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WIT AND HUMOR.

The difference between a Jew and a lawyer, I will draw— The first, his law from Pophets drew. The last profits from the law.

[By Le Garcons.]

Liars are the greatest sticklers for truth—in others.

There should be no limit to the size of a keyhole after midnight.

It is impossible to make up in hat-rim what you lack in brains.

Too many young men of the day need guardians and not wives.

No man of honor will steal a kiss from a girl when he can just as well give her one.

No matter how full the ear, it is human nature to want a few more grains on the cob.

It is, indeed, laughable to see a pumpkin-pie pass itself off in society for a cream-puff.

It is apparently useless to tell the truth, when you know you won't be believed anyhow.

The hiss of a goose and the words of a fool never pass for more than their par or face value.

It is difficult to know where to look for dignity when one sees a senator run a block to hear a circus-band.

It always makes one feel painfully honest when another picks up a fat pocket-book a few steps ahead of him.

An ingenious woman has devised a plan for getting satisfaction even from her spouse's sonorous snores. When he gets well under way she ties a mouth harmonicon under his nose, and she declares the music is lovely.

"Will you help me press some leaves?" the maiden asked her lover. "If you will fasten them in your waist-belt I'll see what I can do," he answered. And thus a popular method of pressing Autumn leaves was invented.

"You must pay very close attention to your French, dear," said a fashionable mother to her darling daughter, "if you want to enjoy French novels. When they are translated, they are refined down to a point of commonplace goodness that is absolutely stupid."

They had been quarreling. "Before we were married," she sobbed, "you would go out with me anywhere."

"Well, what of it?"

"Now I don't believe you would even go to my funeral."

"Ah! wouldn't I though?"

"Does the shining steel blade which I hold in my hand cause excruciating pain?" inquired an Oil City barber.

"What?"

"I asked if the razor hurt you?"

"Is it a razor?"

"Of course it is. Why?"

"I thought it was a saw but if you are sure it is a razor go ahead."

—Oil City Blizzard.

A Sensitive Man.—"Look here!" called a man, pressing his face against the grates of a city prison and addressing a policeman who stood outside.

"Well?"

"What was I put in here for, any way?"

"You'll find out when the police court meets."

"Pardner, I am a very sensitive man, and the thought that I have committed a crime haunts me. I just tell you what's a fact, I can't stand it. What did I do?"

"Well, if you must know, you got drunk and shot a man."

"Oh, is that all? I was afraid that I had insulted some one. Much obliged."—Arkansaw Traveler.

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A Devoted Mother.

When Major Converse was laying out the line of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railroad, he spent several days in obtaining the right of way through the little town of Kingsbury. There was considerable opposition on the part of some of the citizens to granting the right of way unless they received extraordinary remuneration.

Among those who regarded the railroad as a nuisance was a hard-fisted widow of about fifty years of age, who owned a small farm. She said that if she was not compelled to have a hundred dollars right off she would fight the company until a certain warm place froze over.

"That ere road will run over some of my cows, but I've got to have money," she said.

"It will not be as bad as you imagine," replied Major Converse, soothingly.

"It will be a heap wuss. The sparks from the locomotive will set fire to my hay stacks. But necessity knows no law. I reckon I'll have to sign the right of way, but I'd rather take pizen."

"I don't think that you will be disturbed as much as you suppose."

"I never expect to get another wink of sleep at nights for them trains. Just know my health'll break down. I'll be in my grave before a year, but hand out yer hundred dollars and it's a whack. I'll do it on account of the children. What won't a woman do for her own flesh and blood?"

Major Converse handed over the money and the widow signed the document cheerfully.

"Do you really need the money so badly?" asked Major Converse, as he folded up the document and put it in his vest pocket.

"The worst in the world, stranger. A gentleman from Galveston—a drummer, I believe they call him—visits me every time he comes to this town. The last time he was here he called me his gazelle, and wanted me to sit on his knee, but I told him, 'no not yet.'"

"I understand. He is paying you attentions."

"And he's going to be here again in about two weeks. He is right on the ragged edge of proposing, but if I don't encourage him he may grow cold and listless. It may be good-bye-John with me unless I do my part. You know how men are. They are so unreliable."

"Yes, I understand. You want to lend him the money," said Converse.

"Not much am I going to lend him any money. But I'm going to San Antonio to-morrow, and I'll buy me a new silk dress, and a new hat, and I'm going to have a new set of false teeth built, and if I ain't Mrs. Drummer inside of three weeks, it won't be my fault."

"Do you really love him?" asked Major Converse.

"No, I'll never love again. But he's so kind to the children, and my poor children need a protector so bad that I'm ready to make any sacrifice. I don't think we ought to take our own feelin's into consideration when the welfare of our offspring is concerned. Do you know who is the best dentist in San Antonio?"—Texas Sentinels.

Newspapers in Hungary.

The greatest readers of newspapers in the world are the Hungarians. It is said that the peasants in that country, with very rare exceptions, know how to read, take an active part in public affairs, discuss and judge political measures, and are often elected members of municipal bodies. Mme. Adam, who recently wrote a charming book of travels in Hungary, was told that there is not a town without its literary club. In the cafes you find as many papers as in France. The most insignificant journal has its readers. A city of 25,000 inhabitants is mentioned where, among its numerous clubs and restaurants, there was one that took in 105 newspapers, dailies and weeklies—an incredible number. The list is posted up in the establishment, and includes journals in Hungarian, German and English, treating of politics, literature, agriculture, education, and even the fashions.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A curious fact is observed that one day last week the temperature differed 100 in this country. At Florida Keys the thermometer registered 70 above and at Duluth 30 below zero.

"Mr. Robinson," said the book-keeper to the old man in the office, "here's a letter from Smith, over in Indian, in which he proposes to pay 60 per cent of the bill he owes."

"Gootness, kracious, vot ish dot? Vot ish dot?" screamed the old man.

"Smith proposes to pay 60 per cent," repeated the book-keeper.

Can't he schveeze more ash dot out of him, no vay?"

"No, sir; I understand that's the very best he can do."

"Vell, dot ish shameful for a man to cheat us in dot vay. Only 60 per cent, you shay?"

"That's all."

"You't he make eet sixty-von?"

"No; 60 is the limit."

"Vell, eef ve must, ye must, I shup poshe, bood I don't like dot vay oaf settling. Ve shoot haf mat two hoodert unt sheventy-five per chent on dose goots, unt now ve vill haf to pe satisfied unt leedle oter a hoodert and ten, unt any beezness man can see dot sooch profits vill ruin trade in spite oaf all ve can do to increase de prosperty oaf our republican institutions."

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