

Pleasant Paragraphs.

From the West Shore:
'I tell you, laugh as you will, Mr. Softy has a clear head.'

'Indeed!'
'Yes, clear of all brains.'

Ethel—Why, are you you so foolish as to be afraid of the dark? I am not in the least.

Mable—You forget that the the dark is not so kind to me as to you.

McWatty (at the breakfast table) —Mrs. Small, this egg has a chicken in it.

Mrs. Small—Shows its genuine. I never use artificial eggs.

Charles—I talked to Miss Beauty for a long while last night, but I'm afraid I bored her, don't you know.

Jack—Not a bit. She told me afterwards that she never had so much fun in her life.

Brown—These large cabinet machines take up a great deal of space. I wish somebody would invent a typewriter that one can hold on his knee.

—Smith—I've got one.

Miss Twilling—I suppose you remember, Mr. Calloway, that last night, in spite of my fruitless struggles, you had the effrontery, sir, to actually kiss me.

Calloway (meekly)—Yes, I remember the circumstance.

Miss Twilling—Well, if you think you are going to repeat that operation in the hall to-night, you are much mistaken. I don't propose to leave this room all the evening.

'Mamma,' asked Benny, 'why do you preserve cats?'

'What on earth do you mean?'

'I heard you tell Mrs. Garlick about putting catsup in bottles.'

Benedict (to editor)—I always thought you were married till you you offered prizes for a word contest.

Editor—Well—er—I don't quite see how our prize offer could enlighten you on that point.

Benedict—Don't, eh? Why, man alive, we married men don't have to offer prizes for word contests; we get 'm free.

Wife (looking up coldly as her husband enters)—Sir! You have been drinking again!

Husband (in an injured tone)—My d-dear, you misshudge me's usual. Haven't drank a d-drop. Mosh ext'ror'nary thing ever heard. Barber washed m' head 'u alc'h'ol.

'See here vonce mine friendt. Vy you call dot Rhein vine? Dot neffer coome from Chermany alretty.'

'No, sir; it was made of apple and peach rinds.'

From N. Y. Weekly: Little Brother—Is Boston an old city?

Little sister [who has been there] 'Deed it is. Why, the streets is bent 'most double with age.

Foreman—Where shall I put this report of the prize fight?

Ditor—Put it alongside of Rev. Dr Goodman's sermon. Then people can read the prize fight while pretending to read the sermon.

Mrs. Bronston—We must call on our new neighbors as soon as they get settled.

Mr. B—Who are they? I don't know. Have you seen them?

No. Then what do you know about them. Every bit of their furniture was covered with canvas.

Agent—I am informed, sir, that you are about to build a new house, and I should like to sell you a book on architecture.

Mr. Suburb—Don't want it.

Agent—It may save you a lot of money, sir. May I inquire what sort of a house you intend to erect?

Mr. S—I have accepted a plan for a \$5,000 house.

Agent [triumphantly]—Well, sir, this book shows you how to build a \$5,000 house for only \$10,000.

First Westerner—I'm dead broke; haven't a cent left.

Second W—Well, here's a nickle for car-fare. Go out into the suburbs and start an annex.

Inquiring Lady—Do you always drink beer when you are thirsty?

Baron Snickensuts—No, ma'am, I alvay drinks vater ven I am thirsty, shust the same as you do.

Then when do you drink beer? The rest of the dime.

City Boarder—I notice you keep a big bar of soap outside by the pump. It is for the farm hands I presume?

Rural Hostess—Yes, farm hands and faces.

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