

Bits of Humor for the Home Circle and the Fireside

A Portland housewife stood and gazed for several minutes at the meat which the butcher had displayed on his counter, with a keen eye as to its merits.

"Is that American mutton?" she inquired at last.

"Well, madam, the butcher began hesitatingly, "as a matter of fact, the sheep was born in New Zealand, but "suddenly brightening up, "its parents were Americans."

The Patient: "I hardly expected you to call this morning, doctor."

The Doctor: "Ah, well, you see, I've got another patient up this street, and I thought I could kill two birds with one stone."

Teacher: "If one man can build a house in twelve days, six men can do it in two days."

Bright Pupil: "Then if one ship crossed the ocean in six days, can six ships cross it in one day?"

The young mother asked the milk-delivery man if he kept any calves, and smiled pleasedly when he said that he did.

"Then," she continued, brightly, "bring me a pint of calf's milk every day. I think cow's milk is too strong for baby."

A Salem Grocer on his way to a farmer's house enquired of the maid if the farmer was in.

The maid said he was out with the pigs at the back. You will know him, she said. "as he has a hat on."

Pat was annoyed at a boasting American.

"Did you ever hear of the Dead Sea?" asked Pat.

"Sure," said the Yank.

"Well, do you know," said Pat, "that it was one of my ancestors that killed it."

Mr. Meekingham has great presence of mind.

"Is that so?"

"Yes. While he was proposing to Miss Stronghead, instead of saying, 'Will you be mine?' he said, 'May I be yours?'"

"What are you fellows on strike for now?"

"Shorter hours."

"Ah. I've always maintained that sixty minutes is too long!"

Young Hopeful: "Say, dad, what keeps us from falling off the earth when we are upside down?"

Father: "Why, the law of gravity, of course."

"But how did folks stay on before that law was passed?"

Observant Kiddy: "Oh, look at that funny man, mother. He's sitting on the pavement talkin' to a banana peel!"

A father, chiding his son for not getting up early, told him as an inducement that a certain man being up in good time found a purse containing money.

"That may be," replied the son, "but the one who lost it was up before him."

"What do elephants have that no other animals have?" asked the teacher.

"Little elephants," was the surprising reply.

Poet: "I put my whole mind into this poem."

Editor: "Evidently. I see that its blank verse."

Jimmy's mother had told him to remain near the window and watch for the bride and groom, and tell her when he saw them coming.

After waiting for some time his patience was rewarded, but he forgot to run and tell his mother.

When they were quite near he remembered suddenly and called out lustily, "Mamma, here comes the bride and groom."

Might Account for it

"He says he loves me, yet he has only known me two days."

"Well, perhaps that's the reason, dear." — Stray Stories.

No Need to Pray

A bright little girl, aged four, and her brother, aged six, were spending the night with their aunt. When bedtime came the aunt asked them how they said their prayers. The little girl answered: "Sometimes I say them on muddy's knees and sometimes to the side of the bed."

"And how about you, little boy?"

"O, I don't need to pray. I sleep with daddy." — Everybody's.

A Moving Reminiscence

"Don't you just love those slow motion pictures of horse races?"

"No, they remind me too much of the horses I always bet on."

— Tulsa (Okla.) Tribune.

His Borrowing System

"Lend me \$25."

"Why not ask people who know you better than I do?"

"Because I must have the money."

— Oslo Vikingen.

To Be in Keeping

First Flapper: "Now that Maud's engaged, she doesn't speak to the rest of us."

Second Flapper: No; her head is so swelled that I understand they're going to throw puffed rice at her wedding.

— Progressive Grocer.

Another Ford Story

It was a hot, sultry day in a great city. Seven cars were lined up in front of a busy filling station. Third from the end stood a leaking, steaming, rattling little five-passenger. In due time the line dwindled and the little five-passen-

ger found itself parallel with the gas pipe.

"How many?" the man asked impatiently.

"One," answered Mr. Fliv with the air of a Rockefeller.

"One?" What cha' tryin' to do? Wean it?"

Putting Him Right

The Entertainer—If any lady or gentleman in the audience will call out the name of some female character in Shakspeare, I will endeavor to portray that character.

A Voice—Florence Nightingale!

The Entertainer—I said Shakspeare, sir; not Dickens!—Humorist (London).

It Served

Diner—But this menu is in French.

Waiter—Quite so, sir, but the prices are in English, and that's all most of our customers read, anyway. — Buffalo Courier.

Necessary

Teacher—This is the third time you have looked at William's examination paper.

Pupil—I know it. He doesn't write plain. — Washington Star.

Futile Search

Johnny: "Dad, teacher said somethin' today about findin' the greatest common divisor."

Dad (in disgust): "Great Scott! Haven't they found that thing yet? Why, they were huntin' for it when I was a boy!" — Stray Stories.

Far, Far Away

A London boy told the teacher that his sister had measles. The teacher sent him home and told him to stay there until his sister had recovered.

After he had skipped joyfully away another boy held up his hand and said: "Teacher, Jimmy Dolan's sister what's got the measles lives in Liverpool."

— London Express.

Discrimination

He—Din't you see me downtown yesterday? I saw you twice.

She—I never notice people in that condition.

Modesty

"What makes the leaves so red?"

She asked him with a stare.

"They only blush," he softly said

"To see the limbs so bare."

Trouble Narrowly Avoided

Negro Passenger—Why don't you-all put your foot where it belongs?

Tough Guy—If I did, you wouldn't sit down for a week.

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"Is he a good salesman?"

"He sold framed copies of the Declaration of Independence in England.— Judge.

SLIGHT SHOCK FOR MOTHER

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