

**Humor and Philosophy**

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**THE MAIN QUESTION.**

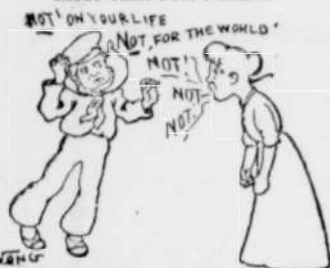
In the pleasant autumn weather,  
When the leaves begin to glow  
And the forest looks as brilliant  
As the lady in the show,  
Sweetly we commune with nature,  
Feeding on her wealth our soul  
As we wonder how in thunder  
We can buy our winter's coal.

In a mass of gold and yellow  
Hang the leaves upon the trees  
Or to earthward softly flutter  
On the light, impulsive breeze.  
As we view the living poem,  
Done in smooth, artistic rhyme,  
It's distressing to be guessing  
Can we buy our coal on time.

In the fastness of the forest  
Is a mass of color blurred  
That one couldn't catch on canvas,  
Though the artist was a bird.  
Far from noisy haunts of commerce,  
From the grim and smoky town,  
But the haunting thought keeps  
flaunting—  
Will the coal go up or down?

Brown and yellow blend with crimson,  
And the treetops are aflame,  
In a brilliant conflagration  
Putting fireworks to shame,  
But the waste seems almost sinful  
As the leaves begin to turn,  
For the falling year is calling  
For substantial coal to burn.

Made Him Feel Natural.



"It was a breezy time when the sailor man proposed to the landlady's daughter."  
"Did she accept him?"  
"I should say not. She rejected him at the rate of forty nots an hour."

Home For the Friendless.

Isn't there a fine chance for adventurous spirits to capture some small but exceedingly tight island and provide on it a home for embezzlers who are having a hard time these days to get some country to adopt them that doesn't have extradition laws patrolling the borders looking for suspicious characters with fat rolls bulging out their hip pockets?

As these rotund crooks usually carry away large enough wads to enable them to pay big board bills the venture should be a profitable one. They could sit there in the balmy breeze, under a rented vine and fig tree, and embezzle against each other to their heart's content and not get heart failure every time they saw a sail looming up on the horizon. Those who have never looted a bank or played the races with a trust fund little know the crying need there is for such a haven of refuge.

Needed Them.

"Seems to me that you make a good many mistakes."  
"Sure. Didn't you know this was a time job?"

Satisfactory Substitute.

When you eat a peck of apples  
Green and hard, but very filling,  
If it's not appendicitis  
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A Cure for Rheumatism.

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"I will," said the man. "When will I find your wife at home?"—Kansas City Journal.

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Landed Like a Cat.

C. E. Heft, electrician, and former resident of Central Point, where he was employed as a lineman by the Condor Water and Power Co., was the central figure in an elevator accident in Portland the other day while at work at his calling in the new Wells-Fargo building installing electric elevators. Heft and his working partner were at work on a temporary hoist in the elevator shaft at the ninth floor when, without warning, the grip gave way and the cage started to drop a sheer 125 feet to the bottom. Heft grasped an overhead brace and at exactly the right second swung himself from the cage just as it struck the bottom and before it started on the rebound. He escaped unhurt, but his companion received perhaps fatal injuries.



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