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ABOUT WILLS.

By F. ISLER.

When I was a young boy I had an old Uncle Whose nose was as red as a flaming carbuncle, His thirst was terrific, his manners refined -Supposed to be rich, with his pockets well-lined.

He lived with my parents, his payments were nil, He borrowed some cash on the strength of his will; But after his death my parents were worried -He died without means to be decently buried.

When I was apprenticed, my upright old Chief Said "Always be honest" and "Don't be a thief." After long years of service, devoted and willing, He left me his Bible — and a mouldy old shilling!

Then I posted a letter to a close-fisted Aunt: Will you leave me some money? She replied, "No, I shan't !'

My answer was brief: "Do just as you like -"I hope you get drowned — or bumped off your old bike.2

Next day came a wire: "Please remove wicked curse "And I'll make you sole heir of the wealth I disburse. "Have mercy, dear nephew - I can ride on the path "When I'm out on my bike — but I MUST have a bath!'

Once I asked a rich widow to be gen'rous and kind And leave a donation to the Old and the Blind; But I read in "The Times" - and it gave me the

She left All to a Home for Stray Dogs and Old Cats.

There was Darby and Joan, who lived happy for years; When Darby lay dying, Joan was drowned in her

But when reading the Will, people said it looked shady To leave half to one's wife and half to some lady.

I frequently note that substantial bequests Are going to people with well-feathered nests, Whilst the Old and the Needy, being timid and tame, Are ignored or forgotten, which I think is a shame.

Another conundrum which is puzzling my head:—Why be kept in suspense until people are dead? Why pray for their peace and eternal salvation Before being sure of a gift or donation?

I've drawn the conclusion that sometimes a Will Is a Boom and a Blessing, and sometimes a pill! When making your Will, spiced with Goodwill and piety

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