

PREFACE.

Ef some one asks ye fer advice,
Ye allers want to find,
Jes' wot it is thet suits him best,
Then talk to suit his mind.

One feller sed: "Don't print it,
Cause some books don't sell," he said.
Another sed to "Publish it,
Jes' after I wuz ded."

Another sed: "He'd print it now
That is ef it wuz his,"
An' thet advice jes' suited me,
'N' so right here it is.

UNCLE MOSE.

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