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## A Joke Was No Joke With Him.

Men who purchase country weekly newspapers not infrequently have a desire to roll up their sleeves and do the work. Such a man, a Scotchman, was recently mentioned by E. W. Miller of Ottawa, Ill., when a crowd of writers were relating experiences they had had. This man, according to Mr. Miller, turned to the managing editor who went down to the editorial room at 8 o'clock every morning, by the way, wrote out the assignments for the day and then went out to cover them—and said he had noticed a column of "wee bit jokes" in other papers and thought it would be well if his new paper carried such a column. "But where," he asked, "can I get a man to write 'em?"

The managing editor suggested that the owner, being Scotch, write such a column himself.

"Ah," said the owner, "I ken I'm a bit brisk of the pen. I can write up the wee bit birth notices and the wee bit deaths and the wee bit marriages, but the wee bit jokes—mon, that's different. I can write bonny, but I joke wi' great deefcuty!"—New York Tribune.

## With Apologies of the Fraternity.

Sir John Ashley had a curious habit of speaking about himself as "Ashley" and blending the third person singular with the first person in the most unusual way. This is how he used to relate what happened:

"Ashley went to the Derby, and I'm blessed if Ashley's ticker wasn't stolen from him. As it had been given me, and I prized it, I went to the head pickpocket, with whom I was acquainted, and said, 'See here; they've taken Ashley's ticker.' The man blushed. 'Good Lord! You don't mean it, Sir John?' he stammered. 'Will you ave the goodness to just wait 'ere? I'll be back in a jiffy.' He was back in three minutes with Ashley's ticker, which he handed over, saying most humbly as he did so: 'I 'ope, Sir John, you'll accept the apologies of the 'ole fraternity. It was quite a mistake, and it was done by a noo beginner!'—Westminster Gazette.

## Bismarck Forgave.

Bismarck could forgive, but he wished to do it after proper solicitation. At the beginning of the Danish war Field Marshal Wrangle, who was at the head of the Prussian troops, was exceedingly annoyed at one point to be telegraphed not to advance farther, and he returned a message telling King William that "these diplomatists who spoil the most successful operations deserve the gallows." After that Bismarck ignored him completely, and one day they met at the king's table, where it was especially awkward to preserve a coldness. Wrangle called everybody "du," and presently he turned to Bismarck, who was seated next him, and said, "My son, canst thou not forget?" "No," was the curt reply. After a pause Wrangle began again, "My son, canst thou not forgive?" "With all my heart," said Bismarck, and the breach was healed.

## Doctors and Mustaches.

English doctors who grew mustaches once ran the risk of spoiling their practice. G. V. E. Russell in "One Look Back" remarks: "Quite certainly the first time I ever fell into the hands of a mustached doctor was in 1877. Every one condemned the hirsute appendage as highly unprofessional, and when soon after the poor man found his way into a lunatic asylum neighboring doctors of the old school said they were not surprised—that there was a bad family history and that he himself had shown signs of eccentricity. That meant the mustache and nothing else."

## Conspicuous by Absence.

Tacitus, the great Roman historian, was the originator of the phrase, "Conspicuous by his absence," when, describing the funeral of Junia in his "Annales," he said the funeral of her famous kinsmen, Brutus and Cassius, none by their absence. Lord John Russell popularized the phrase in England in 1850 by saying of Lord Derby's reform bill, "One provision is conspicuous by its presence, another by its absence."

## Sea of Galilee.

The sea of Galilee, which is 800 feet below the level of the Mediterranean, is fast becoming like the Dead sea, with dense water and salt formations on its banks. It is conjectured that the bed of the sea is sinking and that greater changes in it are impending.

## How Moose Jaw Got Its Name.

Moose Jaw is a strange name for a city, and it may be of interest to know how such a name was given. Some fifty years ago, so the story goes, a pioneer with his team of oxen and "prairie schooner," while passing along the banks of the river, was obliged to camp at this point, in Saskatchewan, on account of an accident to his cart as a spoke had fallen out during the day, and the wheel was falling apart. He looked around for something to insert for a temporary brace for the wheel, while his wife busied herself with the evening meal. The pioneer's child, while romping around, found the jawbone of a moose, which she held up to her father, who by this time almost despaired of finding something with which to mend his wagon, and was delighted to find that the jawbone exactly fitted the place of the missing spoke. The Indians thereafter named this part of the river "The Place Where the White Man Found the Moose Jaw." This accounts for the town's unforgettable name.—London Standard.

## An Extensive Shave.

When Salmon P. Chase was a school-boy at Worthington, O., he was one day left at home with orders to kill and dress a pig while Bishop Chase and most of the older members of the family were gone. In telling of this experience he wrote in an old letter: "I had no trouble in catching and slaughtering a fat young porker. I had the tub of water all ready for plunging him in, preparatory to taking off his bristles. Unfortunately, however, the water was too hot, or perhaps when I soused the pig I kept him in too long. At any rate, when I undertook to remove the bristles I couldn't start one of them. They were set! But that pig had to be dressed. I bethought me of my cousin's razor—a new one, just purchased by that spruce young clergyman. No sooner said than done! I got the razor and shaved the pig from tail to snout."

This is undoubtedly one of the most extensive shaves on record.

## What Rules the World.

Many years ago John Brougham, Lester Wallack, Artemus Ward and others used to meet after the play at Windhurst's, in Park row, in New York. One night the question, "What rules the world?" arose, and various opinions were expressed. William Ross Wallace, who was present, retired before long and some time later called Thomas J. Leigh from the room and handed to him a poem which he had just written. Mr. Leigh read it aloud to the company, and Mr. Brougham made a happy little speech of acknowledgment. The thing was entitled "What Rules the World," and the first stanza ran:

They say that man is mighty,  
He governs land and sea,  
He wields a mighty scepter,  
O'er lesser powers that be,  
But a mightier power and stronger  
Man from his throne has hurled,  
And the hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world.

## Punishment For a Thief.

"Richard, by the grace of God, king of England. . . . If any one cast any reproach or bad word against another or invoke God's malediction on him let him for every offense pay an ounce of silver. Let a convicted thief be shorn like a prizefighter, after which let boiling pitch be poured on his head and a feather pillow be shaken over it so as to make him a laughing stock. Then let him be put ashore at the first land where the ships touch. Witness myself at Chillon." These are two of the ordinances of Chiron quoted by Miss Maude M. Holbach in "In the Footsteps of Richard Coeur de Lion."

## Sharp Practice.

"I took her home in a taxicab. She asked me to come in and meet her mother. I told the taxicab man to wait. Her mother proved very entertaining." "Yes." "The taxicab man waited two hours." "What's the answer?" "Why, I found out afterward that her mother was a stockholder in the taxicab company."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Awkwardly Put.

This is one of the things one would rather have put differently: Mr. Bumbleup (at fancy dress ball)—I must apologize for coming in ordinary evening dress. Hostess—Well, you really have the advantage of us. We're all looking more foolish than usual, and you're not.—London Punch.

## Crushed.

"If I could only die and leave you well off," he said after they had had their first quarrel, "I would be glad to go." "How," she cruelly asked, "could you die and leave me otherwise than well off?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Rather Harsh.

The famous baritone had been giving a concert and the critic from the country was asked: "How was the timbre of his voice?" "Well," said the critic, "it seemed to me to be full of knotholes."—Harper's.

## Correct Diagnosis.

Patient—Shall I have to give up beer, doctor? Doctor—No; I shan't forbid you to drink it, but it's extraordinary,

## Luxurious Church Pews.

A good Wilberforce story is told by the Rev. P. B. Ditchfield in "The Old English Country Squire." In the old days the average squire believed in taking his religion easily and comfortably, and his pew was often the most luxurious in the parish. Mr. Ditchfield describes it as "a cozy, sleep provoking structure, curtained off, wherein was often a special fireplace, the pew being furnished like a drawing room. If the clergyman was rather too long preaching his sermon the squire would poke the fire somewhat impatiently and vigorously. It is reported that sherry and biscuits were sometimes served by a livery servant and that the squire used to have his letters and newspapers delivered to him in his paw and to read them during the sermon. "When Bishop Wilberforce was shown a luxurious squire's pew, with a special fireplace, armchairs and every convenience, and when the clerk asked if the bishop could suggest any improvement or the addition of any furniture Wilberforce quietly whispered to the clergyman by his side, 'A card table.'"

## Old Time Hangings.

"The Anglo-Saxons," said a scientist of the British association, "have a great love of hanging, and the science has constantly improved. In medieval times many of the places where they hanged people were provided with a kitchen with big pots of pitch. The bodies were pitched all over and made waterproof and able to resist the atmosphere. Then they were hung out as a warning to other offenders. "Hanging was also used as an anesthetic in connection with the old practice of killing a man for high treason by hanging, drawing and quartering him. This kind of hanging did not necessarily hurt a man, for five men hanged in 1447—gentlemen belonging to the Duke of Gloucester—had been marked out to be quartered and drawn when their pardons arrived. They were cut down and soon were none the worse."—London Cor. Baltimore Star.

## A Voracious Appetite.

An example of eating to wager in the good old times of a hundred years ago is to be seen in the following newspaper scrap: "A singular wager was decided yesterday at a public house in Shepherd's market. A man of the name of Bushel in that neighborhood undertook for the trifling bet of one guinea to eat and drink in the course of twenty minutes the following articles—viz, six pounds of tripe, two dozens of large onions in sauce, two three-penny loaves, three pounds of potatoes and three pots of porter, the whole of which, to the great astonishment of the company, he devoured in fifteen and one-half minutes, and such was his voracious appetite that he exclaimed: 'If any man present would treat him with a bumper of brandy and half as much more as he had eaten he would tuck it in.'—London Spectator.

## India's Butter Tree.

By far the most remarkable of edible flowers is that called from the butter tree of India. The blossoms of this singular tree are the chief means of subsistence with the Bhils and other Indian hill tribes. An average tree yields from 200 to 350 pounds of pulpy bell shaped flowers that when they drop off during March and April, are eagerly gathered by the natives. They have when fresh a peculiar and luscious taste, but the fragrance of them is not pleasant and is best and most briefly described as "moony." Usually they are cured in the sun, shrivel to one-fourth of their size and then resemble nothing so much as raisins. The natives prepare them for food by boiling or using them in sweets.—Suburban Life Magazine.

## Influenza.

Influenza derives its name from an Italian word meaning influence. It was thus entitled by the Italians in the seventeenth century because they attributed the disease to the influence of the stars. A very common belief is that influenza is a comparatively modern disease, disassociated from a general class by later day medical men, but this is far from being the case, for the illness has been mentioned by ancient writers as far back as the fourth century, there being records of its appearance in France in 1311 and 1403.

## Foley's Kidney Cure

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## SILVER PLATING.

An Accident Pointed the Way to the Original Process. In 1742 Thomas Bosover, a mechanic of Sheffield, England, discovered the art of silver plating. He was repairing the handle of a knife in which both copper and silver were used. Accidentally the two metals were fused together. Based upon this observation, he developed the new process. Upon a thick ingot of copper he bound by iron wire a thinner ingot of silver. The whole was then heated in a reverberatory furnace until the edges of the silver ingot were observed to begin to melt. The two ingots were then removed from the furnace, slowly cooled and pickled, cleaned and rolled to the desired thickness. The result was a plate of copper more or less thinly covered with silver on one side. This was the first Sheffield plate. For fifty years following the copper was plated on one side only and the cut edges showed the copper. Later the process was so perfected that no copper was left exposed. All the silverplate of the world was made by this process until electroplating was discovered and made commercial.—Popular Mechanics.

## SHERIFF SALE UNDER EXECUTION.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon in and for Umatilla County, and to me directed and delivered upon a judgment and decree rendered and entered in said Court on the 27th day of November 1912, in favor of F. S. LeGrow, as Plaintiff, and against Maggie Wilson, individually and as administratrix of the estate of Chas. Wilson, Deceased, as Defendant, for the sum of \$1423.53 with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from March 7th 1911; the further sum of \$200.00 attorney's fees, and costs and disbursements of this action taxed at \$27.00 in that certain suit in said Court then and theretofore pending, wherein the above-named F. S. LeGrow, as Plaintiff; and Maggie Wilson, individually and as Administratrix, of the estate of Chas. Wilson, Deceased, and Blanche Wilson, Lowell Wilson, L. L. Rogers and Homer I. Watts as Defendants, and whereas by said judgment and decree that the hereinafter described real property to-wit:

The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, in Township 4, North Range 34 E. W. M., all in Umatilla County, Oregon, be sold to satisfy said judgment and all costs. I will on the

6TH DAY OF JANUARY A. D. 1913 at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day in front of the Court House door, sell the right, title and interest the said Maggie Wilson, individually, and as Administratrix of the estate of Chas. Wilson, Deceased, and Blanche Wilson, Lowell Wilson, and Homer I. Watts, had in and to the above described property on the 7th day of March 1911, or since then have acquired, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the proceeds to be applied in satisfaction of said execution and all costs. Dated this 4th day of December, A. D. 1912. T. D. Taylor, Sheriff, Deputy.

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Matrimony.  
In the Isle of Man the wedding ring was formerly employed as an instrument of torture. It is in this country today, in many instances.—Milwaukee Sentinel.  
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