

THE JOKERS' BUDGET.

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

A Purely Human Vice—Envy—Pills Required Here—A Sisterly Plea, etc., etc.

A PURELY HUMAN VICE.

"What a tumble-down chimney that is! What is the matter with it?" "I have a notion it smokes too much."—[Harper's Bazar.

ENVY.

She—When I told Maud about our engagement she said that she really envied me.
He—Certainly; I don't wonder.
She—Yes; she said she would give anything if she could be so easily suited as I was.—[Indianapolis Journal.

PILLS REQUIRED HERE.

"I do not see why you should cavil at your husband; his heart is all right."
"Oh, yes, his heart is all right, but I do wish his liver were in better condition."—[New York Press.

A SISTERLY PLEA.

Maude—I saw Hattie embracing Jim the other evening.
Clara—Well, they are engaged, and in sailing down life's stream why should not a young woman hug the sure if she wishes to.—[Boston Transcript.

HARDLY AN EQUAL DIVISION.

"Who is to perform the marriage ceremony for Miss Vyne and Mr. Ellum?"
"The young Rev. Dr. Newcome, of course. Who else?"
"Of course—of course! He always gets the marrying jobs. I think it's a shame that good Pastor Millsap, who was here twenty years before that young man came, is always forgotten when there is an affair of this kind."
"Why, Brother Millsap can't complain. He always gets the funerals."—[Chicago Tribune.

FAIR FROM IT.

"If all human beings looked like these," said the elderly, chin whiskered stranger, gazing mournfully at the dancing Dahomey villagers, "life would look mighty blue for me!"
"You are a phrenologist, perhaps," hazarded the young man in the straw hat.
"Thunder, no! I'm a corn doctor."—[Chicago Tribune.

PLAYING IT ON PAPA.

Small Ethel—Papa, would you say "I am she," or "I am her?"
Papa—I should say "I am she," of course.
Ethel—I thought you might say "I am he."—[Indianapolis Journal.

A LAST RESORT.

Patron—Do you intend to teach your boy a trade?
Journeyman—No, he's too lazy and good-for-nothing to make a livin' at any trade I ever heard of. Guess I'll have to let him adopt some profession.—[Good News.

THE MECCA NOW.

Old Man—Where are you going now?
Young Man—Going West to grow up with the World's Fair.—[Good News.

A FRIEND'S ADVICE.

Bilkins—That boy of mine has such an ugly temper, I hate to buy him a pony.
Wilkins—Then don't do it. Get him a sail boat.
Bilkins—But if he should get mad at the sail boat, and lose his self-control, he'd upset.
Wilkins—Y-e-s, but you'd still have the sail boat.—[Good News.

MORE IMPORTANT.

Mrs. Blank—You were very late at the club last night. The day actually broke before you got home.
Mr. Blank—But I was broke long before the day.—[Boston Transcript.

REASON ENOUGH.

The girl refused him flatly, not alone because he was (alas, that truth should pain so!)
A youth to fortune and to fame unknown,
But more than likely, to remain so.—[Puck.

HE LAY IN WAIT FOR HIM.

The piano tuner was coming gaily up the alley when he was accosted by a stern-visaged man who inquired:
"Say, mister, what d'yer charge for tuning a piano?"
"Three dollars."
"Here's three fifty; just trot to the next street."
"What's the matter?"
"The piano next door is out of tune and they don't play on it now. They're waiting for you to come round. That three fifty is for you not to go round."
The piano tuner whistled and walked softly away, and there is silence still in the alley.—[New York Press.

CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER MEANINGS.

"That's too forte," said the music teacher to his pupil.
"What do you mean by too forte?" asked the latter, as he stopped playing.
"Too loud."
"Oh, I thought two-forty meant too fast."—[Truth.

THE WIND OF DESTINY.

Bosom Friend—Proposed to Litty Gadsby? You surprise me! I thought you were in love with Zurilda McGroun.
Ricky—I was but I had to propose by letter, and I didn't know how to make a letter.—[Boston Transcript.

Admiral (feeling his way)—I suppose your sister does not like my coming here so often, does she? Little Brother (confidentially)—Oh, you needn't worry about sister; she can endure most anybody.—[Good News.

"How long," says a contemporary, "can one live without air?" It depends on the air. Most people could live a long time without some of the airs which have been popular during the last twelve months.—[Buffalo Quips.

Hicks—The Rhode Island courts have decided that the father has the legal right to name the baby. What do you think of that? Mrs. Hicks—I think Rhode Island is about the smallest State in the Union.—[New York Times.

Tommy—Did you do much fighting during the war, pa. Pa—I did my share of it, Tommy. Tommy—Did you make the enemy run? Pa—You're right, I did, Tommy. Tommy—Did they catch you, pa.—[Buffalo Quips.

"She doesn't look like a girl who would be fond of athletics." "I know it; but she has thrown over five or six young men this summer."—[Chicago Inter-Ocean.

In the gloaming, O my darling, As the day fades into night, Faint I hear the vesper singing Of mosquitoes built to bite.
—[Detroit Free Press.

OBJECTS OF SYMPATHY.

"Do you think that fox hunting is a cruel sport?"
"Yes; it is much too hard work for dudes."—[Kate Field's Washington.

ODDS AND ENDS.

There is one thing about the blind man. He never shoots on sight.—[Troy Press.

"The pair crop is not a failure," said the dominie, as he pocketed another wedding fee.—[Boston Courier.

She—Your friend looks very much embarrassed. He—He is, poor fellow; he owes pretty much everybody in town.—[Detroit Free Press.

Friend—You don't take any outing in the summer, I suppose? Iceman—Well, no; that's when I have my innings, you know.—[Detroit Tribune.

Many a strong-headed man has weak ideas.—[Detroit Free Press.

The lawn-mower cut is not so popular as it once was. There are flies on it.—[St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The pump-dealer is one man who seldom wearies in well doing.—[Buffalo Courier.

The cut-worm that is destroying the corn is called agrotitide by the scientists. Farmers call it something else.
If the Duke of Veragua is to visit us let him come for a good long stay. Rapid transit doesn't go here.—[Philadelphia Times.

"Mary," said the poet to his wife, "I wish you'd choke that canary of yours. I'm doing my best to write a poem on the summer birds."—[Philadelphia Record.

Looking the wrong way through opera glasses is an object-lesson that will lessen an object in appearance.—[New Orleans Picayune.

Fishermen's Superstitions.

At the beginning of the herring season the crew all try to seize the herring first on board, to see if it be male or female. If it is a male, their fishing may be expected to be a poor one. If a female, a good one. Sometimes, however, the skipper secures it and hides it away, salting it, and laying it past for the season. The boat must not be turned against the sun. Certain animals considered of ill omen must not be spoken of in the boat, and ministers in this respect occupy the same place as rabbits, hares and pigs.

Fishermen do not like to lend anything to a neighboring boat lest their luck should go with it. If they lend a match, they will contrive—secretly if possible—to break it and keep part, hoping thereby to retain their luck. Their dislike to have anything stolen is increased by the fear that the thief may have stolen their luck with it. To ask the question, "Where are you going?" of anyone who is going on board is equivalent to destroying all his chances for that time. Persons with certain names are held to be of bad omen, the dreaded names being different in different villages.—[Notes and Queries.

Wilhelm's Castle on the Rhine.

The castle of Hohenzollern, which was so nearly destroyed by fire a few nights ago, is the cradle of the German imperial family. It stands on a solitary crag overlooking the Danube in the wildest and rugged part of its course. The great old ruins of Kallenberg, Waldenstein, Falkenstein and a dozen others are perched on the cliffs within a few hundred miles of Hohenzollern, for a military castle rose on every point of vantage along the noble Danube in the ages when knights and battles were the order of the day. Hohenzollern commands a view of the country for miles and miles on every side of it, and, aside from the sentiment which makes the German emperor carefully keep up the home of their race, the castle is an important military citadel overlooking southern Germany, and is always heavily garrisoned. The original castle was built in 980 A. D., almost 1,000 years ago. It has been twice destroyed and was occupied by the Austrians in 1863. The present castle was begun in 1830. The German emperor has not visited it since his coronation, and the imperial family seldom live in it because it is so great a distance from Berlin.—[Philadelphia Press.

FIRST APPEARANCE IN BOSTON.

A Popular Lecturer's Story of How He Was Agreeably Disappointed.

A certain popular lecturer, whose fame extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and even beyond, tells a very amusing story of his first experience with a Boston audience. "I had heard horrible stories of the frigidity of a Boston audience," he said to a Globe reporter, "and as I was somewhat of a novice in lecturing then, I was prepared for anything. The lecture was to take place in Tremont Temple in one of the popular winter courses there, and I was the recipient of every kindly attention it was possible for the manager and the committee to grant. They met me at the depot, and, as the carriage was driven toward the hotel, one of the gentlemen remarked:

"Oh, Mr. Snooks, we just wanted to tell you that our Boston audiences are very peculiar. You have doubtless heard something of the coldness of the average Boston audience?"

"I replied that I had.
"You must not be surprised if they give no evidence of hearing your voice at first," he continued, "and a few persons may keep right on talking after you have begun, but you mustn't mind that."

"I solemnly promised not to.
"And, oh, I had almost forgotten to tell you that many of the people live in the suburbs, and so have to catch trains that leave about 9:30 or 10 o'clock. Don't imagine, therefore, if you perceive a general exodus from the hall, that it is because of anything you have said, or that there is a fire or anything of that sort; and then the spokesman breathed a sigh of relief as if he had performed an onerous but necessary duty.

"Even after this multiple kindly warning I felt no alarm for my lecture, but when, in the ante-room during the half hour before the lecture, the manager had improved the opportunity to prepare me for the worst by repeating in substance all the admonitions I had heard before, I began to think that a voyage to the north pole was a pastime compared to a flight of fancy before a Hub assembly. Not content with his previous preparations, the manager had just broached some new horror with 'Our Boston people, you know'—when I rushed on the platform to escape the warning and face the reality. Here I made the astounding discovery that a Boston audience was very much like every other, and while the applause that greeted my appearance had that perfunctory 'here's-some-in-advance-we-may-give-you-some-more-if-you-do-well' sound, it was not a particle different from that which had greeted me elsewhere. I was very anxious to please, and the mental gymnastics my tormentors had put me through served as a sort of stimulant. I was conscious that I was doing better than usual, and that, strange to relate, the reputed chilly audience was wonderfully sympathetic and inspiring. Moreover, its applause was discriminating, enthusiastic, and frequent. When 9 o'clock came I watched for that great popular uprising, but it did not arise. It was after 10 when the lecture was finished, but with the exception of one or two who had slipped away so quietly that their departure was not noticed, no one had left the hall. So, you see, if on that occasion the committee and the manager had left me unwarned, I should have departed with the idea that a Boston audience was one of the warmest and most delightful of any on earth."

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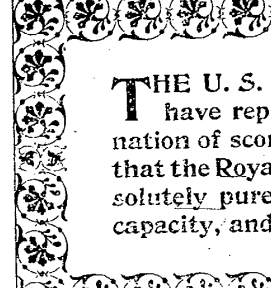
Said one William Lead in St. Louis recently: "For years I was a sufferer from rheumatism. I tried every known remedy. At last I received some relief from the application of electricity. This gave me an idea, and I resolved to utilize the electricity that is in every man's body, and give it a chance to get out. I had my boots made with copper wire running the length of the sole and drawn through the center of the heel, so that its end is exposed to the ground or pavement, thus making a ground wire to carry off the surplus fluid in the body, and since that day I have never had a tinge of rheumatism, nor has any person whom I have induced to try this simple remedy."

Son—Father, I have come to the conclusion that it would be a good thing for me to paddle my own canoe. Father—I am delighted to hear it. Son—Well, then, let me have money enough to buy a canoe and paddle, so that I'll be in shape for the summer canoe-meets.—Puck.

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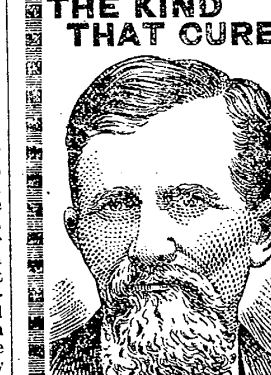
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