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## JOLLY JOKER

Doctor Holmes, being asked by a young physician what sign to put on his door, replied: "The smallest fivers gratefully received." Mrs. Smith—My husband has been enjoying very poor health of late. Mrs. Brown—How fortunate that he can enjoy it! Very few people do. A jurymen being asked by the judge if he ever read the papers, replied: "Yes, your honor; but if you'll let me go this time, I'll never do so any more." Patience—See how yellow her hair is; and it used to be brown. Patrice—Yes; she's been using one of those yellow journals to make curl papers.—Yonkers Statesman. "He had a play produced by an amateur company the other night, I believe. Who was the hero of it, do you know?" "I was one. I sat through it."—Philadelphia Ledger. A little Maine girl came to her mother one morning and said: "Mamma, I don't feel very well." "Well, that's too bad," said mamma; "where do you feel the worst?" "In school," was the prompt reply. "An elephant must be a pretty expensive animal." "Yes, I wish I had enough money to buy one." "What do you want with an elephant?" "I don't. I merely expressed a wish for the money."—Philadelphia Press. She (angrily)—Sir, I understand you said I had a face that would stop a clock. He (calmly)—So I did. Any well-regulated clock would pause and hold up its hands in admiration at sight of your lovely face.—St. Louis Star. Husband (who had been out West on business, and left his wife some blank checks)—Mary, I find you have considerably overdrawn at the bank. Mary—Nonsense, John, how can that be? I've two of those blank checks left yet. Mrs. Jenks—Are you perfectly satisfied with your new dress? Mrs. Speltz—Yes, indeed. The man I love best thinks it's beautiful, and the woman I love least has pretended to turn up her nose at it.—Philadelphia Ledger. A cowardly fellow, having kicked a newsboy for pestering him to buy an evening newspaper, the lad waited till another boy accosted the "gentleman," and then shouted in the hearing of the bystanders: "It's no use to try him, Jim, he can't read." "Sometimes," said the poet, "I am almost afraid that I take myself too seriously." "Oh, well, never mind," replied his kind-hearted friend, "there's no harm done if you do. Everybody else regards you as a joke."—Chicago Record-Herald. Here is a peculiar advertisement which recently appeared in a Brisbane paper: "Permanent.—Wanted, a man to look after one horse and a few cows and pigs. One who can impart the rudiments of French, singing and the piano to children preferred."

"I'd like to have your check for that little midnight supper I served at your house last month," said the caterer. "You'll have to wait until I get the doctor's bill for curing me of indigestion," replied the victim. "That comes off your bill."—Philadelphia Press. "I know what you're come here for," said little Willie; "you're going to ask my sister to be your wife." "Oh! Why do you think so?" "Cause I heard her tellin' ma she was goin' to git you in a corner to-night and make you say it."—Chicago Record-Herald. Moose Meadow Sheriff—Yes, that's Spike Moran, alias Big Eddy, alias Jim Thornton, alias Kid McDuff. He's a burglar. Stranger—But why do you let him live here? Sheriff—Just to fat up the census. We put him in the directory under each name, you see.—Judge. "Don't be too quick to strike another, my boy," said the kindly old man, who had interrupted the fight; "always count ten before you do it, and then—" "Yeh," replied the boy, contemptuously, "an' den I'll be de referee dat'll be countin' ten on you."—Philadelphia Press. Jennie's mother was expecting company, but just before train time a telegram arrived which read: "Missed train. Will start at same time tomorrow." Jennie rushed home from school expecting to see the guest, but instead was shown the message. After reading it laboriously and carefully through, she exclaimed: "Why, mamma, if she starts at the same time tomorrow, she will miss the train again."

Lincoln's Way of Teasing. In his home city, Springfield, Ill., a story is told of Lincoln which has never appeared in print. His house had long needed a fresh coat of paint, but a political campaign was in progress and "Abe" had no time to look up painters. During his absence for six weeks of circuit-riding in his one-horse shay, Mrs. Lincoln had the matter attended to, and on his return when he drove up to the little cottage on 8th street she came out on the steps to welcome him. Paying not the slightest attention to her, Lincoln surveyed the house from foundation to eaves in a dazed manner and then drove to the next door, and called to his neighbor: "Say! Can you tell me where Abe Lincoln lives?" "You old goose! come home and behave yourself!" laughed Mrs. Lincoln. In the Good Old Summer Time. Mrs. Rurale—You don't mean to say you pay that woman ten dollars a week for cooking? Mrs. Harlow (in city sister)—Oh, dear no. We pay her only two dollars for cooking; the rest is for staying.—Woman's Home Companion. We all spend too much time in complaining that we lack time to do things.

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