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Cupid Defeated.

A half-repentant bachelor, with quite a pile of rocks.

Dropped in, one day, beside the way, and bought a pair of socks.

Arrived at home—romantic joy!—he would'reading drew out

A note, deep hidden in the hose—from some fair hand, no doubt!

"I'm twenty years of age," it read, "and called a country belle.

With you I'd like to correspond—if you will never tell.

My object matrimony is, and yours, I hope, the same.

If you'll address me, I'll respond." And then she wrote her name.

On fire with hope, the bachelor that very evening wrote,

And folded his epistle with a kiss inside the note.

My Cupid had him in his mesh—no very clever catch.

For, after all, quite foolish is a half-repentant bachelor.

But oh how sheepish did he feel, when from the fair unknown

This answer came, to quench his flame: "An old maid I have grown

Alas 'twas forty years ago I planned that fond surprise,

Defeated by a heartless wretch who wouldn't advertise!"

Shock for the Lawyer.

A well-known lawyer of this city, whose office is located close to the city hall, received a tremendous shock the other day.

He was counsel for a man charged with larceny, and, as the evidence was conclusive, he advised his client to plead guilty.

"You know that you have a bad record and you have practically confessed your guilt," said the lawyer in a soothing manner, "and you will be sentenced to about three years in jail."

This last sentence completely dumfounded the prisoner, but after he had looked about his cell for several minutes he turned to his attorney and in a very serious manner said: "Will you kindly go out and get me a good lawyer?"

As soon as the lawyer recovered from the shock he told the prisoner he would argue the case for him.—Philadelphia Press.

A Beautiful Volume.

The most beautiful volume in the Congressional Library at Washington is a Bible which was transcribed on parchment by a monk in the 10th century.

The general lettering is in the German text, each letter is perfect, and there is not a scratch or blot from lid to lid. Each chapter begins with a large illuminated letter, in which is drawn the figure of a saint, some incident of whom the chapter tells.

First Life Insurance Policy.

The first life insurance policy of which the details are on record resulted in a lawsuit. William Gibbons insured himself on June 15, 1883, for \$383 against dying in twelve months.

He died on May 18 of the next year, and the disgruntled underwriters (the company of those days) contested payment on the plea that he had lived twelve months of twenty-eight days each.—World's Work.

Ore and Fuel.

Pennsylvania, which makes more than half the iron used in the United States, produces less than 2 per cent of the iron ore mined. Ohio, which comes next to Pennsylvania as an iron-maker, mines less than 1 per cent of the total. In both cases the ore is brought to the fuel, and this is the policy in this country. Only in Alabama are the ore and fuel found together.—Scientific American.

Joke Was on Her.

Member of congregation—Do you know your sermon on covetousness last Sunday grievously offended and disgusted Brother Puer?

The Rev. K. Moffatt lightly—Ah! I shall have to tell my wife that. It's a good one on her. She contended all the way home from church that morning that there wasn't a man in the audience who had paid the slightest attention to the sermon.

Taken at His Word.

Mr. Newby—We don't appreciate things we get for nothing. Everybody likes the things best that cost the most.

Mrs. Newby—Then you must love me a great deal, because I've heard you say that you paid very dearly for me.—Detroit Free Press.

FLASHES OF FUN

He—Would you rather be pretty or witty? She—Sir!—New York Sun.

The coal man should be brought to see the error of his weighings.—Philadelphia Record.

"Does Mr. Reuben Haybrick keep boarders?" "He takes 'em, but he don't keep 'em."—Chicago Chronicle.

Ella—He comes of good family, doesn't he? Stella—Yes, he's the only thing I know against it.—Town Topics.

Johnny—Pa, is it wrong to steal from a trust? Johnny's Pa—Don't let the question bother you, my son. It's impossible.—Cleveland Ledger.

Gourmand (after a table d'hôte)—Anything else, waiter? Waiter—One more peach, sir, and you'll 'ave eat the menu.—London Bystander.

"Dey ain't no sich thing ez gittin' married in heaven." "Course dey ain't. Don't de Bible tell you it's a place of peace on rest?"—Atlanta Constitution.

Mrs. Hatterson—I didn't see you at the lecture on "The Simple Life." Mrs. Cutterson—Why, no; I had no idea it was going to be such a swell affair.—Brooklyn Life.

Wife—It is so kind of you to put on my boots for me. Kneeling Husband (tugging away)—It's a—pleasure, my dear. Still, I'm glad you're not a centipede.—Pick-Me-Up.

Miss Ritter—Could you use anything in your "Household Department" this week? Country Editor—Yes, we could handle a couple of dozen of fresh eggs nicely.—New York Times.

"What conclusion does that campaign orator reach in his argument?" "He never arrives at a conclusion. He merely stops now and then to take breath."—Washington Star.

Willie—Teacher told us to-day that there's a certain kind of tree that grows out of rocks. I can't remember what it was. His Pa—It's a family tree, I guess.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Irish lady declared to the magistrate that the defendant had stolen her hen. "How do you know it is your hen?" asked the judge. "Know it!" cried the Irish lady. "I have known that hen ever since it was an egg."

"You probably don't remember me," began the self-made man proudly, "but twenty years ago, when I was a poor, humble boy, you gave me a message to carry—" "Yes, yes," cried the busy man. "Where's the answer?"

"You are the first one to whom I have shown this poem," the young poet went on; "I was wooing the muse last night—" "Poor fellow!" replied the editor, handing back the manuscript. "It's too bad she rejected you."—Chicago Journal.

Hicks—How do you happen to be going fishing on Friday? I thought you believed Friday was an unlucky day. Wicks—Well, I always have. But it occurred to me this morning that perhaps it would be unlucky for the fish.—Sonnerville Journal.

"I'm afraid you're not wise," said the fair girl. "Why?" demanded the persistent suitor. "Because a word to the wise is sufficient, and I have said 'No' to you." "Yes, but I'm wise enough to know that a woman's 'No' may eventually mean 'yes.'"—Philadelphia Press.

At the end of thirty years Hiram had accumulated a fortune. His wife and daughter were delighted. "For," said they, with becoming modesty, "we now not only have money enough to cut a splurge, but poor dear papa is too broken down to appear among the best people."—Life.

"It's so long since you last called upon me I was beginning to think you were forgetting me," said Miss Pechia, as she came down to the young man in the parlor. "I'm for getting you," replied the ardent youth, "and it's for getting you that I've called to-night. Can I have you?"—Kennebec Journal.

The passenger who had been holding himself up by a strap sat down in a seat that had just been vacated. "There is plenty of room, ma'am," he said to the pudgy, little matron sitting next. "Don't move." "We don't have to," she said, with a cheerful smile; "we own the house we live in."—Chicago Tribune.

"I tell ye what," asserted Old Man Spiggata, "that there painter feller is a fine artist." "What impressed you about his work?" "Well, there was a picture he called 'The Rainstorm,' and I gwan, it was that nat'ral that I hadn't looked at it three minutes before my corns begin burtin' me."—Cleveland Leader.

"Prosperity?" said Dr. Silkeboom, the eminent surgeon. "There is altogether too much prosperity! It is killing business." "In what way?" asked the other. "Why, sir, almost anybody can afford to have appendicitis nowadays, and, in consequence, all of my best patients regard it as too common, and refuse to have it."—Chicago Tribune.

A gentleman who was in the habit of dining daily at a certain restaurant said to the waiter (an Irishman): "Instead of tipping you every day, Pat, I will give you your tip in a lump sum at the end of the month." "Would you mind paying me in advance, sorr?" "Well! that is rather a strange request. However, if you are in want of some money now, here's half a crown for you, but did you mistrust me?" "Oh, no, sorr, but I am leaving here to-morrow."

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