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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."

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  
rats —  
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  
tears —  
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  
Remember the SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

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P.S.—Readers who have made their Wills, but  
forgotten the S.B.S. should ring up their solicitors  
about a Codicil. Alternatively, readers wishing to  
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