

Selections

THE FIRST JOKES.

Do You Know Which the Original Eleven Ones Were?

Miss Agnes Reppier, lecturing on "The Mission of Humor" at the Colony club, New York, said she had been informed that there were eleven original jokes in the world. After she had said her allotted say Mr. Joseph H. Choate arose and, gallant as ever, remarked that he was now sure there were twenty-two original jokes. Any man or woman who produces eleven original jokes in a lecture is a world wonder. With all due respect to Miss Reppier, we are inclined to think that Mr. Choate was too amiable and too receptive.

What are these eleven original, fundamental, basic jokes, not made for a parish or an occasion, necessarily human and universal? Look over the comic weeklies from the beginning of Punch and you will find the same lines of humorous thought, endless repetitions of a fool born jest, ponderous elaboration of a trifle, changes of an old idea to suit time and place. The old jest books—Joe Miller's, and, before his, Poggitt and Bacon—show our predecessors anticipated us. Plutarch's "Morals" is full of jests and jocose anecdotes that are now fondly thought contemporaneous. Turn to his "Apothegms or Remarkable Sayings of Kings and Great Commanders" and you find this quip: A prating barber asked Archelaus how he would be trimmed. Archelaus answered, "In silence." Read "The Banquet of the Seven Wise Men," Englished by Roger Davis, A. M., and there a sage is thus reported: "In this mistake, however, I'm much of the youth's mind who, throwing a stone at a dog, hit his step-mother, adding, 'My throw is not lost, however!'"

The favorite jokes in this country have been for years based on the mother-in-law, the farmer and the summer boarder, the city boarding house, spring cleaning (and the stovepipe played an important part) and the greedy goat. The mother-in-law was naturally the victim of the first joke son-in-law, while there could be no joke about the stovepipe before the existence of the pipe. There is the cannibal missionary joke that has done yeoman's service, but it cannot be older than the appearance of the first missionary. What are the primeval eleven jokes? One of the oldest known to us begins "Old Noah, he had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, but there must have been jokes before the flood. What were the eleven that were preserved in the ark? No doubt the gag about the elephant bringing his trunk was coined by some irreverent looker on who saw in the embarkation only food for mirth. Death by drowning was too good for him. But what jokes did Noah and his sons take with them for daily recreation? We can be sure of only one—the mother-in-law jest. Will not Miss Reppier tell to the world the other ten?—Boston Herald.

The Stiletto in Italy. "The reign of the knife and the stiletto, which has been unquestioned in Italy for centuries," says the Rome correspondent of a Berlin paper, "is to be brought to an end. For generations it has been the custom to carry a knife, and those men in the lower walks who had no knife carried a sharpened nail or file to be used on the slightest provocation. The wine is heavy, the blood of the people is hot, their power of self control small. Is it a wonder, then, that, with the murderous instrument always at hand, there should be so many fatal encounters? But the lawmakers have at last discovered that the morals of the whole nation have been influenced for the bad by the knife carrying custom, and laws will be passed similar to those now in force in some parts of the United States of America making it a crime to carry a deadly weapon."

A Fling at the French Army. General Langlois, a distinguished officer of the French army, has aroused much uneasiness among his countrymen by asserting that the morale and discipline of the military forces of France are in an alarming state of degeneration. All the military enthusiasm of Napoleon's day, he remarks, has evaporated, patriotism is rapidly becoming a thing of the past, and the military organization of the republic, once so removed from sordid influences, is controlled even in the minutest details by politics and politicians. Promotions, furloughs, permits to men in the lowest ranks of the army to marry, says General Langlois, are all subject to the control of civil magistrates in each prefecture, the results being complete anarchy and disorganization in the army.

When Ruben Dario, the new Nicaraguan minister to Spain, arrived in New York recently on his way to his new post, he brought with him from Nicaragua a young man as his secretary. The latter had never been so far away from Managua and at first the greatness of the American metropolis surprised him. Then it actually overawed him, and he became afflicted with that yearning for home that is commonly known as homesickness. When Senator Dario sailed for Madrid his secretary was not with him. He informed the minister that he feared to go farther away from Nicaragua, and, the yearning for home overmastering the ambition for diplomatic honors, he returned there "pronto."

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

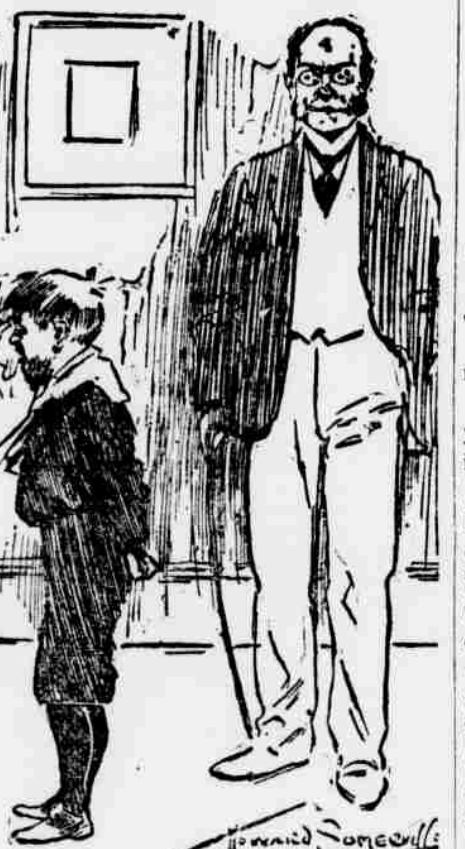
The Doctor's Little Girls. The little daughters of a Missouri doctor were much interested in the new baby which had arrived at the home of a neighbor and which their mother told them had been brought by the stork. The children were promised a visit to the baby, and when the eventful day arrived Gladys sought her little sister and said: "Come on, sister. We are going to see Mrs. Smith's baby." To the surprise of all, the child declined to go. "I don't want to see the baby," she said. "I'd raver see the stork."

So Thoughtful. Mr. Westend—You seem very happy tonight. Mrs. Westend—Yes, indeed. That jewel of a maid is not going to leave me after all. Mr. Westend—Why, I thought you told me only the other day that she was going to Mrs. Murrayhill's. Mrs. Westend—Yes, she was, but Mrs. Murrayhill died this morning. Was it not sweet of her?—Judge.

Affected Him Differently. "Maw, what's paw doing down in the basement? Patching up the ice-box?" "No, dear. He's putting new wire gauze on the screen doors." "How do you know?" "By the language he is using, dear."—Chicago Tribune.

Accommodating. "Madam," ventured the weary wayfarer, "could I get a cold bite here?" The housewife with the big broom laughed. "A cold bite?" she responded. "Why, certainly. I'll let Bruno eat some ice before he grabs you."—Chicago News.

The Question Pertinent.



"When I was your age I never told a falsehood!" "Boo—wh-wh-when did you begin—boo-hoo-hoo?"

Cupid at the Bat. Pearl—Yes, our college had a female baseball team. Ruby—Did you have any good catches? Pearl—I should say so! Five of them caught husbands the first season and broke up the team.—Chicago News.

Cheep! Cheep! "I declare," remarked the duck, "if that little chick isn't trying to talk already! But it doesn't amount to much." "No," replied the young rooster scornfully, "all his talk is 'cheep!'"—Catholic Standard and Times.

Enough to Kill. "Of course," said Dabster, "I only write poetry to kill time, not to sell!" "Well," quietly replied Crittick, handing back the manuscript, "if time weren't next to immortal I'm sure you'd be successful."—Philadelphia Press.

The Question of a Letter. "So your daughter has made a matrimonial alliance with Count Fucashi?" "That isn't a matrimonial alliance," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "That's a patrimonial alliance."—Washington Star.

The Persistent Young Man. "Do you know, young man, that my daughter is accustomed to every luxury?" "Is she, sir? Then I feel quite sure that a complete change will be good for her."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Talked Too Much. Miss Sue Brette—I hear your tragedian got hit in the teeth last night with an egg? Foote Lighte—Yes. That fellow never did know when to keep his mouth shut!—Yonkers Statesman.

Good as Settled. Singleton—Are you going to buy that automobile you and your wife were looking at yesterday? Wedderly—I suppose so. My wife says we can't afford it.—Houston Post.

New York City.

The New York city police department has recovered about \$400,000 in stolen property during the last year. While the borough of Manhattan is only 7 per cent of the area of New York city, it contains about one-half of the entire population. The most expensive publication, with the least income, in New York city is the City Record, which will cost New York \$1,174,500 this year. If the real estate of Manhattan Island were divided equally among its inhabitants each individual would own \$2,020 worth, according to the assessed value.—New York Herald.

Pointed Paragraphs.

At the exact moment you try to show off look out for a streak of bad luck.

When a man neglects a duty he says, "I was too busy," but usually he was too lazy.

If you want to make a man mad, tell him not to lose his temper when he has already lost it.

There is so little money earned in attending to other people's affairs that we wonder people don't quit it.

By the time a man is wise enough to realize the importance of making hay when the sun shines it is twilight.—Acheson Globe.

Cold Weather Advice.

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Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County. Cora Johnson, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas J. Johnson, Defendant.

To Thomas J. Johnson, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby commanded to appear in the above entitled case on or before Monday, the 12th day of November, A. D. 1908, to make answer to the complaint of plaintiff filed herein against you and in case you fail so to appear the allegations of the complaint will be taken as confessed against you, and the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit: for a decree of said court dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for the restoration of plaintiff's maiden name and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

The time prescribed for the publication of the summons is six weeks, and the date for the appearance of the defendant is on or before the 12th day of November, A. D. 1908.

That the summons published by order of the Hon. C. C. Patterson, Judge of the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, which order was made on the 30th day of September, A. D. 1908. The date of the first publication of this summons is the 1st day of October, A. D. 1908.

SAM E. VAN VACTOR, Oct 1-Nov 12 Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Sarah A. Hughes, deceased, and has qualified for said trust. All persons having any claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified with vouchers at the office of Sam E. Van Vactor at Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

MATT HUGHES, Administrator of the estate of Sarah A. Hughes, deceased. Sam E. Van Vactor, attorney for the administrator. Dated and first published this first day of October, A. D. 1908. Oct 1-29

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Isaac Ahalt, deceased, and has qualified for said trust. All persons having any claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified with vouchers at the office of Sam E. Van Vactor at Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

W. E. AHALT, Administrator of the estate of Isaac Ahalt, deceased. Sam E. Van Vactor, attorney for Administrator. Dated and first published this 1st day of October, A. D. 1908. Oct 1-29

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Isolated Tract) Public Land Sale

La Grande, Oregon, Land Office, Sept. 23, 1908. Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress, approved June 27, 1906, Public Law No. 398, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 12th day of November, next, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: SW 1/4 Sec. 28, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 35, T. 18, R. 27 E. W. M. Forest No. 5242. Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

Oct-Nov 5 F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. A. A. ROBERTS, Receiver.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon,
October 5th, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Leander Copley, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on Sept. 30th, 1908, made Timber Application No. 0123, for SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 22, Township 4, South Range 28, East Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Timber proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. P. Williams, U. S. Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 9th day of November, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Edgar Palmer, of Lexington, Oregon, Joseph Rector, Frank Brown and George Moore all of Heppner, Oregon. Aug 27-Oct 29 F. C. BRAMWELL, Register

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon,
September 8, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that James M. Hager of Heppner, Oregon, who, on Sept. 30, 1908, made Timber Application No. 0123 for SW 1/4, SW 1/4, section 22, T. 4 S. R. 28 E. W. M. has filed notice of intention to make Final Timber Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. P. Williams, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on the 23d day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: David M. Cullough, Samuel M. Cullough, Paul Hiler, and George Stevenson, all of Heppner, Oregon. Oct 5-Dec 9 F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,
United States Land Office
La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 17, 1908.

Notice is hereby given, that C. A. Minor, of Heppner, County of Morrow, State of Oregon, has filed in this office his application to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved June 4, 1897, the SW 1/4, Sec. 15, T. 4 S., R. 27 E., W. M., Serial No. 0321.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason to the disposal of applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 4th day of November, 1908.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. Sept 24-Oct 29

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon,
Sept. 15, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that George L. Rogers, of Portland, Oregon, who, on Sept. 15th, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 0109, for SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 5, Township 5, S., R. 26 E., W. M. has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 7th day of Dec., 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: E. J. Callett, J. A. McMorris and Frank Pitzer, of Condon, Or, and Ralph J. Gilbert, of Portland, Or. Oct 21-Dec 29

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