

Not one of you was born here. You're welcome to this country, of course, but you really oughtn't to forget what you owe us natives who open our doors to you."

"Maybe, maybe," said an Irishman in the party thoughtfully, "Maybe. But there's one thing you seem to forget; I came into this country wid me fare paid an' me clothes on me back. Can you say the same?"—Tit-Bits.

#### NOT IN SOCIETY

A friend of James Whitcomb Riley once told of an occasion when the humorist, who usually disliked social function, was induced to attend a "literary" dinner in Indianapolis given in honor of one of the novelists which that city boasted. Riley had been told to take in to dinner a sister of the host, an excellent woman, but not "literary." The conversation touching upon the beauties of Chaucer, about whom a certain set of the city was then cultivating a fad, a spirited discussion ensued, during which the bewildered sister caught from time to time only the name "Chaucer." At last she whispered to Riley:

"Who is this Mr. Chaucer they're talking so much about? Is he very popular in society?"

"Madam," solemnly responded Riley, "that man did something that forever shuts him out of society."

"Heavens," exclaimed the worthy woman, "and what was that?"

"He died several hundred years ago," said Riley.—Kansas City Times.

#### LIVE AND LET LIVE

A neatly attired but somewhat wan-faced middle-aged Italian woman, dressed in black, leading a little boy with each hand, called at a lawyer's office in the Land Title building recently and arranged with him to apply for a divorce. After going over the history of her case, the lawyer said:

"Well, I suppose you want to get alimony?"

In slightly accented, though nearly perfect English, the client replied: "I would just like to get part of the money, that's all."—Philadelphia Record.

#### APPLYING PRINCIPLES TO GRAFTING

Office holders and others who are using their positions for a little financial gain here and there where they can get away with it, who consider that a little rakeoff is not a matter of public concern and something that goes with a poorly paid job of public stewardship,

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might find the following illustration on limited grafting as applied by a venerable church deacon of Andover, both instructive and helpful. The old fellow was suspected of tampering with the church collections. A couple of clumsy traps which had been set for him had failed to work. Then one day one of the younger deacons walked past the house of the suspected brother, leading a young horse he had just bought.

"That's a fine horse, deacon," the old fellow shouted. "Did you buy him at the fair?"

"Yes," said the deacon. Then, as the other came nearer, he added:

"I bought him with my pickings out of the collection plate."

The old man looked horrified.

"Good gracious!" he said, "I've often taken enough myself to buy a hat or a pair of trousers; but, deacon, in takin' enough to buy a horse, ain't ye committin' a positive sin?"

#### ANTEDILUVIAN

Little 4-year-old Allen had been given a "Noah's Ark" on his birthday. One day he put the animals all in, shut the door and sat silent for some time.

"What are you waiting for, Allen?" asked his mother.

"Waiting for it to rain," he replied.

#### UP TO DATE

"Do you always allow the minister who marries you to kiss you?" asked the lady with the alimony expression of the lady with the half dozen wedding rings arranged as bangles on her bracelet.

"Dear me, no!" smiled the latter. "That is so horribly old fashioned, my dear! But I always kiss the judge who divorces me."—Life.

#### NAMED PROBERLY

"What's that you call your mule?"

"I call him Corporation," answered the old colored man.

"How did you come to give him such a name?"

"F'um studyin' de animal an' readin' de papers. Dat mule gits mo' blame an' abuse dan anything else in de township an' goes ahead havin' his own way, jes' de same."—Washington Star.

#### A PROPHETIC SOUL

"Hamlet was a man of intensely melancholy moods," remarked the student.

"Yes," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "Perhaps he foresaw some of the interpretations of his character that

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my professional rivals have been giving."—Washington Star.

#### MISUNDERSTOOD WARNING

To illustrate how the simplest proposition should be set out with the utmost care in the wording, to avoid misunderstanding, dissent, even anger, the following incident is a case in point:

A train was moving forth from a Cincinnati station when a man stuck his head far out of the window.

"Keep your head in there," a station attendant shouted in warning, "or it will be knocked off."

"Knocked off!" shouted the passenger. "Knocked off, eh? Well, it won't be knocked off by anybody the size of you, you bandy-legged shrimp!"

—Philadelphia Record.

#### A JUDICIAL PRIVILEGE

The following story of Justice Darling is too good to lose. He was dining at a friend's house, and the conversation turned on some debatable topic. One of the guests expressed his own views at some length and with some heat.

Suddenly he said to the judge:

"I observe that your lordship shakes his head at that statement. I desire to reaffirm it, although your lordship dissents."

"I am not aware," coldly responded the judge, "that I have intimated, how I shall construe your arguments, nor what my decision will be in the event of my entering into this discussion. Your remark is, therefore, entirely uncalled for."

"But your lordship shook his head."

"True," said the judge, "there was a fly on my ear. And I'll have you know, sir, that I reserve the right to remove a fly in whatever manner pleases me."—Pearson's.

#### SOME PEOPLE ARE THAT WAY

"How's times?" inquired a tourist.

"Oh, pretty tolerable," responded the old native who was sitting on a stump. "I had some trees to cut down, but a cyclone come along and saved me the trouble."

"Fine."

"Yes, and then the lightning set fire to the brush pile and saved me the trouble of burin' it."

"Remarkable. But what are you doing now?"

"Oh, nothin' much. Just waitin' for an earthquake to come along and shake the potatoes out of the ground."—Everybody's Magazine.

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