

## Humor and Philosophy

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### PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The only good thing about advice is that it puts the giver in such good humor that he usually will stand for a touch.



The dealer in green goods is on the lookout for green customers to match them.

Never lend your umbrella; it is a good thing to have handy when it rains.

Nearness lends enchantment to the senses when fried chicken and peach pie are under contemplation.

An eye opener is a joke the point of which a blind man can see.

When you have strained your relations with your sweetheart apply a poultice of bonbons and violets.

Many a woman has won a husband by becoming the tail to his kite.

The most successful get rich quick scheme is this: Be born the son of a trust magnate.

Many a woman is darker than she is pained.

Nothing makes a man quite so mad as to discover that a slot machine is out of repair after he has put his money in it.

### Hardly Worth.

Life is hardly worth the living  
When one has an aching tooth.  
Who can gentle and forgiving  
Be in such a case? In truth,  
Candor makes me here declare  
Then I'm cross as any bear.

I am hating all creation  
When my tooth is breaking time;  
When it aches like all tartation,  
I am fit for any crime;  
Still it takes a lot of grit  
To step up and part with it.

When I try the pain to cover,  
Playing that there is no ache,  
Half a dozen mishaps hover  
Round me to advantage take,  
To beat me as I grin,  
Keeping all these swear words in.

It is safest, when that molar  
Takes the center of the stage,  
Plunging one in darkest dolor,  
To sludge and quiet keep  
Till the tooth is put to sleep.

### Getting Even.

"She is going to sue him for breach of promise."  
"But he has no money. What does she expect to get?"  
"Revenge. She intends to have his letters read in court."

### Wants Were Modest.

"I came to ask you for your daughter."  
"But she is the only one I have."  
"Well, I don't want one. I hope you don't take me for a bigamist."

### A Fixed State.

"Can marriage be successful on \$10 a week?"  
"Sure thing. A man could never save enough to start divorce proceedings."

### How He Won Her.

She was a sweet girl graduate,  
The choicest of the brood.  
He was almost a savage,  
Uncultured, raw and crude.

He didn't know beyond the Alps  
That Italy lay fair;  
He didn't know that at the top  
Were zones of room to spare.

But he owned thirteen sections  
And paid bills in advance,  
So when he said, "Please marry me,"  
She thought she'd take a chance.

### Deserve the Treatment.

"Mosquitoes are very bad about the place this year."  
"If they are so bad, why don't you have them sent to a reform school?"

### Would Be His Choice.

"More people die from overeating than from starvation."  
"It is? Think how much pleasanter a feast it is!"

### A Double Loss.

"Why did he marry her?"  
"Jenks bet him he couldn't."  
"That was where he lost out twice."

### Well Named.

The little coin is fickle  
And simply will not stay;  
It's called the nimble nickle  
Because it gets away.

### The Modern Way.

"Those who dance may pay the admission."  
"Unless they dance to beat the band."

### A Poser.

"I make it a point to believe just half what I hear."  
"Which half?"

### Made His Own Jail.

Among the early Comstockers, the makers of Virginia City, Nev., were some of the toughest specimens of humanity loose in the world in those days, and perhaps the most primitive one in the lot was "Red Mike." The fellow appeared to be equipped only with brute instincts, but there was human intelligence of a sort in the back of his head, and he gave an exhibition of prudential forethought that would have been creditable to a wiser man.

"Red Mike" was employed as bricklayer in the building of a jail, which was one of Virginia City's first and most imperative needs, and he thoughtfully omitted the mortar and laid a number of bricks dry and loose at several places in the wall.

In the natural order of things "Red Mike" committed a serious offense and was thrown into jail to await trial, for even in the early days the Comstock usually tried a man before hanging him. The next morning the jail was empty. "Red Mike" had made a hole in the wall by taking out some of his own handiwork, and when he went out he took all the other prisoners with him.

### Italy and the Evil Eye.

It is for us to realize the deadly significance to an Italian of the suggestion that one may have the evil eye. I was walking one day with a young American girl to whom I had been unfolding some of the tragedies I have known connected with the superstition. She took it all lightly and joyously, after the manner of her kind, and later, during our walk, when a saucy, tormenting beggar cursed us, she made the sign of the cross as I had described it to her, shaking the hand slightly, with the first and the fourth finger extended. Then the beggar became convulsed with anger and seemed almost beside herself, shrieking out such a torrent of abuse that we were glad to jump into a cab and fly from the wrath to come. The poor creature was not to be blamed; she knew that once the shadow of suspicion falls it means social excommunication, banishment outside the pale of whatever society one belongs to.—Century.

### Whistler's Fine Arts.

Mortimer Menpes, the artist, in his book on Whistler, says: "Sometimes we visited a dealer who owed him money, and Whistler would hand a check. Once the check was not handed to him in what he thought a sufficiently dignified manner, and he said to the dealer: 'This is careless of you. You push this check toward me, and you do not realize what a privilege it is to be able to hand it to the master. You should offer it on a rich old English salver and in a kingly way.' Once a dealer borrowed a gorgeously embossed silver salver for the occasion, and when the master arrived for his check—the salver with a carefully worded and elegant little speech that he had taken some pains to rehearse. The master was pleased. 'This,' said he, 'is as it should be.'"

### A Curious Freak of Lightning.

The old adage that "lightning never strikes twice in the same place" has often been disproved. Here is an instance in point: In the summer of 1884 the farmhouse of Henry Axtell, in Chemung county, N. Y., was struck by lightning three times in one day. First it split the chimney from top to bottom, ruined stove and pipe and bored several large holes in the floor. An hour later a "bolt" struck the same house and tore a milk bench, upon which several cans of milk were setting, all to pieces. The same evening a third flash entered the roof and tore the logs from a bedstead.

### Quaint Cures of Old.

For epilepsy wear a ring made from a coffin ring and take seven drops of blood from the tail of a cat. These remedies are equally efficacious either separately or in conjunction. For toothache carry in the pocket the tooth of a soldier killed in battle or eat mouse nibbled bread or trim your nails on a Friday. To cure warts, rub a potato and give the potato to a pig, or rub them with a piece of chalk, then put it in a little bag and throw it across cross roads. Holding the affected finger in the ear of a cat for half an hour was reckoned an excellent remedy for a felon.

### His Estimate.

"How far do you travel in crossing the ocean from Liverpool to New York?" asked the instructor at the night school.  
"Four thousand miles."  
"Oh, no. Think again."  
"That's right," persisted the shaggy haired pupil. "I know the book says 3,000 miles, and that's what it is in a straight line, but I'm counting the ups and downs. I've been across!"—Chicago Tribune.

### His Trade.

"And you say you have a trade?" asked the kind lady at the door.  
"Yes'm," said the tramp. "I'm a worker in precious metals and stones."  
"Indeed! And can't you get anything to do?"  
"No'm, de perlice and de Jewelers are all on to me."

### Used to It.

Tommy was visiting a neighbor's. At dinner the hostess apologized to him because the table linen was soiled at his plate.  
"Oh, that's nothing," he assured her promptly. "Ours is worse'n that at home."—Brooklyn Life.

### Why, Indeed?

He—Why does a woman always think she ought to wear a smaller shoe than she can? She—Why does a man always think he ought to wear a larger hat than he can?—Yonkers Statesman.

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### Cautious.

"Do you think it is right to kiss a girl you are not engaged to?"  
"It may be right, but it isn't safe. She is liable to land you before you get away."

### Stood the Test.

He loved her. Who could doubt it? He proved it sure enough. He listened to her poems And said they were great stuff.

### PERT PARAGRAPHS.

A tactful man will always refrain from making any comments on Monday's dinner.

What Johnnie can't understand is why the first month of vacation is so much shorter than the last month of school.



If oysters could vote, they would doubtless want a plank in the political platform knocking "R" out of the alphabet.

A woman selects her second husband with a great deal more decision and dispatch than she did her first.

The shallower the man is the deeper he pretends to be.

A girl always marvels at the celerity with which the masculine halo disappears after marriage.

Sometimes when a woman lays down the law she takes up the rolling pin.

Some women are never happy unless they are unhappy.

## Democratic State Ticket

U. S. Senator (to fill vacancy)	No nomination
U. S. Senator (term beg'ng March 4, '07)	John M. Gezerin, of Mult.
Representative in Congress, 1st Dist.	Charles V. Galloway, of Yamhill
Governor	Geo. E. Chamberlain, of Multnomah
Secretary of State	P. H. Sroat, of Marion
State Treasurer	J. D. Matlock, of Lane
Supreme Judge	T. G. Hailey, of Umatilla
Superintendent of Public Instruction	No nomination
State Printer	J. Scott Taylor, of Klamath
Attorney General	Robert A. Miller, of Multnomah
Commissioner of Labor	No nomination

## Democratic County Ticket

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THIRD—In regard to electing United States Senator by a direct vote of the people, I will say that as Socialists we have no interest in the matter, as we do not believe in a delegated system of government, and hold that so long as you give the law-making power into the hands of any set of men, that it does not matter by or through what means they get this power, the fact remaining that during their term of office they are masters of the situation, and so long as they have this law-making power in their hands they will sell it to the highest bidder.

R. C. HENSLEY.

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