

# HUMOR

## HE PAID THAT DEBT.

A good story is told of the forgetfulness of a certain Richard Scott. He met a wealthy friend of his at the Saturday club one day and said:

"Oh, Bronson! Just the man I wanted to see! Lend me \$10, will you? I left my wallet home."

Mr. Bronson gave him the money, and with an amused expression on his face told Mr. Scott he'd remind him of the loan in case it slipped his memory.

Two weeks went by, and one day Mr. Bronson gently referred to the loan, which was promptly paid by Mr. Scott. A few nights later he again went up to Mr. Scott and began:

"Of course, you know, Scott, it's a thing I hate to speak of, but you—er—borrowed \$10 of me a little over two weeks ago, and if you can—"

"My dear sir," returned Mr. Scott, "you really must pardon me. My poor memory plays me false too often." And he took \$10 from his pocket and handed it to Mr. Bronson.

One night at the club, a week later, Mr. Scott was sitting over in a bow window reading, when Mr. Bronson approached and after a few general remarks said:

"Scott, my dear fellow, I know you mean to be honest, but really you ought to be more careful of your little debts. Now, there is \$10 you borrowed of me a month ago."

"Haven't I paid you that?" queried Mr. Scott, rather puzzled.

"Would I be speaking of it now if you had?" returned Mr. Bronson.

"Well," replied Scott, "I suppose it's that wretched memory of mine." And he paid him the third \$10.

About a week afterward a mutual friend of both came up to Mr. Scott in the dining room of the club and said confidentially:

"Really, you know, Scott, you ought to pay Bronson that \$10 you owe him. Pardon me for speaking of it, but you know we were talking of you this afternoon, and your poor memory, and Bronson told me of your forgetfulness in this little matter as an example. Now—"

"But, confound it!" answered Scott, "I am almost sure I paid him. Here, I'll go over and ask him." With that he hastened over to the group in which was Bronson.

"Didn't I pay you that \$10?" Scott began.

The different men looked at each other significantly. This was too much for Scott. He couldn't stand ridicule. He paid two \$5 bills to Bronson.

The latter kept it in his hand, and drawing out of his pocket \$30 more, he rolled them up and gravely handed them to the astonished Mr. Scott.

"It belongs to you," he said. "X—here and I had a bet about you and your lack of memory. I bet the champagne that you would pay me that \$10 four times and think each time it was the first. I see X— is giving the order, and, I say, Scott, I think you had better join us"—Harper's Bazar.

**How She Crushed Him.**

They sat in the parlor gazing at the natural gas flames as they chased each other over the asbestos surface.

The two were Miss Bellefield and Mr. Van Broom, and the young man was in love with the young woman. He was doubtful of her feelings toward him, however, for she was not a girl to display her love, if she had any, until it was sought. The young man had not spoken. He dreaded the ordeal. He was fearful of the result. The conversation turned upon marriage, and in the course of the discussion Miss Bellefield said:

"In Burma the women propose to the men."

"How I wish we were in Burma!" the young man replied with a slight stress on the plural pronoun.

"It wouldn't do you any good if we were," replied the girl, and Mr. Van Broom did not finger much longer that evening.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

**Not on Speaking Terms.**

The color sergeant was calling the roll of the company on commanding officers' parade when it was noticed that Private Fitzgerald did not answer to his name.

"Fitzgerald!" shouted the noncommissioned officer three times, without receiving a reply.

"Why do you not answer to your name, Fitzgerald?" inquired the captain.

"Shure, sor, me and the sergeant's not on speakin' terms," was the unexpected reply.—London Answers.

**Forewarned—Forearmed.**

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**Cleveland Before the Camera.**

Sometimes the unexpected prevents the photographer from getting a celebrity before his camera. This happened at Lakewood two days previous to the second inauguration of President Cleveland. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland were willing to grant the favor I asked, and the nurse and Miss Ruth were accordingly sent for. "I fear you will find the nurse a little suspicious," Mr. Cleveland said. The nurse came in promptly, but without Ruth. She put her foot down, as women will sometimes, and declared:

"She shall not have her picture taken today. If she should, Mr. Cleveland will never live to be inaugurated." That settled it, for the will of Ruth's custodian was law in that household. Then I turned to Mr. Cleveland and asked him to sit for me.

"Well," he said in his calm way, "you photographers bother me a great deal, and I do not care much about having my picture taken."

"Let me take you standing in front of your house. Possibly you may not care particularly now, but 10 years hence these pictures will recall pleasant days and scenes."

The idea seemed to strike him favorably.

"You may get them all together for me some day," he replied. And my request was granted.—G. Pach in New York Herald.

**Economic.**

There is a brakeman on one of the northern railroads who shows certain evidence of an economical instinct. When the conductor puts his head in at one end of the car and calls, "Somerville," the brakeman replies from the opposite door, "Same here."—Boston Transcript.

**Two Colors of Tobacco Smoke.**

Smoke consists of minute particles of solid or liquid matter suspended in the air, and its color depends partly upon the chemical constitution of such particles, but also largely upon their size. Exact experiment has shown that, as the size of minute particles suspended in air is gradually increased, they give rise to colors varying from sky blue down through the whole range of the spectral scale. This is the cause of sunset and sunrise colors in the sky. Its effects can also be traced in the case of the two kinds of tobacco smoke, modified by the murky tints of the carbonaceous products. The smoke given off from the heated surface of the burning tobacco in the bowl of the pipe consists of matter all of which has been highly heated and very fully oxidized and decomposed. It consists mainly of exceedingly small, solid particles, exhibiting by virtue of their smallness a bluish color. On the other hand, that smoke which has been drawn through the tobacco into the mouth of the smoker carries with it a relatively large quantity of water and hydrocarbon, which are condensed upon the solid particles above mentioned. The relatively large size of such particles explains the well known grayish color of the smoke which issues from the mouth of the smoker.—Tit Bits.

**See Only the Good.**

There is an old pagan fable of a man who for some crime of injustice was cursed with the power of seeing other human beings, not in their beauty of flesh and blood, but as skeletons, gaunt and grisly. Too many of us have this miserable faculty, and go about stripping off every worthy charm and beauty with which our friends are clothed to find and expose some ugly trait or passion underneath.—Christian Advocate.

**The Dear Girl.**

Esther—Did he kiss you?  
Tena—He hadn't the nerve to do that.

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## A QUEER DIVORCE CASE.

Unusual and Extreme Cruelty Without Recourse to Personal Violence.

The counsel in a recent divorce case, remarkable even in the annals of the Chicago courts, sought to defeat the plaintiff's case on a slender technicality, but fortunately without avail. The wife, who sought the divorce, was a particularly mild and obedient person, and the husband had an ingenious method of inflicting cruelty without resorting frequently to personal violence. He compelled her after her marriage to send word to her father and to her uncles and aunts, with whom she had lived, that she wished nothing more to do with them. The letters, which were dictated by him, and which she was compelled to send them, contained insulting and contemptuous expressions.

At the least sign of a failure to obey him promptly the husband directed his wife to stay in bed for periods of from a day to two or three weeks, only allowing her to rise to prepare his meals or to attend to the horses. When she was sick, he pushed her on one occasion to the floor, and when she cried he told her that she could stay in bed a day for every sob and counted them until the number of 11 was reached, and then directed her to stay in bed 11 days and restricted her to a diet of bread and water.

On one occasion he made her stay all night in the buggy shed, though he gave her a revolver with which she could alarm him if a burglar disturbed her. He took her young nursing baby away from her and sent it away without allowing her to know where it was until a month or two later, when she finally revolted and began the divorce suit. The details of the case were most heartrending, and Chief Judge Tukey, before whom the case was tried, said that the facts showed a case of cruelty to which in over 40 years of experience at the bar and on the bench he had never known the equal.

The law in Illinois, however, requires that "extreme and repeated cruelty" must be shown, and it has been held that to constitute that charge there must be more than one act of physical violence shown. An attempt was made to prevent the divorce on the ground that the defendant did not violently lay his hands upon his wife except on one occasion, when he pushed her to the floor.

Judge Tukey, however, breaks away from the old rules, although he says the tearing away of the child from the arms of the mother might be considered a second act of personal violence. He holds that there may be the most extreme cruelty inflicted on a refined and delicate woman which would not be cruelty toward a coarse and brutal nature. The Chicago Legal News protests against the attempt to follow in Illinois the antiquated rule based on the case 100 years old that there must be at least two acts of physical violence.—New York Tribune.

## Floating Palaces.

Sir Nathaniel Barnaby, the chief constructor of the British navy, has given the weight of his high reputation to the possibility of constructing a ship for Atlantic navigation which will be 1,000 feet long and 300 feet broad, with engines of 60,000 horsepower and an ocean speed of 15 knots. The ship he described as a "steel island," which will be incapable of entering any dock, at any rate as at present constructed, having several engines working side by side. He thinks that a draft of 26 feet of water need never be exceeded.

"I do firmly believe," said Sir Nathaniel, "that we shall get the mastery over the seas, and that we shall live more happily in a marine residence, capable of steaming 15 knots an hour, than we can ever live in a seaside town. This project is not, however, intended to shorten the duration of a transatlantic voyage, but to make it more tolerable while it lasts. Most of the efforts hitherto made to deal with the problem of Atlantic navigation have aimed at speed as the first essential, and have left out of account the possibility of making such mechanical provisions against mal de mer as would enable the most squeamish of passengers to contemplate an Atlantic voyage with perfect equanimity. In this direction the achievements of the last half century have been truly marvelous."—Manufacturers' Gazette.

**A Much Robbed Stagecoach.**

There is today in Phoenix, A. T., a stagecoach that has been held up and robbed oftener than any other in existence. It has seen its best days and now stands dismantled and dilapidated in the backyard of a livery stable, but could it talk many are the tales it could tell of brigandage that would lay the exploits of Claude Duval in their shadow.

It began running in the seventies between Prescott and Tombstone and has actually been robbed 83 times. Eight drivers and as many express messengers have been killed from its box, and as passengers in those days went armed to defend themselves and property, not a few fatalities have occurred among them and the brigands. It was originally a handsome Concord coach, pulled by eight mules, and cost \$1,500 at Tucson, but its sides are now split by rifle and pistol bullets, and in more than one place the leather lining shows the wild stroke of a bowie knife.—Los Angeles Herald.

**TODAY'S MARKETS.**

Prices Current by Telegraph—Local and Portland Quotations.

SALEM, January 1, 4 p. m.—Office DAILY CAPITAL JOURNAL. Quotations for day and up to hour of going to press were as follows:

**SALEM PRODUCE MARKET.**

FRUIT.

Apples—30c to 75c a bushel.

**BUTCHER STOCK.**

Veals—dressed 5.

**LIVE CATTLE—14 to 2.**

Sheep—alive \$1.50.

**MILL PRICES.**

Salem Milling Co. quotes: Flour wholesale lots \$2.60. Retail \$3.00.

Bran \$14 bulk, \$15 sacked. Shorts \$15 1/2. Chop feed \$16 and \$17.

**WHEAT.**

48 1/2 cents per bushel.

**HAY AND GRAIN.**

Oats—New 30c.

**FARM PRODUCTS.**

Wool—Best, 10c.

**LIVE POULTRY.**

Chickens—5/8, ducks, 8/10; turkeys, slow sale, choice, 10c; geese 5 to 7c.

**PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.**

Grain, Feed, etc.

Flour—Standard, \$2.75; Walla Walla, \$3.15; graham, \$2.40; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel.

Oats—New white, 34c per bu.; grey, 32c; rolled, in bags, \$6.25 to \$6.50; barrels, \$6.75 to \$7.00; cased, \$3.75.

Hay—Best, \$10.00 per ton.

Wool—Valley, 10c to 11c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$16.00; shorts, \$15; ground barley, \$18; chop feed, \$16 per ton; whole feed, barley, 70 cts. per cental; middling, \$23 to 28 per ton; chicken wheat, 65c to 1.15 per cental.

Hops—New 10 to 16c.

Hides—green, salted, 60 lbs. 3c, under 60 lbs., 2c 3/4; sheep pelts, 10 to 60c.

**DAIRY PRODUCE.**

Butter—Oregon fancy creamery, 30c to 32c; fancy dairy, 25c to 27c; fair to good, 20c to 22c; common, 10 to 17c per lb.

Cheese—Oregon, 10c to 13c; Young American, 12c to 15c per pound; California 14c; Swiss imp., 20c to 22c; Dom., 16c to 18c.

Eggs—Oregon, 25c per dozen. Eastern 23c to 27c.

Poultry—Nominal; chickens, mixed, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per dozen; ducks, \$3.50 to 4.50; geese, \$8.00; turkeys, live, 12c; dressed, 12c to 14c.

Beef—Top steers, 2 1/2c per pound; fair to good steers, 2c; No 1 cows, 2c; fair cows, 1c; dressed beef, \$3.50 to 5.00 per 100 pounds.

Mutton—Best sheep, 2c; choice mutton, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c; lambs, 2c to 2 1/2c.

Hogs—Choice, heavy, \$4.50 to 5.00; medium, \$4.00 to 4.50; light and feeders, \$3.50 to 4.00; dressed, 16c to 18c.

Veal—\$3.00 to 5.00.

**SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.**

Wool: Oregon Eastern choice, 10c to 12c; do inferior, 7c to 9c; do valley, 12c to 15c.

Hops—18 to 18 1/2c.

Potatoes—Early Rose, 50c to 55c. Burbanks, 35c to 45c.

Oats—Milling, \$1.12 to \$1.17 1/2.

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