" of "Local Charities" was that none of the local charities seemed anxious to be allied...

THE TEACHINGS OF THE TALMUD. Too many captains ship the sheep. The action of a fool cannot serve as a precedent... "Not without reason," said the crowd...

WHERE EVERYBODY GOES ON STILTS. There is a vast district in France where the entire community goes about, and transacts its business on stilts... This district is called "Les Landes"...

NO DIRTY BANK OF ENGLAND NOTES. Interesting facts about the working of the Bank of England were explained by Mr. Frederick Hutch Jackson, a director of the Bankers' Institute...

SOOTHING SYRUPS. It cannot be too often repeated that soothing syrups which contain opium should be given to a child in order to induce sleep...

Wanted an Encore. He remembered him quite clearly. He was the honest-faced tramp who had called some months ago, and who had no longer been in his usual haunts...

THE BRIDE OF BALDOON.

The tragic story of this lady has been immortalized by the genius of Sir Walter Scott, but in its actual circumstances it is scarcely less affecting than in fiction... The young couple had been married only a few days...

WOMAN AS A WORK OF ART.

Of all stipulations that anger me in this stupid world, the very stupidest is woman who does not know her power... As a miracle worker the great God is very scarce...

HEALTH, WEALTH AND FRIENDS.

Good health. Whenever you get out of doors draw in your chest, carry the crown of your head high and lift the lungs to the utmost... Health, wealth and friends are the three things that make life worth living...

WOUND UP, AND COULDN'T WIND UP!

A self-made millionaire, who had been taken to the hospital for a long time, was found dead in his bed... The doctor had pronounced him dead, but the millionaire was still breathing...

APPROPRIATE NAMES.

First boy (displaying pet dog): I call this dog "Blaugie," because he's called "Blaugie" too... The dog's name was appropriate to the owner's name...

MIGHT HAVE BEEN A DOG'S LICENSE.

Stranger: A dog's license... The dog's license was a piece of paper that the dog's owner had to pay for...

HE TOOK THE HINT.

"Have you a match?" asked the chronic lout in the bar... The lout took the hint and lit a cigarette...

A BASHFUL PROPOSAL.

They were in the habit of going to the cinema together... The young man made a bashful proposal to the young woman...

AGREE: WHO'S WHO'S WRITING, MINNIE—YOU WILL?

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