

Stories With a Smile

She Filled the Bill

JOHN SLOAN, the painter, was lecturing on "Models" before an art class in New York.

"Then there is the frivolous model," said Mr. Sloan. "She, unless very beautiful, is to be avoided. A frivolous model besought a friend of mine to employ her."

"No, no," he said. "I only do still life—flowers and fruit."

"Well," said the model, looking up at him, reproachfully out of limpid eyes, "well, ain't I a peach?"

The Bellicose Kaiser.

At the French consulate in Cleveland the Vicomte Jean de Champ of Aix said to a reporter:

"This terrible European trouble has all been the fault of the German Emperor. They who try to exonerate the German Emperor speak feebly. Their apology is like the old lady's."

"The German Emperor," said the old lady's husband, looking up from his newspaper, "has got very bellicose again."

"Why," said the old lady, "according to his latest photographs he seems much thinner to me."

Where the Injunction Failed.

"Why, Willie," said the teacher, "have you been fighting again? Didn't you learn that when you are struck on one cheek you ought to turn the other one to the striker?"

"Yes'm," agreed Willie, "but he hit me on the nose, and I've only got one."

It Warn't Dare.

A trial took place recently in Texas before a negro jury. The twelve gentlemen of color were told by the judge to retire and "find a verdict."

They departed for the jury-room. Then began the opening and shutting of drawers, the slamming of doors, and other sounds of unusual commotion. Everyone wondered what the trouble was.

At last the jury came back into the court, and the foreman arose and said:

"We hab looked everywhar—in the drawers, and behind the do', an' can't find no verdict. It warn't in de room."

Working Overtime.

A couple of Boston physicians were swapping stories of their odd experiences, when one told the following:

"I called upon a lazy patient of mine to see a new baby. I found the infant all battered up—black and blue in spots. 'What's the matter with him?' I asked the mother."

"Nawthin much," said the parent. "Ye see, he was christened yistidy, and while his daddy was holdin' him the 6-o'clock whistle blew."

Knew Them Both.

The family doctor was paying a semi-social, semi-official visit. As he took a leisurely departure he paused to discuss with Margaret's mother the general health conditions of the city.

"We're not so badly off—comparatively, that is," he said. "For one thing there are only two uncontrolled, unmitigated smoke nuisances in the town."

From the sofa in the corner Margaret spoke:

"Yes, doctor, I know," said she. "Papa and Uncle Jim."

A Moonscraper.

Pat had gone back home to Ireland and was telling about New York.

"Have you such tall buildings in America as they say, Pat?" asked the parish priest.

"Tall buildings, ye ask, sur?" replied Pat. "Faith, sur, the last one

I worked on we had to lay on our stomachs to let the moon pass."

Jimmy.

Jacob H. Rutherford, an efficiency engineer of Cleveland, said, on the Hamburg-American pier in Hoboken:

"I am just back from England. In the offices over there they understand modern methods—they understand efficiency—about as little as Jimmy, the new office boy, did."

"Jimmy," said the boss, "file these letters."

"An hour later Jimmy said to the boss:

"You told me to file these letters, sir; but wouldn't it do just as well if I trimmed them off with a pair of shears?"

Mebbe.

There was a certain bishop who had a pleasant habit of chatting with anybody he might meet during his country walks, says Tit-Bits. One day he came across a lad who was looking after some pigs by the roadside, and the bishop paused to ask him what he was doing, that being his usual opening to conversation.

"Moindin' swoine," the lad replied, stolidly.

The bishop nodded his head thoughtfully.

"Ah, is that so?" he commented. "And how much do you earn a week?"

"Two shillin's," was the reply.

"Only two shillings?" remarked the bishop. Then he continued, pleasantly: "I too, am a shepherd, but I get more than two shillings."

The lad looked at him suspiciously for a minute, then he said, slowly:

"Mebbe you gets more swoine nor me to moind."

Pat Wanted to Know.

Some time ago, Pat had an argument with his wife's mother, and so heated became the conversation that Pat was eventually haled into court on a charge of disturbing the quiet of the county.

"It pains me to think," said the magistrate in reprimanding Pat, "that you should say an unkind word to your mother-in-law. I know a man who never disagreed with his mother-in-law in word, thought or deed! Never did he speak to her unkindly! Never did he—"

"Beggin' Yer Honor's pardon," suddenly interrupted Pat, "might I be askin' a question?"

"Certainly," responded the obliging magistrate. "What would you like to know?"

"Shure, Yer Honor," smiled Pat, "an' it's meself that would be likin' to know if the name of the gentleman yes referred to was Mr. Adam?"

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