HUMOR

HE SYMPATHIZED.

But the Other Didn't Seem to Take It in the Right Spirit.

It was on a Greenpoint ferryboat. We had just left the Brooklyn side when a middle aged man, who was well dressed and had a business look about him, was noticed searching all his pockets in a nervous and hurried manner. He at once attracted the attention of thirty or forty people, and as the search continued sympathy and interest were gradually aroused. The same thought occurred to all—he had lost his wallet; and presently an oldish man with a butcher's apron on went up to him and inquired:

"Lost anything, neighbor?"

"Yes, my wallet."

"That's too bad. Have much money in it?"

"About sixty dollars, I believe."

"Shoo! When did you miss it?"

"Just now."

"I declare! Mebbe you dropped it on the floor around here somewhere."

The old man went around the cabin and out on the passageways, looking as carefully as if for a needle, and after three or four minutes returned to say: "I can't find hide nor hair of it. Perhaps you had your pocket picked."

"I don't think so."

"Wall, you can't tell. I lost a two dollar bill on this boat once, and I've allus thought a feller who said he was a judge picked it out o' my pocket. I'll look the crowd over and see if there is any suspicious lookin people aboard."

"You needn't do that. I'm quite sure no one robbed me."

"Better be on the safe side, you know. If there's a pickpocket aboard we all want to know it. I'm allus willin to help a neighbor in trouble.

He went spooking around with an Old Sleuth expression on his face, while the crowd began to enjoy the affair and watch his movements. He made the rounds of the boat and returned to say:

"Haven't spotted anybody, neighbor."

"Very well. We'll let the matter drop," replied the loser.

"What! Give up lookin for sixty dollars! We mustn't do it. Say, neighbor, are you sure you didn't leave it around the house? Any man is apt to do that once in awhile, you know. If your wife is anything like mine and she finds it she'll hook at least ten dollars of the money."

"We will drop the matter," said the loser, who was looking over his morning paper.

"It seems a great pity to lose them sixty dollars," observed the old man. "Mebbe you didn't leave it to home after all. You didn't stop anywhere to get a nip, did you?"

"Sir! I want to drop this matter!" sternly replied the victim.

"Don't want to find your wallet?"

"No, sir!"

"Nor talk about it?"

"No, sir!"

"Nor have any of my help?"

"No, sir!"

"All right!" said the old man as he backed off and sat down. "I've shown that I am willing to help a neighbor in trouble, and that clears me. You may have left it under your pillar, or you may have left it in the saloon where you got your cocktail. If you don't care, I don't. I'd like to know what you got mad about all of a sudden, but I'm not goin to ask. I can be just as proud as you can, and I hope your wife will find it and hook every blamed old dollar in it."—New York Evening World.

A Difference in Cigars.

Street Urchin—Saay, gimme another one o' them five cent cigars.

Dealer—By the way, here's a cracked ten cent cigar you can have at the same price. Paste paper around it and it will smoke all right.

Urchin—I can't smoke them ten cent cigars. Them is made out o' terbacker, an they makes me sick.—Good News.

A Life Preserver.

A beggar soliciting alms stated that but for his dog he would have long since died of starvation.

"But for your dog?" inquired a compassionate soul.

"Yes, ma'am. I have sold it three times and each time it has come home again."—Nouvelles a la Main.

Accommodating.

Clubberly—Has the boy been here with the package from my tailor's?

Servant—Yes, sir.

Clubberly—Then, where is it?

Servant—He said as long as you were out, sir, he would call again with it tomorrow.—Clothier and Furnisher.

A Scientific Formula.

Jack—It's pretty hard to guess a girl's age correctly.

Tom—I can tell you a good way to find out.

Jack—How?

Tom—Ask her, and then add one-third.—Harper's Bazar.

Did Not Hurt All the Time.

Awkward Barber—Does this razor hurt you, sir?

Patient Customer—Only when it gets under the skin.—Good News.

A Polite Way of Putting It.

She—Her father is an undertaker in Chicago, isn't he?

He—Yes. She told me she was the daughter of a planter.—Life.

CHATS ABOUT MEN.

Both Senator Palmer and his wife, who have just taken up their residence in Washington, are enthusiastic pedestrians.

Henry M. Stanley is educating three negro boys, about twelve years old, whom he rescued from slavery by paying three cents apiece for them.

The first decoration bestowed upon Prince Bismarck, and one which he always wore, was for saving the life of his groom when in danger of drowning.

Ernest Longfellow, son of the poet, is tall, somewhat slender and has a few streaks of gray in his thick dark hair. He is said to look much as his famous father did in his young days.

General Lew Wallace usually rises as early as 6 o'clock in the morning. He takes some very light refreshment, gets into the saddle, rides a couple of hours and then takes a regular breakfast.

Among long haired men of today who are cited to show that length of locks does not imply any "shortness" of brain are Professor Swing, Alphonse Dandet, Edward Eggleston and General Roger A. Pryor.

"The smallest man in the world," a midget from Holland, twenty-four years of age, who calls himself "Prince Mignon," is exhibiting in Berlin. This little chap, who is exactly two feet high, is a perfectly formed human being, and his performances as an acrobat are really wonderful.

The only survivor of Trafalgar is M. Cartingy, of Hyeres, France, who is 101 years of age. He witnessed the famous farewell that Napoleon gave his beloved troops at Fontainbleau in 1814, and was present at the funeral of the prince imperial at Chiselhurst, among the veteran St. Helena medalists.

Since Lord Onslow has been governor general of New Zealand he has had a son born to him to whom he has given among other names the Maori name of "Huia." The Ngatiathuia tribe has formally received the child into kinship, the chief rubbing noses with him and the women singing the customary accompaniment.

The only American whom the king of Siam has ever deemed worthy to wear the decoration of Sacred White Elephant is General J. A. Halderman, of Kansas. The rarity of the honor conferred on him is indicated by the fact that only two other English speaking persons—Queen Victoria and Sir Edwin Arnold—have been likewise distinguished by the favor of the oriental king.

It Went Through.

Bulfinch—Say, Wooden, how about that great scheme you had? Did you ever put it through?

Wooden—No, I didn't need to.

Bulfinch—How is that?

Wooden—It fell through.—Boston Courier.

One Cure for Malaria.

A reputable and honored citizen living on the North Side in the vicinity of Lincoln park has had a terrible experience.

His wife became suddenly ill and he immediately called up the family physician by telephone.

Subscriber—My wife complains of a severe pain at the back of her neck and occasional nausea.

Doctor—She must have malaria.

Subscriber—What's the best thing to do?

At that moment the young lady at the central station altered the switch by mistake and the unlucky husband received the reply of a mechanical engineer in answer to the inquiries of a mill owner regarding his boiler.

Engineer—I believe she is lined with excoriations to a considerable thickness. Let her cool during the night, and in the morning before firing up take a hammer and pound her vigorously. Then get a garden hose, with strong pressure from the main, and let it play freely on the parts affected.

The doctor may count on at least one fat patron short.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

An Incident of Metropolitan Life.

Down on South Broadway, standing beside a stairway which leads up stairs to the office of an electro-medical company, there stands a little glass case in which is displayed the life size figure of a human leg from the thigh down.

The other day two very well dressed young men were standing in front of the case. Two or three other people were staring over their shoulders to see what it was made the noise.

Finally one young man said to the other very solemnly:

"In five minutes that leg will begin to move."

His companion looked at him very wisely, pursed his lips and nodded his head. Then they both walked away.

The other people stood in front of the case for half an hour waiting for the leg to move. Suddenly a thought seemed to strike one of them. Then the same thought occurred to another member of the group, and so, one by one, they silently stole away.—New York World.

Cure for Seasickness.

A correspondent says that the drinking of salt water is a perfect cure for seasickness, though it makes the drinker very miserable for a few minutes after he takes the cure. The sailor who recommended it to the sufferer in question accounted for it by saying the stomach on board ship is in a very sensitive state, and that the salt water pickles it so that it gets hardened to conditions which had previously revolted it.

If that were the explanation, it must be a very rapid and miraculous kind of pickling process that is effected by a pint of salt water, not, in all probability, long retained. But whatever the rationale of the supposed "sailor's remedy" may be, any quick remedy for so frightful a distress is worth trying, and the assertion of the sailors is said to be that it never fails.—St. James' Gazette.

To Ward Off the Dog.

The burglar's greatest enemy in his nocturnal wanderings is a dog, whose presence he even dreads more than the policeman or detective. To protect and safeguard himself against canine attacks on his person he carries about with him a sprig of the gray limewort, which, when used as an amulet, is an absolute preventive against the bites of dogs. This plant when used internally is said, on the authority of Bacon, to rem ve hydrophobia.—London Tit-Bits.

Women Miss Speakers.

Although the female suffrage bill has been abandoned by the Victorian government, in deference to the wishes of the Labor party, still political agitation has by no means subsided among the women and their supporters. The women crowd the parliamentary galleries, hiss their opponents and applaud their sympathizers in defiance of parliamentary proprieties. The object of most vindictive demonstration on the part of the ladies was Mr. Gillies, the late premier who said that the house should give no countenance to "fads," and that the adoption of female suffrage would, in his opinion, mean a political revolution and would lead to domestic discord.—New York Sun.

Almost a Proposal.

"When I get married," said Miss Flypp saucily, "I intend to be captain."

"I'd prefer you for a mate," replied young Mr. Codling.—New York Epoch.

Dead Sea Fruits.

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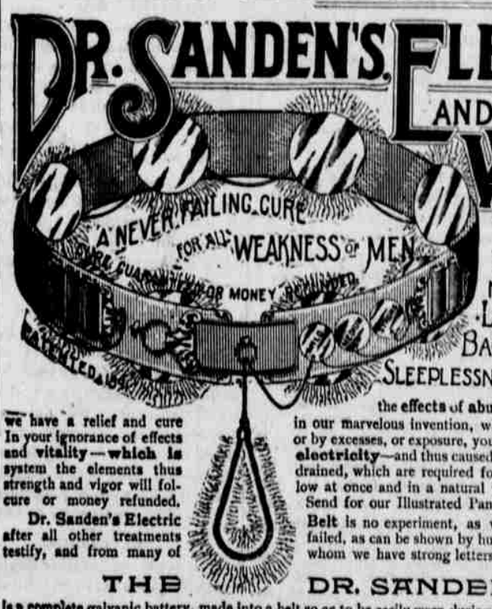

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