

Stories World Meets With Smiles

AN eminent Methodist bishop was advocating a more liberal loosening of the purse strings, and during a sermon one day told his congregation that he at one time sent an article to a paper, in which he said: "We pray too loud and work too little."

The intelligent compositor did a most satisfying job and when it appeared it read:

"We pray too loud and work too little."

"I let it go at that," said the bishop. "The fact is, I believe the printer was right, and I never ventured to correct him."—National Monthly.

On the Roof.

Poor little Mrs. Jay's parrot got loose and flew out of the window. Great was her distress. Rushing wildly out into the patch of garden in the front of her house, she saw Polly sitting contentedly on the roof, viewing the surrounding landscape with much interest.

All at once she beheld an aged workman coming down the street, carrying a ladder.

"Please, my good man, will you get up onto the roof and catch my bird for me?" she cried pleadingly.

Quite willing to oblige, the aged one placed his ladder against the wall and slowly made his way up it. At last he reached the roof and crept toward Polly. As, however, he got closer that intelligent creature drew herself up.

"What the dickens are you messing about on this roof for?" she shouted at him.

The aged man came to a sudden stop, raised his hat, and replied: "Beg pardon, ma'am! Thought you was a bird!" and climbed down again.—Philadelphia Record.

In Spite of Himself.

In Denver they tell of a young Britisher who will some day inherit a title, and who not long ago married the daughter of a supposedly wealthy man of that town.

A month or so after the marriage the father-in-law took the husband aside. "I am ruined!" he exclaimed. "Practically every cent is gone!"

The Briton was a good loser, however, for he gave vent to a long, low whistle, and exclaimed, with a little laugh:

"By George! Then I did marry for love, after all."—Harper's Magazine.

Disinterested Information.

A house-hunter, who had just got off the train, stepped up to a boy hanging around the platform, with this salutation:

"My lad, I am looking for Mr. Smithson's new block of semi-detached houses. How far are they from here?"

"About 20 minutes' walk," replied the boy.

"Twenty minutes!" exclaimed the house-hunter. "Nonsense! The advertisement says five."

"Well," said the boy, "you can believe me or you can believe the make a sale."—Philadelphia Record.

advertisement, only I ain't tryin' to

Lobbies.

"The lobby—the lobby for this, and the lobby for that—has vanished from Washington," said Senator Smith at a picnic at cool Snow Hill, "and with the lobby has vanished the legislator of Blanc's type."

"Blanc—one of those frock coat, sombrero and white lawn necktie legislators—came home on a June evening and said:

"The lobbyist of that infamous P.D.Q. ring approached me at the luncheon hour today and—"

"Oh, good," cried Mrs. Blanc,

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clapping her hands. "Then I can have that trip to Europe after all, can't I, dear."—Boston Advertiser.

A Focman Worthy.

"What are you giving your cows now in the way of galactagogues?" asked the Fort Collins professor of the milkman. "Oh," replied the brother of the bull who had been graduated from Boulder University, "their sustenance is mostly of nitrogenous origin; rich in chlorophyll and opulent in butyrateous qualities with a sufficient equation of the carbohydrates to make the balanced proportions." "A pint, if you please," ventured the professor. "Git up," said the scholastic dairyman as the caravan moved on.

Ineffectual.

The tenderfoot bride and groom had become a little trainsick weaving in and out the sharp curves along the canyon. "Henry, do you love me as much as ever?" the bride asked. "Yes, my darling," the bridegroom replied, "more than ever." The bride turned her head away for a moment and then moaned: "I thought that would make me feel better, Henry, but it doesn't."

What Did She Mean?

"Do you think Miss Kidder was having fun with me?" asked Chawley.

"Well, old chap, give me the details," was Awtur's response.

"You see, I had my bull terrier with me, and I said to her, 'That dog knows as much as I do.' And she said, 'Don't you think five dollars was too much to pay for him?'"

Hopeful.

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