

THE MIRTHFUL MUSE.

**SIGNIFICANT EPITAPH.**  
Put away dear Willie's spell;  
Vacant is his desk at school;  
Tell his comrades that it's dangerous  
Playing tag behind a mule.

**THE INCREDULOUS WRETCH.**  
A charming young girl in Geneva,  
Who suffered last year from hay fever,  
Declared to her beau  
That her nose wouldn't blow;  
But the horrid wretch didn't believe her.

**DESPERATION.**  
"Two more plates of oysters,"  
To the waiter he cried,  
His eyes staring wildly,  
His mouth open wide,  
"I love her most madly,  
On marriage I'm bent,  
And I'll satisfy her appetite  
If it takes my last cent."

**AS SAMMY TILDEN FINDS IT.**  
Far from the crush and the crowd of the dancing,  
Far from the quarrel for supper-room chairs,  
Soft came the strains of the music entrancing—  
"Isn't it charming out here on the stairs?  
Bright, dewy eyes, and a word softly spoken,  
No matron notices; nobody cares;  
A second or ribbon is begged as a token—  
Oh, it's delightful out here on the stairs!"

**THE SCENE IT CHANGED.**  
A bee flew out in the sunny air  
By a gap so blithe and young,  
Who laughed and screamed without a care,  
And would not hold his tongue.  
The scene it changed. With sob and shriek  
The vault of heaven rang,  
And homeward flew the bee so meek,  
While the small boy held his stung.

**ALAS, ALACK!**  
Softly falls the rain  
On the hill and plain,  
On thirsting woodlands wild  
And golden grain!  
But oh! alas, alack!  
When softly falls the rain,  
What torture fierce, what pain  
Pursues that "shine-up" swain,  
The poor boot-black.

**A SECRET OUT.**  
There was a little editor  
Who had a little wife,  
Who scissored all his N's  
As became an editor's wife;  
And when his fertile pen gave out,  
She used with might and main  
To ply the shears with vigor  
Till his head was clear again.  
And nobody knew,  
Save that editor's gal,  
That his articles were not  
Original.

**COULDN'T HELP IT.**  
Old "Speckle" rose from off her nest  
And cackled with much vigor,  
As if to say, "That egg's my best—  
No hen can lay a bigger."  
While Johnny, standing near the gate,  
In mute content was gazing,  
As if he could not tolerate  
The fuss the hen was raising.  
His protest took her down a peg—  
He raised his voice to say "N"  
"You ain't you're smart—Dad made zat egg—  
You tootin' help but lay it!"

A young couple in their honeymoon are dallying  
In gaily with the grapes at dessert. She (archly)  
—"And you don't find it tiresome, dear, all alone  
With me? You are quite, quite sure that you  
don't wish to go back to your bachelor life again?"  
He (earnestly)—"Quite, my darling; indeed, married  
life is so awfully jolly that, you know, if you  
were to die to-night, I'd get married again to-  
morrow."

"The crime of obtaining money under false pretences  
has greatly diminished within the last few years,"  
said a police justice to a country friend.  
"How do you account for that?" asked the friend.  
"Easily enough," replied the justice. "You see,  
the fuel is, in these times it is almost impossible  
to obtain money under any pretence."

At a recent marriage in Hudson, N. Y., the bride  
was a young damsel who had been a great co-  
quette. When the clergyman asked the usual  
question, "Who gives this woman away?" a young  
fellow present exclaimed, "I can, but I won't."

Relatives are an absolute necessity to some peo-  
ple. If a servant girl hasn't got an aunt who is  
sick and requires some one to spend the night  
with her, how is the girl to get out to go to the  
census?

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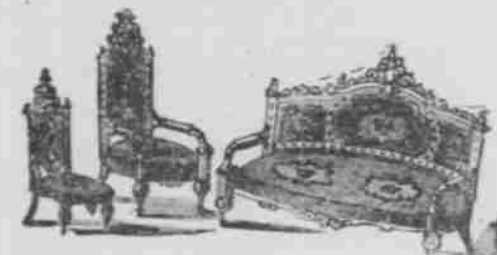
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