

JOKER'S BUDGET

AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS

Idea--A Dismal Failure--How Escaped--Wouldn't Repeat--Course, Etc., Etc.

HIS IDEA

Little Tommy--Papa, did you ever see a cyclone that blew everything in the air; cows and horses, and things, upside down?

Papa--Well, no, Tommy, although I heard of it often.

Little Tommy--Well, I think it'd rather tiresome to live so long and never see anything. [Philadelphia Journal.]

A DISMAL FAILURE

Kane--Hobson's son made a failure of his college career.

Lane--Why, I thought he was the valedictorian of his class.

Kane--Oh, yes; but he has absolutely no record in athletics.

HOW HE ESCAPED

Dashaway--What luck did you have in Texas?

Billboard (the tragedian)--I played to full houses.

Dashaway--That's great luck, old fellow.

Billboard--Yes. They were so full that they couldn't shoot straight.

WOULDN'T REPEAT

"I am going to spend a week up at the Barker's in Riverdale," said Borely.

"So Barker told me," said Cynical.

"What did he say?"

"Well, really, Borely, I don't like to say. I never use profane language." [Life.]

OF COURSE

Ebe--Why do they put an eagle on gold pieces, George?

He--Because gold is money and money flies, my dear.

A REASONABLE INFERENCE

"How's the college doing now?"

"Splendid."

"Quite full?"

"I reckon so; boys got their monthly remittances last night." [Atlanta Constitution.]

A REASONABLE REASON

Mr. Dolley--Miss Flypp, why do you suppose it is that there is no marrying nor giving in marriage in heaven?

Miss Flypp (promptly)--No men there. [Judge.]

SAYING AND DOING

Coro--Why did she leave the room when she was in the middle of her argument about the cruelty of killing song birds?

Merritt--She went to show the serk how to drop a live lobster into boiling water. [Truth.]

WHERE SHE WANTED IT

He--Pshaw, I could kiss you right under your mother's nose.

She--I should very much prefer, Harry, that you kiss me under my own. [Truth.]

A DECIDED DIFFERENCE

Minnie--Here is a conundrum for you. What is the difference between you and crushed sugar?

Mannie--I didn't suppose there was any.

Minnie--Oh, yes, there is. One is washed to powder and the other is powdered to mash. [Indianapolis Journal.]

WANTED TO BE THERE

Paper--I should like two weeks' vacation to attend the wedding of a very dear friend.

Mr. Gingham--It must be a very dear friend, indeed, to make you want that much time. Who is it?

Paper--Well, sir, after the ceremony she will be my wife. [Vogue.]

ON STRIKE FOR PRINCIPLE

Mr. Hungry Higgins looked over the fence and saw a sight that nearly paralyzed him. He looked again.

It was too true. Mr. Dismal Dawson was sawing wood.

"What does this mean?" asked the stranger.

Mr. Dawson saw he was caught. So he straightened up and assumed an air of righteous indignation.

"It means dis," said he. "Do boys don't treat me right in dividin' up the beer last night, an' I'm out on strike, see?" [Indianapolis Journal.]

English Capitalist--You build your railroads all with the same gauge in this country now, do you not?

American Railroad Magnate--Oh, yes.

"What is the gauge?"

"Mortgage."

UNREASONABLE

"You have told that secret which I revealed to you yesterday?"

"I confess I have."

"That was mean."

"Come, now, be reasonable. If you had kept a secret concerning me, how could you have done so?" [New York]

Mr. Hungry Higgins had just finished eating his breakfast, and was perusing the paper it had been wrapped in. "By gee," he said, "this accounts for it."

"Accounts for what?" asked Mr. Weary Watkins. "Why, they is a doctor says in this paper that after a man has had the grip he never gets plum over it. It leaves him kinder tired, an' in need of stimulants all the time, the doctor says. I bet I had it myself when I was a little baby." [Indianapolis Journal.]

SUPREME INDEPENDENCE. Young Lady--I am tired of living on my relatives, and want to be independent.

Employment Agent--I might get you a place in a store.

"That won't do. I'd be under some one's orders continually. I want to be independent of everything and every body."

"Ah, I see. I'll get you a place as cook." [New York Weekly.]

AN UNUSUAL REQUEST. Clerk--I want my photograph taken, but it must be as unlike me as possible.

Photographer--An unusual request. May I ask the reason.

Clerk--I'll tell you in confidence. You see the photograph is for my employer's daughter, and if he saw it and recognized me he'd discharge me forthwith. [Fliegende Blaetter.]

PERPETUAL MOTION. "Snagsby thinks he has discovered the perpetual motion secret at last."

"Well, he'll find it won't go. But what is it?"

"The tramp joke." [Chicago Inter-Ocean.]

REQUIRES GENIUS. "Ah," remarked the great musician, as he walked the floor with his howling offspring in his arms; "it is much easier to compose a grand opera than a wakeful baby."

A LEGAL QUESTION. Kitty--She says they're engaged, and he says they are not. Now, what do you think of that?

Tom--I think it will take a jury to decide. [Puck.]

HER STANDING UNIMPAIRED. Lillie--Why did you speak to that horrid fellow in the street car? Weren't you afraid it would affect your standing?

Millie--Not a bit; he never offered a girl a seat in his life. [Kate Field's Washington.]

JOYS OF A RAILWAY EMPLOYEE. The Nervous Woman--How long did you say it was before the train leaves?

Station Agent--One hour and a half, ma'am.

The Nervous Woman--Are you sure?

Station Agent--Yes, ma'am.

The Nervous Woman--That would make it safe for me to go out for a short time, wouldn't it?

Station Agent--Certainly.

The Nervous Woman--You are positive?

Station Agent--Yes, ma'am. How far did you wish to go?

The Nervous Woman--I want to go over to that news stand on the other side of the street and get a paper. But if I lose the train I'll report you, now mind. [Chicago Record.]

SAD CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY. Nina--Was papa in, Clarence?

Clarence--Yes, but very busy. But he made an appointment to meet me.

The bite of Kentucky ticks is sometimes fatal. F. A. Tabor was bitten by a tick with very peculiar and nearly fatal results. He was sitting in a drug store when he felt a stinging sensation under his clothes, and, upon its increasing to an acute pain, he retired to investigate the cause and found a tick with his head imbedded in the flesh. He removed the intruder, but the venomous little insect had left its poison and with the velocity of the circulation it was disseminated through his system. His nose was the first member affected. It became a fiery red streaked with bright green, and swelled rapidly until it reached the size of a large tumbler. His eyes were angrily inflamed and emitted an intense heat. His face was quickly swollen and fiercely convulsed with most excruciating pain. Terrible convulsions seized his body and he was writhing in agony that seemed to forebode the death struggle when a physician arrived and with much difficulty relieved his suffering. After a short while he recovered sufficiently to go home, but he was very weak and showed plainly in his haggard face and extreme nervousness the effects of his violent sickness. The tick was an ordinary dog-tick, but for virulence of its poison it surpasses any of its kind ever heard of. [Atlanta Constitution.]



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The Lovemaking of Owls.

"Late one night in January, two years ago, I was passing through a considerable wood, and had my attention arrested by an unusual hoo-hooing of these learned birds. Though I correctly guessed the cause of it, I felt a curiosity to witness it, and shaped my course accordingly. I have always considered that I was amply repaid for my pains. I found them, eleven as I remember, beside the female--for there was but a single representative of the sex--on the naked limbs of a large red oak. And such a time as they were having! With proper caution I managed to get up almost under them, and by the light of a faint moon I could see plainly their most remarkable manoeuvres. Such hoo, hoo, hoo-hooing, such clawing of bark, such threatening motion of wings and nodding of big heads--such courting! The males ranged themselves on the dead limb on which the female sat, as many of them as it would accommodate, and others disposed themselves as near to her as possible on two short stubs above her, and there those wise birds sat, or rather hopped back and forth, and snapped their bills and whacked each other with their wings, and nodded their heads and clawed the bark, and kept up such an almighty hoo-hooing and whuh-whuhing that I was fully convinced that the owls had discovered the ultimate bit of originality in love making." [Outing.]

A Natural Curiosity.

John Vendick has a natural curiosity in the shape of a live chicken with four legs, which was hatched on his father's place on Midland avenue, Brundige, Ala. On the right side just back of the point of the wing on the edge of the back, the featherless part of a leg grows horizontally from a little bump representing the lower part of a thigh. The extra leg on the left side grows out from just in front of the thigh, and projects forward at a considerable angle. Both are well developed with the exception that the toes appear to be drawn and stiff. The natural legs are all right and it uses them as vigorously as any chick of its age we ever saw. Aside from its extra perambulators it is healthy and sprightly as any biddy, and bids fair to grow into a very respectable rooster. [Atlanta Constitution.]

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