

Brotherly Love.



"Throw that cigar away, my boy. I'd let yer have it in er minute, but blood is thicker dan water. Me bruder here asked first."—New York Journal.

A Phenomenon Explained.

"Why is it," said Mrs. Miggs, "that a single man is so anxious to take a girl to the theater and seems to care so little about plays after he is married?"

"That's very easily explained," answered her husband. "It is due to a certain deplorable but inevitable masculine vanity. When he takes the girl to whom he is engaged to the theater, he knows she is comparing him with the handsome hero of the play, and to the disadvantage of the hero. After marriage she doesn't hesitate to tell him flatly that he looks like the low comedian."—Washington Star.

A Pelee Sufferer.

"Lady," began the dusty wayfarer, "could you help a poor sufferer of Mont Pelee?"

"Mont Pelee?" echoed the housewife. "Why, you are no resident of Martinique."

"I know dat, mum, but I am a sufferer just de same. Half de things kind ladies had saved fer me dey sent down here."—Philadelphia Record.

A Peculiar Name.

"What makes you call your mule Pingpong?"

"It 'minds me of de happy day when I was workin' foh some o' dem select gemmen at de club," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "When I'ze drivin' dat mule, I has to talk to him jes about de same as dem gemmen was talkin' to de balls when dey was learnin' to play de game."—Washington Star.

A Winter Memory.

"I do not understand where to put this meat so that it will keep," said the good wife. "There is no ice in the refrigerator."

"Put it in the furnace," advised the kind husband. "That was the coldest spot in the house last winter."—Baltimore American.

Not Strenuous Enough.

"To what do you attribute the fact that the odds so greatly favor your opponent in the coming fistie encounter?"

"Some fresh guy circulated a report among the sports that I wuz doin' all me training with a pingpong layout."—Chicago American.

Treason.

Lieutenant—Don't you know enough to salute your superior officer?

New Sentry—I did, sir.

Lieutenant—I failed to see you.

Sentry—I said, "Hello, there!" but I guess you didn't hear me.—New York Journal.

It Is Needed.

"He has devised something new in automobiling, I understand."

"Oh, yes, indeed. He is so extremely progressive that he has an automobile ambulance follow in his wake when he is scorching."—Chicago Post.

Artificial.

"Is the sideshow ready to open?" asked the barker, sticking his head into the tent.

"No," replied the manager; "we can't find the sacred cow's hump."—Ohio State Journal.

He Has It Cold.

Gobang—Do you use a fieldglass when you go to the races?

Grymes—No; I do not go much on style. A bottle is good enough for me.—Judge.

A WISH.

I see the boy who graduates
Stand up before the crowd;
His collar's very, very tall;
His tie is very loud.
He sees his parents sitting there
As proud as they can be,
And there's another, too; his breast
Is filled with ecstasy.

I see him raise his good right hand
And wave it in the air;
I hear the big, uncommon words
Roll from his lips up there;
He draws himself up proudly, and
His face with pleasure glows,
I wish that I knew half as much
As this boy thinks he knows.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

Parore For riasster patches.

Plaster patches were introduced in England in the reign of Edward VI. by a foreign lady who in this manner ingeniously concealed a wen on her neck. They became such a craze and were carried to such exaggerated lengths that they were finally lampooned out of sight. The men, as well as the women, stuck themselves over with these beauty spots. No lady of fashion considered her toilet complete until she was equipped with her little box of patches cut in her favorite design. If one happened to come off in company, she hurriedly replaced it with a fresh one from the box.

At length patching in England went so far that party spirit was symbolized by the position of the patches. A letter in the paper on June 2, 1711, tells of a visit to the Haymarket and the discovery by the writer of three classes of women in the boxes all differently patched. Upon inquiry he discovered that those who patched on the right side of the forehead were Whigs and those who favored the left were Tories, while those who patched indifferently on either side were a neutral party, whose faces had not yet declared themselves.—Harper's Weekly.

The Cost.

Hotel Clerk—I can give you a single room for \$1 or a room and bath for \$4.
New Arrival—That's putting a pretty heavy tax on cleanliness, isn't it?
Yonkers Statesman.

Rather.

She—Isn't the air bracing out here?
He—I think if we get nearer the window we will find it a little more at am-bracing.—New York Press.

The Peach Crop.

"Yes, indeed," said he. "Miss Love has a complexion like a peach."
"That's so," replied her rival; "it's bound to fall."

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Managing John.

"John," she said softly, "have you been saying anything about me to mother lately?"

"No," replied John. "Why do you ask?"

"Because she said this morning that she believed you were on the eve of proposing to me. Now, I do not wish you to speak to mother when you have anything of that kind to say. Speak to me, and I'll manage the business with mother."

And John said he would.

To Find the North Magnetic Pole.

An expedition is being planned in Norway for the discovery of the north magnetic pole. If indeed such a spot exists, for it has been suggested that what is called the magnetic pole may not be a definite point, but a considerable area over which the needle would stand vertically. There is also a question as to the absolute fixity in position of the magnetic pole. Captain R. Amundsen is to command the expedition, and the ship Gjoa has been purchased for its use. The start is to be made in the spring of 1903.

Butter and Oleomargarine.

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