

Stories the World Meets With Smiles

JOHN, whose father was a baker, was in the habit of bringing his teacher a fresh pretzel each day. "I wish you would tell your father not to make them quite so salty," she once said, laughingly.

Thereafter, the shiny, brown delicacy—always minus the salt—was found frequently on her desk. "It is very kind of your father to make one on purpose for me," she told him.

"Oh!" was the startling reply. "He don't make them this way. I lick the salt off!"

The Way She Would Learn.

Willie and Tommy are two Michigan youngsters who are pugilistically inclined. The other day the following conversation took place between them:

"Aw," said Willie, tauntingly, "you're afraid t' fight—that's wat it is."

"Naw, I ain't," protested Tommy, stoutly, "but if I fight my ma'll find it out and lick me."

"How'll she find it out, eh?"

"She'll see the doctor goin' t' your house."

Susie's Latin.

"My daughter Susie is getting quite an excellent Latin scholar," said the proud father to a visitor. "Here is one of her exercise books, and you can look for yourself."

Susie blushed scarlet and made a wild grab at the book. She was too late, and the delighted visitor read aloud to the company:

"Boyibus kissibus
Sweet girlorum;
Girllibus likibus,
Wantl somorum."

The Point of View.

In the Great Western Railway carriage, on the way up to London, a youth had disturbed and annoyed the other passengers by loud and foolish remarks during a great part of the journey. As the train passed Howell Lunatic Asylum he remarked:

"I often think how nice the asylum looks from the railway."

"Some day," growled an old gentleman, "you will probably have occasion to remark how nice the railway looks from the asylum."

Wanted to Know.

The editor of the Evening Star was deeply engrossed in his work when he was suddenly interrupted by the office boy, who remarked:

"There's a tramp at the door, Mr. Hyde, and he says he ain't had nothin' to eat for six days."

"Fetch him in," said the editor. "If we can find out how he does it, we can run the paper for another week."

Domestic Economy.

Somebody said to Jamie MacJames one day:

"I trust you don't spend all your wages?"

"That I don't," Jamie replied. "I only spend two-thirds. Two-thirds is all."

"And the other third—you bank that, I suppose?"

"No, I do better than that with it. I give it to the wife to run the house."

All Foreigners.

Two natives of the Emerald Isle were discussing, with evident irritation, the immigration problem.

"Thim furriners is gettin' an awful hold in this country," said Tim.

"Thru for yez," answered the other, as he transferred his corn-cob pipe to the other side of his mouth. "I wuz readin' over last evenin' the list av min naturalized, an' ivery wan av them was furrin'!"

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