## Humor and Philosophy

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In spite of the Don't Worry clubs all What would you do with a millionthe people worry some of the time, and Would you do all the good that you possome of the people worry all of the



A man len't funhard at it.

Children are imitimes tell lies, and der how they ever learned it.

Some men's heads are so swelled that What would you do with a million, It is a shame to have to crowd them into a two dollar bat.

can't help it.

Job would hardly have succeeded in making a record if he had lived in a

lays down the law.

prefers a state of lone cupklity to a state of cupid's own-ity.



A gentleman is one who gives up his sent as cheerfully to a woman as to a lady.

If golf were not fashionable it would be work.

#### In the Country.

When the rattle of the reaper Wakes the echo of the hill, Rousing me, an idle sleeper, Down behind the old sawmill, Laxily I turn me over On my bed of fragrant clover.

Seems to me, our country countra Don't appreciate the times. That the birds, by tens and desens, Warble tiffough the leafy Junes. Very simple is the reason. They are grubbing all the season.

Not for me the rasp and rattle Of the reaper in the wheat. I had rather watch the cattle Of the fragrant clover eat. Rather lie here, cool and lazy, Then to labor till I'm crasy.

Draughts of perfume, sweet as honey, Loose are lying round up here, But the hired man-it's funny-Bays he'd rather have some beer; Bays the stuff that nature mixes lan't what the barkeep fixes.

## Did You Ever!

Did you ever wake up in the morning with a start under the impression that you had overslept yourself, jump up and on looking at your watch discover that it was a half bour earlier than usual and then crawl back for a little nap? It is just like finding money. You

had expected that you would have to jump into your clothes, hurry through your breakfast and run to catch the train, and you find instead that you have time for one more dream and then sufficient time to tie your necktie and leisurely discuss the coffee and rolls. Few joys are equal to this. Meeting

an old friend or discovering a stray dime in the pocket of an old vest cannot match it.

You stretch yourself thoroughly, lay out plans for the day and when the half hour has about expired you slowly arise and look at your watch again. and find that it has stopped and that necording to its count you still have that helf hour.

Drink What You Can.

#### "Drink deep at knowledge's fount or not Such sayings always make one cry

Enough. For one should take a drink, however small. So it's enough on which to hang a bluff.

Words Would Fall "How does it feel to be disappointed

in love?" "Ever run over by a railroad train and then have some one come and rub salt on the sore places?"

"No." "No use trying to tell you."

Not Strange to Him. "Radium is not such a wonder, have known of a substance that would give off heat for years."

"Well, you missed your chance for fame. What is It?" "Jamaica ginger."

No Thought of the Future. He praised her hands, for they were fair; He did not know, he did not care. o to discover did not try If they could frame a pie.

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Copyright, 1904, by Duncan M. Smith, WHAT WOULD YOU DO!

And never forget an old friend? Would you go to the people who suffer And chase the gaunt wolf from their

ny when he works Or would you shut up like a cupboard And eagerly grasp to get more?

What would you do with a million Children are imi-tative and some Do you hencetly think you would paint

the town pink And turn yourself into a tank? their parents won-would you purchase a swift automobile der how they ever And turn the thing loose for awhite? Or would you drink water and travel On foot to add more to your pile!

To loll back and chase away care. Some people are jolly because they But all of your schemes might work

crosswise,
Get tangled and then go awry.
But still you would like nothing better,
I'll venture a dime, than to try.

#### It Sometimes Happens That Way.

She paused and looked about her. The man who never argues, simply There was not much to look at, but Elise was a born rubber and her neck had to have exercise. After she had A bachelor is a misanthrope who gazed awhile she ceased to pause and ambled along for balf a block, then she stopped again and took another look. Seeing no one, she raised her right foot, yanked off her toe slipper and shook a pebble from it. A look of rehef apread over her face as she replaced the slipper and her jaws relaxed their rigidity. Her pearly little teeth once more played regularly upon the wad of rubber gum between them. She always wore rubber gum between her teeth because it matched so nicely with her rubber neck.

No. gentle reader, there was no hole in her hostery.

#### Different at Times.

"How true," said the sentimental youth, "that there is no place like home."

"Yes," said the old man who was taking his menis downtown, "particularly during house cleaning time."

## Filling Up Again,

Again the faithful Sunday school The children gather in. The urchins know that, as a rule, In June picnics begin.

#### Needed His Services

"I don't see anything lately from the pen of Jenkind, who gave such promise

as an imaginative writer," "He has a better thing. The gas company heard of him and gave him a job reading its meters." Now it takes a wit to hold

## Preparing a Welcome.

"I want three pounds of the toughest beefsteak in the shop." "What's the matter? You used to

so particular." "My wife's relations are coming to

## stay for a week."

Shove Over. When a man is up against it He of course is not in clover. But the field may lie quite near him; He would better sidle over.

## Way Stations

"How far is it to town as the crow

"I couldn't tell you, as there are several fields of corn on the way."

## PERT PARAGRAPHS.



Don't waste your time preaching a cheerful gospel to a man with indigestion, because he will not understand you.

A friend in need is often a touching sight in a double sense.

A new suit is apt to be noisy in that it calls loudly for new shoes and a new

Perseverance is a quality not commendable in crying babies.

More men would be wealthy if their wives' plans to save money materialined.

A wise leader never tries to take his

crowd the way it does not want to go. The successful book agent checks bis-

feelings in the office before starting out on his rounds.

To discover who has the weaker side of an argument wait and see which is the first to begin calling names.

## Heading Them Off.

Mrs. Villadom-Why do you want to call on the Borems tonight? Mr. Villadom-Because if we don't they're cer tain to come over here. It will be easier to go home when we're tired of them than to ask them to go home.

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Sounding brass is not argument, but tinkling silver has been known to serve the purpose.

The next best thing to having credit A having money.



Sometimes the people who sit in darkness are heathen and sometimes they are lovers.

When man and wife are truly one it is usually the story of the lion and the

A man rarely has the courage of his convictions when his sweetheart's little brother is the subject of considera-

One season of ridicule was all that the shirt waist man could stand.

It is easier to guess who will not be president than who will.



The best doctor for levesickness is the doctor of divinity.

A peck of oats goes much further with a mule than kind

It is not wholly the fault of the beef trust that man does not live by bread

#### She Has the Fad.

Durling, I am growing old, For I feel rheumatic twinges In my fingers as i fold Each upon the other; hinges Creaking in my elbows warn me That gay youth's about to scorn me.

Darling, I am growing old; Ripe red roses bloom no longer On my pallid cheeks; some bold, Dauntiess hand has carved out stronger Lines upon my forehead pale, Where massage and cold cream fall.

Darling, I am growing old; Waitz and twostep do not please me. My attention and release me From the sleepy spell that binds me, And of coming age reminds me.

Darling, am I growing old? Can't I find something to try on This ships form now lines t And old age to quite slip by on? Exercise, they say, with diet Will work wonders; think I'll try it.

## Contrary to the Rules.

"Bertha, will you love me always? Will you think of me every moment of out of those plays." the day and dream of me by night? Will my name be engraved on your heart like a shoe sign on a billboard? Will you carry my image with you in your mind while you are doing the housework, peeling potatoes or doing up your back hair? My darling, I plead for all of your time. Do I ask too much ?"

As he spoke these passionate words John Pendergaster took her soft, clinging hand in his ham-like fin and stroked it a few times while he waited for her answer.

"Dear John," said the beautiful young thing at last, a smile lighting up her face and disclosing the four dollar filling in her front teeth, "you know I love you, but do you realize what you have asked? I should just love to do that better than anything I can think of right now, but woe is me. I am a member of the union, and by its rules we are forbidden to love a man for more than eight hours a day."

#### The Noblest Sight. To see a hilitop bathed in light Is certainly a pretty sight.

To see a sweet girl passing by Is more than pleasing to the eye. A nice and nobby new spring hat

Is certainly worth looking at. A flery, high strung prancing steed

Is worth a passing glance indeed. Than all these it is better still To look at one ten dollar bill.

#### Possible Explanation. "What made the tower of Pisa lean?"

asked the teacher. "Was there a famine in the land?" timidly asked a little girl in the back seat.

## Sign of Youth.

"How old is Miss Jenks?" "She must be pretty young. I heard her telling what the man must be like whom she would marry."

Half the truth will very often amount to absolute falsehood .- Whately.

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#### THE SILLY SEASON. Here it is once more As of yore, With its weird tales

And bales Of improbable stuff, Unadulterated guff Put up for the trade Rendy made And, though at times uncouth, Warranted to look like the truth-The old reliable season, When Reason Takes a back seat And Foolishness crieth her wares in

the street; When correspondents from the ends Of the earth send in our old friends The heary Old sea serpent story-How the monster gigantic Drove frantic Once again

The simple fishermen; The time tried story of the snake That comes around to partake Of the baby's milk and, to the mother's dismay, Wants to fight any one who would offer to take the baby away

Another yarn that makes a hit Is that of the wild Eagle that flies away with the child Clutched in its feet To its mountain retreat. Later in the year

Will appear

The story of the boy run through thrashing machine Man with an ungovernable temper, who Is speedily lynched by the rest of the

orew. And so they come, Each one like an old chum We have not seen For years. But their memory is green They come with the first suggestion of heat.

For without them the summer would

not be complete.

## Drawbacks to Sleep.

Sleep is a good thing and is warmly indorsed by the doctors, which may seem strange, since it costs nothing. To lie on a soft, downy couch wrapped in ten or twenty yards of slumber is about as pleasant amusement as the average man can ask.

Like all good things, sleep has its drawbacks. Oftentimes just when the sleeper is snoring away at the rate of forty miles an hour and has just arrived at the orchard where diamonds are picked from the cherry trees some rude person hits the door a solar plexus blow and calls to the sleeper to get up and bring in half a ton of coal before

brenkfast for exercise. It is useless for the sleeper to beg for an extension of time, for the caller usually has a pitcher of cold water to use on obstinate cases. And the sadpapers could not say that they had dest part of it is that he can never pick up the thread of his dream and resume the pleasant task of picking diamonds when he lies down at night. pears to be a horse of another color.

## Dull Days.

With Adam how did Eve find joy What time they talked together? She had no neighbors to annoy, And there was lovely weather.

#### They Take to It. "There is one thing that makes me

think Bacon wrote Shakespeare." "What is that?" "So many ham actors take a fall

#### He Has To. A fellow of experience

Who does not welcome strife Will have his say and always leave The last word to his wife. Knew Him.

#### "Lend me \$5 until Saturday." "Not much. I might want to use it

before the end of the summer." Source of Strength. A man his foes may scatter

By being calm and cool; It doesn't take gray matter

To call a man a fool.

## PERT PARAGRAPHS.



Beauty may be only skin deep, but a young man thinks that it goes through, clear through.

One way to have a quiet Fourth is to give the boys all of their firecrackers on the 3d.

The man who is suddenly confronted with a loaded gun does not take long to make up his mind.

A short story writer may be one whose stories are short, or he may be one whose long stories are returned.

When a man gets a transfer after a street car wreck he is lucky if it does not call for a trip to the hospital.

Did you ever hear of a man trying to drown his troubles in water?

When a bad penny returns, shove it into the slot machine.

Few doctors have for their motto, "Let well enough alone." When a woman takes in washing you

har hat as she passes along the street.

## Many Romances.

"Do you devote much time to read-

ing fiction?" "Considerable. I have to audit the expense accounts for the firm."

## Where He Failed.

"Her husband is so lazy he bents anything I ever saw." "I guess you never saw her carpets,

for he doesn't beat them."

#### His Only Resource. "Cheer up, old man; you must not

borrow trouble." "I wouldn't if there was anything else I could borrow."

## His One Specialty.

"Jones is the poorest conversationalist I ever met." "Ever get him started to talking about his children?"

#### PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The reason a man marries his sweetheart is because she is not like other girls. The reason he divorces her is because she is,

When a man marries, his economies begin.

The mother-in-law joke grew out of man's desire to get back at the hard task mistress he had to serve during courting time.

In the matrimonial market it is better to know how to turn a compliment then to know how to turn a flapjack.

When the house cleaning sensor is over and the lawn is mowed most men will cease having urgent business down-

## town in the evening.

Different Point of View. His party, he was very sure, Had motives sweet and purpose pure; That its ideals were so high That they at times brushed off the sky.

He knew that voters in its ranks Were good and true and that the cranks Were over on the other side, And where the bosses ran things wide.

But that was when he held a place, And from the public crib drew pay In cash at five or six a day. He lost his job to one more strong; Then he could see that things were

He knew that these things were the case,

# And even on the other side. He thought some virtue might abide.

wrong,

One Thing Lacking. "It does not seem possible that men lived to be 300 years old during the early days of history." "Why not?"

smoked ever since they were six years To the Chinaman the yellow peril ap-

To the accompaniment of the minister's sermon many a new dress is plan-

It is rubbing it in on a man afte

jury has sentenced him to hang to ask him if he has anything to say. The average sailor does not take

## kindly to water when on shore.

It Is Here Again. With dragons red and pink and green Comes the merry-go-round. Comes the merry-go-round. And every little girl's a queen On the merry-go-round On the merry-go-round.

It plays a lot of ragtime tunes. Does the merry-go-round, Does the merry-go-round. And all the boys and girls and coons Ride the merry-go-round Ride the merry-go-round It rakes in nickels by the peck, And every child is now on deck,

#### For the merry-go-round For the merry-go-round. Fits the Description.

"What is meant by nature's nobleman? "A tramp, I guess. Noblemen do not work, and the tramp does not and is a special patron of nature."

## "I never see you round with Brown

any more, and you used to be such warm friends. What has come between you?" "I loaned him \$10."

Would Stay With Him.

Strained Relations.

#### "I hold Jacob's note for thirty days." "I'll bet a quarter you will hold it longer than that." More Emblematic.

"He is going to take the stump for his party this fall." "It would be more appropriate if he took the barrel." They Must Eat.

"Two heads are better than one."

"That depends on the quality. If

neither is any good, that is just one

more to feed." Sometimes the politicians pick new men for office because it is easier to get money out of them than from sea-

#### soned campaigners. Arithmetical Rule.

"How old is Miss Jenkins?" "I don't know, but if you can and out the age of her twin brother, she is just could hardly prove it by the style of three years younger."

#### To Tell If a Man Shaves Simeelf, "I can tell in a minute simply by

looking at a man whether he shaves bimself or is shaved by a barber," said the wielder of the razor and brush. "No, it isn't a question of eleanliness nor yet a question of backing the face. There is no reason why a man who is accustomed to shaving himself shouldn't make as clean a job of it as the average barber. And yet I can spot him every time. See that little lock of hair that grows down the side of the face just in front of the ear? Well, when a man is shaved by a barber those two locks don't vary in length more than a sixteenth of an inch. The man who shaves himself, on the other hand, is invariably lopsided. He always begins to shave higher up on the left side of the face than on the right side, as a consequence of which one side of the face looks longer than the other. No. I don't know that I can explain this phenomenon. I only know that the condition exists." - Philadelphia Rec-

#### Died of Superstition.

Princess Likelike, daughter of Kapaaken and mother of Princess Kainlani, died on Feb. 3, 1887. She had not been seriously ill, but a lava flow from the great volcano Kilanea, in Hawaii, which occurred a few days before her death was to her mind a sure sign that a chieftainess was required by the goddess Pele, that heartless old deity suggested to the children of nature in the ages of volcanic terrors. So firm were Likelike's convictions that the wrath of the furious Pele had to be appeased by her death that she lost heart and never rallied. The night before her death there was a halo around the moon, and when she saw it she abandoned all hope and speedily died. A few years afterward Likihiku heard that he was being prayed to death by an enemy, aided by a sorcerer, a deadly method of warfare, so he simply lay down and died of despair.

#### Conscientious.

Weary Walker-No. ma'am; I ain't dirty from choice. I'm bound by hon-or. I wrote a testimental for a soapmaker once and promised to use no other.' Mrs. Housekeep-Well, why do you not use that? Weary Walker-Because, ma'am, that firm failed about five years ago.

"The reason I can't get along will my wife is that the wants to sub. all our difference to arbitration."

He Didn't Want to Arbitrate.

"To arbitration?"
"Yes. She always wants to refer diputes to her morher." "Tobacco was not discovered, and the

> Yes, but I am somewhat reconciled. I have since learned that she married hers.-Puck. The man who advertises that he is looking for trouble generally takes the

street car the other way when he sees

She-So your ideal jilted you? He-

it coming. The man with a theory as to how to live 100 years could prove it if he could just live long enough to demon-

strate it. A Hint to Hendquarters. Head of the Firm-I don't see how you are going to support a wife on

your present salary. Smart Clerk-Netther do I, sir.-London Punch. No man who thoroughly understands

#### woman should get married unless be wants to have his theories jarred.

Why Is It? "Did you ever notice," said an observant young man, "that men as a rule run down the heels of their shoes. on the outside, while women run them down on the inside?" He was asked to explain the reason, but said he had no reason, as he only mentioned it as being singular, with no means of expla-

Simple.

The man who plants a garden plot Where neighbors' chickens stray

A Dutch Fishing Village.

Almost every fishing village in Hol-

Has faith enough to move a hill A mile or two away.

nation.

land has its special dress and its own quaint customs. One can see from old Dutch pictures that these have not varied for the last 200 years. One most interesting place is the island of Mar-Ren, a tongue of land on the margin of the Zuyder Zee, which can well be inspected in a couple of hours. It is so little above the sea level that the clusters of houses or tiny villages are built on mounds connected by bridges, and nearly every little house has its own little moat and its own little boat -everything except the people is on a diminutive scale in Holland-moored near the door so as to be handy in case of flood. The houses, with the exception of the church and the clergyman's house, are built of wood on high piles. They are none of them very old, as the place has often been flooded and burned. In winter Marken is often under water, and the inhabitants use boats to pass from one village to a other. The cottages, which are pain blue, green or black, with pointed bles, and roofed with red tiles, are

exactly alike and possess only

ground floor built on high piles.