

LIGHT AND AIRY.

Another Poet Breaks Loose. When all the rain has fell, When winter's gone away, When buds begin to swell, And spring has come to stay...

An Inevitable Cat. Short—I thought you were going to drown that cat? Long—Well, they say a cat has nine lives, but this one has 20, I think...

A Suggestion. They were sitting together in the moon light, and he was trying hard to think of something pleasant to say. All of a sudden she gave a slight shudder...

His Last Resort. For years he'd sought to see her home, For years had she declined; Each time he brought some good excuse, But she in ways that maidens use...

Taking a New Star. Rivers—How are you getting along with that little pamphlet of yours on "How to See the World's Fair in a Week?" Banks (wiping the perspiration from his face)...

A Paradox. I asked for a kiss when our love was new, And you coyly answered me "No," I have kissed you often since then, 'tis true, Yet I wanted that one kiss so!

The Retort Courteous. Married Man—Why don't you get married, Miss Perkins? You are getting to look like a "back number"—you will soon be an old maid.

Inside Information. The morning of the hop he came, His dress suit case in hand, And with the girls that day he had, He was in great demand.

Horrible. "Miss May—I—ah"—began the young man, when the fair girl fell forward in a faint. A minute elapsed, and she opened her eyes. "Tom," she whispered, "did I hear you say 'I are'?"

Nothing Unusual. "There goes a real crack fisher, Hill," said Higgins to his neighbor Todd as long the emerald brookled kill. There passed a man with reel and rod.

More to the Point. Sufferer (to lady in front)—Madam, if you were to remove your hat I could see the play. Lady in front (with manifestation of surprise)—Yes, but you can't then see my new hat.—Boston Globe.

Luck. He bought himself a new silk hat, And to the street he flew, And then for weeks he walked and walked, But met no girl he knew.

Economy. Brown—Going to housekeeping, eh? Jones—Yes. Brown—A lawfully expensive. Jones—Won't be for us. Going to use my wife's temper for a furnace and her feet for a refrigerator.—Truth.

One Way to Get There. She filled her new puff sleeves with gas, And when the wind was right, Toward the World's fair she lit out, And soon was out of sight.

Just the Place. Father—What would you advise me to do with my son? His pronunciation is perfectly terrible. Teacher—Get him a position as porter at a railway station at once.—Tit-Bits.

The Quillist. "Too slow to anger," he exclaimed, "And yet I'd have it understood, When there are charges to be named, I'm always in an eye-rod mood."

He Mustn't Spoil Himself. Dick Hicks—You're not a self-made man, are you, pop? Hicks—Yes, my son. Why do you ask? Dick Hicks—I didn't suppose a self-made man would rip and tear.—Truth.

Small Need For a Card. And ever as his new spring suit I saw, Bechecked and striped in many a varied hue, Apparel, oft, methinks, proclaimed the man, Proclaiming him lordly too.

World's Fair Passes. The number of free season passes to the World's fair issued by the exposition officials is estimated at 200,000. On each of these is the photograph of the holder, so as to prevent use by another. The pass is in the form of a book 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches, containing 181 admission coupons, or one for each day of the six months. They are issued to officials, employees, exhibitors, newspaper men, foreign commissioners, etc.—Pittsburg Herald.

Trials of a Kentucky Minister.

In speaking of a well-known minister who was until not very long ago pastor of a large congregation in this city, a member of that church said yesterday: "Few people know what he suffered. He was the nearest approach to Job that I ever saw. The newspapers might have had a great sensation out of one of his trials. Through one of the best known preachers in Louisville, considering his stay here, his wife was a morphine eater. On one occasion when he had to go to church to marry a young pair his wife locked him in his room. His family succeeded in climbing through the transom and arrived at the church after a long, weary crawl waiting for nearly half an hour. "She often locked him up to try to keep him from preaching, and her treatment of him was often too inhuman to be described. Yet with all that a complaint never left his lips, and he performed his religious duties under a mental agony that few are called on to fear. She took an active part in the church societies, and not until about the time of their departure was her terrible habit known outside the family. Her children were often beaten like animals. I know these things to be facts, and if the name were divulged it would thrill the city with astonishment."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Dvorak Awakens the Musical World. Dr. Dvorak's bold declaration that the negro melodies of America are to be the foundation of a great national school of music ranging through every stage of the art, from ballads to symphonies and oratorios, has aroused the musicians of Europe. The Commercial cable brings us an interview with Ernest Reyer, the distinguished French composer. He says that the negro melodies, even if they do not serve as the actual basis of the coming American school, will determine its character. The presence of the great Bohemian master in this country is a blessing to art. And it is a remarkable thing that, at the very moment Rubinstein, Richter, Joachim and other famous musicians were discussing Dr. Dvorak's discovery with correspondents in Europe, the composer himself was writing the gratifying announcement that he had just finished a new symphony reflecting all through it the negro melodies of the western world.—New York Herald.

Sheep Shearing in New York. They are shearing the sheep in Central park, and a good sized job it has turned out to be. There are about 80 ewes and as many lambs besides the two or three rams. All of the flock are Southdowns of the purest breed, and their wool, averaging from six to eight pounds a fleece, is very fine and of more value than that of the ordinary sheep. Shepherd Conway and his sheep dog are attending the sheep and lambs on the green, while three or four professional sheep shearers are at work on the rest of the flock at the sheepfold. As fast as an animal has been shorn it is turned out to pasture with the lambs and rams, and the contrast between the thin, white appearance of the shorn sheep and the thick, brown fleeces of the rams and lambs is an interesting sight.—New York Letter.

Closing With a Hymn. Secretary Hoke Smith recently attended a semiprivate dinner in Washington and was called upon for a speech. Quite a number of newspaper men were present, and Mr. Smith concluded his remarks with an appeal to them to stand by the administration and stop criticizing it. His remarks were pitched in a strong religious strain. When Mr. Smith sat down, the gentleman who was presiding at the dinner said with a perfectly grave face, "The choir will now sing 'I Want to Be an Angel.'"—Washington Letter.

Reduced Immigration. The total immigration to the United States during the 10 months ended April 30, 1898, was 894,825—a decline of 119,133 from the immigration of the corresponding 10 months of the previous year. Emigration from Russia and Poland shows the greatest decline in this period, having fallen from 94,099 to 23,978. There is a very slight decline in the arrivals from Great Britain and Ireland, but the tide of emigration from Italy shows no abatement.—Charleston News and Courier.

Hawthorne in a Bean Pot. The story goes that a few weeks ago an auctioneer near Lewiston, Me., put up an old bean pot, and having no bids knocked it down to himself for 10 cents. Inside he found a copy of Hawthorne's "Fanshawe," the original edition. He remembered seeing in a Boston paper that a copy of this book had recently been sold for \$131.50. He wrote to a Boston dealer, who offered him \$100 for his find, which he took. It is said he might have got more.—Philadelphia Press.

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