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The Mayor Who Couldn't Spell "IT."

During the several terms that Tim Campbell served in congress he was always prominent before the house. One of his colleagues from Manhattan was Colonel Jack Adams, who, a lawyer, while he and Mr. Campbell were in congress together spent most of his time working off practical jokes at the expense of the east side statesman. Tim had been in and out of Tammany Hall several times, those changes depending on whether his claims were recognized or repudiated.

A very hot political canvass found Tim one of the staunchest adherents of the Hall. Colonel Jack had had a falling out with the powers and was just as strong on the other side. Tim took this very much to heart, as his admiration for his fellow congressman was very strong. He concluded that, where all else had failed to bring Colonel Jack into the fold, he (Tim) could succeed.

"Now, Jack," Tim said insinuatingly, "what do you want to go and fight the mayor for? Sure, he's a fine young fellow, bright and enterprising and one of the best educated men in America."

"Educated!" exclaimed Colonel Jack contemptuously. "Educated, did you say?"

"Sure, he's one of the very best educated young fellows in this city."

"Educated!" reiterated Adams, putting an extra dose of contempt into his voice. "What would you say, Tim, if I told you that he was so little educated that he spells 'IT' with only one 'I'?"

"Does he do that?" responded Tim in a heartbroken tone.

"I do not."

"Well, then, I have nothing further to say. I don't blame you."—Saturday Evening Post.

Dartmoor Superstitions.

In no part of England is superstition so rife as in the west of England, and especially so on that tract of barren land known as Dartmoor. One angler who had great luck on the river Dart discovered his last year. He made a big catch, but it was made on Easter Sunday. It consisted of 56 trout, the largest 1 1/2 pounds and three of one pound each, besides several of half a pound, a phenomenal catch for the upper Dart. When he tried to have some cooked at the farmhouse where he was staying, the old moorland cook refused to have anything to do with them, deeming them "devil's fish" or "vishe," as she pronounced it.

Another superstition is that if one picks a piece of broom while fishing that one will assuredly be drowned before the day is out.

It is general for the moormen when doing a quiet poach when the streams are in flood to spit on their first worm for luck. It is thought unlucky to look into the water before making a cast. The most curious superstition is that if one is fishing and for some time catches nothing some one is wishing him ill, and the only way to counteract the "ill wishing" is to kneel or "sit on your knees," as they say on Dartmoor, and bite off the top of a young bracken fern. The fish then will be found to bite with most peculiar and surprising avidity.

Why He Was Deaf.

Scene: Stable of Scottish village inn. Landlord is busy repairing a piece of harness and is carrying on at the same time a conversation with the village blacksmith. Enter farmer.

Farmer—Look here, landlord. Can ye gie me a bottle o' yer best whisky?
Landlord—Weel, ye see, the horses are a' out, an I dinna ken when any o' them'll be hame.

Farmer—It's no' a horse I want; it's a bottle o' whisky.
Landlord—Aye; but, ye see, they're a guld bit awa', an it'll be late before the first o' them's back.

Farmer (louder)—I tell ye, it's no' a horse, but a bottle o' whisky, I want.
Landlord—Weel, ye see, the beasts'll be tired, an—
Farmer—Gang awa' wif ye an yer beast!

Exit.
Blacksmith—Man, John, ye're gettin as deaf as a doorpost. It wassa' a horse, but a bottle o' whisky, the man was ankin for.

Landlord—Ou, aye, I heard him fine, but he didn' pay for the last bottle he got.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Nice Family Mix Up.

A widow with a number of small children married a widow who was similarly blessed. In due time the newly married couple added to the

number. Hearing a voice in the yard one day, the father went out to see what was the matter.

"Well, what was it?" asked his wife as he returned out of breath.
"Your children and my children were quarrelling with our children," was the reply.—London Answers.

Won.

"Dear," said young Mrs. Jellus, "I thought you ought to know. There's a married man who is violently in love with me."

"What?" he cried. "Who is he?"
"If I tell you, will you give me those earrings I wanted?"
"Yes. Who is it?"
"You."—Philadelphia Press.

Beardless Soldiers.

Modern warriors generally wear hair on their frontpieces. It is thought to give them a martial appearance. But Alexander's invincible soldiers were all bare faced. He compelled them to shave for a sufficient reason—viz, lest the "outside barbarians" of Asia should seize them by their beards and so capture them.

Laconic Justice.

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