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**A Joke on Offenbach.**

M. Ernest Blum told a joke which he and some friends played on Offenbach when "La Belle Helene" was about to be produced. The composer was most anxious that his airs should not get about before the first night and had asked all his company to be most careful not to let any one hear them, but his tunes were so catchy that it was impossible to help singing them.

One day Blum and his friends were sitting opposite Offenbach in a cafe when one of them began to hum a leading air of "La Belle Helene."

"Who taught you that?" cried Offenbach in a rage.

"No one," replied Blum. "I have known it for ages," and they all agreed that their nurses used to sing it to them when they were children. Presently Albert Wolff, who was one of the party, began to sing another of the airs.

"What?" cried Offenbach, "you know that too?"

"I composed it myself," said Wolff.

Offenbach then saw that they were playing a practical joke on him and demanded the name of the singer who had sung them the opera. They refused, and so the composer threatened that he would fine every one in the theater unless they stood up and began the first chorus of the first act and declared they would sing the finale before the whole cafe unless Offenbach relented. The composer, in terror for his music, gave in, beaten by his own facility in writing music.

**A Gastronomic Cyclone.**

All men and women eat. If they don't, they won't last long, and no one need worry as to whether they count for much or not. But good eaters are usually very depend-on-able. By good eaters I do not mean large eaters or greedy eaters, though I may include some of both, but I mean the men and women who enjoy what they eat and show no disposition, either from dyspepsia or other form of indigestion, to quarrel with their food.

Gluttons, however, are not very lovely. I sat at table once with a woman at a summer resort who every day for dinner ate 12 ears of corn from the cob. That is more than the regulation mid-day feed for a horse. And in the operation she grinded her hands and her cheeks, and every now and then her nose was decorated with the well-battered grains. She was a sight, and at the end of the table she bred a famine that if it took waters to relieve. And she was in repose not by any means a bad looking woman, but in action—in action at the table—she was a kind of human cyclone, leaving desolation in her path. She had had three husbands and is a widow again. What became of the poor men I never knew. Maybe she ate them.—John Gilmer Speed in Criticism.

**When Bees Beat Troops.**

It is on record that a swarm of bees as weapons of war were used not once, but twice, and with the best possible effect.

When Themisyras, in Pontus, was besieged by Lucullus, the Romans employed turrets, built mounds and made huge mines beneath the city. While they were creating the mines the people of Themisyras dug down through the earth to the mines and then cast in upon the Roman workers bears and other wild animals, together with a swarm of bees.

History repeated itself in England when the Danes and Norwegians made their attack upon Chester, about ten centuries since. The town was held by the Saxons and some Gallic allies, who tried stones and boiling water upon the besiegers without effect. As a last resource they collected all the beehives and upset them into the enemy's camp beneath the city wall.

This had the effect of making things "hum," so to speak, and it is recorded that the enemy were so badly stung that they could move neither arms nor legs.

**A Good Lincoln Story.**

Mr. Lincoln said once that the best story he ever read in the papers of himself was this:

"Two Quakers were traveling on the railroad and were heard discussing the probable termination of the war.

"I think," said the first, "that Jefferson will succeed."

"Why does thee think so?" asked the other.

"Because Jefferson is a praying man."

"And so is Abraham a praying man," objected the second.

"Yes, but the Lord will think Abraham is joking," the first replied conclusively.

**She Was the One.**

Bridegroom (after the ceremony)—Maud, you and I are now one. It only remains to be decided which is the one. I tried to win you, didn't I?

Bride—Yes, Harold.

"And I won. That seems to settle it."

"Not quite, Harold. You tried to win me, you succeeded. Then you are the winner, are you not?"

"Yes, dear."

"And I am the won."

**The Patient Chinese.**

An example of patient industry is the sorting of hogs' bristles as it is carried on at Tien-tsin, China. Each bristle of the 600,000 kilograms exported from that place last year had to be picked out, measured and placed in the bundle of hairs of corresponding length, and the different lengths by which the hairs are sorted are numerous.

**Harder to Say No Than Yes.**

He was a most worthy young man, with a fondness for discussing sociological and moral questions, and once started on his hobby he could scarcely be headed in any other direction. He had been quite devoted in his attention to one young woman for as much as six months, but she had been unable to bring him to his senses, though she was willing to confess that she had tried repeatedly to do so. Of course she had done it in the delicate ways women have in those matters, but what he needed was a clasp.

Not a great while ago he was calling as usual, and as usual he was neglecting sentiment for something that only made a girl tired. This time he was moralizing on the temptations of life and the proneness of people to yield without making the proper effort against them in whatever form they might appear.

"However," he said in conclusion, displaying a commendable spirit of charity for the weak, "it is a very difficult thing for any one to say 'No.'"

Here was an unexpected chance for her.

"And conversely," she responded slowly so he could get the full force of it, "it should be very easy for one to say 'Yes.'"

He looked her straight in the eyes at last, and a hush fell upon the scene.

"Un-er-um," he hesitated, "Miss Kate, am I a lump?"

"It is very difficult for one to say 'No,'" she said with a pretty little smile, and later she found it quite easy to say "Yes."—Washington Star.

**His Gentle Reception.**

General Starr, a gallant old soldier, had an irrepressible dislike for young lieutenants fresh from West Point. In 1874 General Starr was in command at Fort Riley, and one day an orderly came to his quarters with the message that Lieutenant Morrison, just from West Point, was at the post ready to pay his respects and report for duty. In response to this message the old general was starting for his office, when his wife, a motherly old soul, plucked him by the sleeve and said, "Now, general, promise me that you won't be rough with that young man."

"Tough?" said the old man, smiling amiably upon his matrimonial companion. "Why, I'll be peaches and cream unless the young dog files me."

Reaching his office, the general was confronted with a dapper little fellow as sprick and span as though he had just come from the hands of his barber and tailor, while he had the half-supercilious air that seems inseparable from the first stages of military education.

Looking the young lieutenant over for half a moment, the old general said with great dignity: "How do you do, Mr. Morrison. I am pleased to see you." Then as a flush gradually mounted over his weather-beaten features he added: "I am always glad to see you young men from the Military academy. You-you—(here the general ended with a roar) you think yourself so hanged smart!"—Kansas City Journal.

**Tired Metals.**

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**Why John Laughed.**

"I don't know what is coming to us," sighed Mrs. Jones as she handed the paper over to her husband. "I'm sure things are bad enough already."

"Why, what's the matter now, my dear?" murmured John, with a mouthful of muffin.

"Matter, indeed," snorted Mrs. Jones. "Just like you men. Haven't the poor rate, water and other rates all been increased, and now the papers say the birth rate is going up. They ought to—Now, John, what are you laughing at?"—London Standard.

**It May Be Push or It May Be Pull.**

Politician—My boy, the door to every successful business is labeled "Push."

Thoughtful Youth—Isn't your business a successful one, sir?

Politician—Well, yes; I datter myself that it is very successful. Why do you ask that?

Thoughtful Youth—Because, sir, I see your door is labeled "Pull."—Detroit Free Press.

**Dress.**

Some women in this world have a new gown every other week, while there are other women who esteem themselves lucky if once in three months they get a chance to look through a fashion magazine.—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Fred J. Wells, Patrick McEnroe and L. Borling, of Mendoc, Oregon, and Winsor Wells, of Mapleton, Oregon.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

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March 16, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1882, Burt Warren, of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1877, for the purchase of the n. e. 1/4 of section No. 16, in Township No. 18 S., Range No. 9 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 1901.

He names as witnesses:

James E. Gibbons, J. H. Urban, W. M. Vauit and John W. Sherman, all of Portland, Oregon.

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