HUMOR

GEORGIE'S ATTEMPT.

He Makes It In the Cause of True Love, but It Fails.

deer editor--i comencid 2 think i cood trust bil jonson but I find i cant.

marie green & me had a fite on monda an she hortily told me she cood never b mine. i pleded & pleded but she still turned her cold bak on me an sed no. she sed she b leved i wos a hartless croket an she had no time 4 me.

piti me, piti me, i sed.

my piti is turned 2 mud, she sed.

i told bil jonson about it an he sed, wats the use ov worryin yourself about a woman. shaik her.

(thats the way bil talks since he smoks cigerats.)

i love her bil, i sed, i cant give her up.

want 2 find out if she loves u, sed bil.

yes, i sed.

comit suicide, sed bil.

wats that, i sed.

kill yurself, bil sed.

then i wil no 2 late, i sed.

wel, sed bil, i tel u wat. u onli maik b leve kil yurself. i will help u. ist u rite a leter to her teling u have kiled yurself in the barn.

so i rited the leter:

deer, deer, marie—bi the time u get this i will be most ded. i kannot live without u. fairwell, yure true love, gorgie.

now, sed bil, u taik a nife in yure hand an put red paint all over yur faic like u had cut yure throte, an lay down an maik b leve u r dien. I will go an giv the note 2 marie, an wen she coms she wil think u r most ded an u wil no if she loves u or not.

so i got the paint an put it on mi faic an hands an sum got on mi coat an pants. i luked like i was cut al over. then i laid doun an comenced 2 die. i kept gronin & gronin & waitin 4 marie 2 cum. i gess i wos dien about half a hour an the paint wos al getin dri an no marie cum. bi & bi i herd footsteps bi the barn an i comenced 2 di orful hard.

ware is he, sed a voice.

in here, sed bil.

now, marie grene, if u aint got a hart like stone u will piti me & love me, I sed 2 miself.

3 men cum in the barn with bil and so did pa.

1 was a doctor & 1 was a policeman. the doctor sed the blood wos onli paint. the policeman sed i orter b tuk up 4 playin triks on the law, an pa tuk me up in the garret an clubbed me 4 gitin paint al over mi close.

bil jonson dident give marie grene the note at all an she herd all about wot i done. now shes gone al aronnd laffin at me & tellin peeple about a man trien 2 kil hisself 4 her.

bil jonson & her are veri thik.

cursis on him. gorgie.

—New York Mercury.

Turn About Is Fair Play.

"How are the farmers making out this year?" asked a New Yorker, a former resident of Vermont, of a friend from the old home.

"Poorly," replied the Green Mountain man. "You recollect old Bill Thompson? Well, his case illustrates the condition of affairs. It came around the end of the year, and he hadn't made enough to pay his man, so he had to sell a yoke of oxen to get money.

"When he turned the proceeds over to the fellow, he said, 'Tom, times are hard, farming's played out, and I've got to let you go.'

"'But,' said Tom, 'you've got more cattle. I'll serve you and look for my wages in cattle.'

"'And when they're all gone what will you do?'

"'What will I do?' queried Tom. 'Why, then you'll work for me, don't you see, and get all your cattle back again.'"—New York Herald.

The Cause of Dew.

An examiner once visited a college of some importance in the north of England.

Among other questions he asked what was the cause of dew.

No one could answer.

At last one of the pupils got up and said:

"The earth turns on its axis once in every 24 hours with such a rapidity that it perspires and thus produces dew."—Spare Moments.

A Booby.

"Why, the fellow kept asking me, his host, if my witticisms were original. What does that show?"

"It shows that he is a man who has read very little."—Truth.

A Revelation.

Miss Pinkerly—What an awfully pretty son you have, Mrs. Calloway! Won't you come and kiss me, Willie?

Willie (doubtfully)—I guess I hadn't better, mamma. She wouldn't be satisfied with one.

Mrs. Calloway—Why, Willie, what an idea!

Willie (triumphantly)—Well, that's what my big brother says!—Brooklyn Life.

Qualified.

Our professor was lately lecturing at the "annex" to a class of three. In the course of his talk he came to an exposition of his views as to woman's functions in the body politic. "Women," he is reported to have said, "are merely the element of beauty in life. Their business is to make life graceful, and they can't do that, you know, unless they themselves are pretty and graceful. If a girl is not pretty, she might just as well vanish from the face of the earth—that is," he qualified as he gazed at the three sober spectacled faces in front of him—"er—unless—she's tolerably pretty, you know."—Boston Budget.

A Natural Mistake.

Little Boy—Ma, is that lady the coachman's wife?—Hallo.

Adjustable.

It was a handsome solitaire, and she evidently desired the jeweler to know that it was her engagement ring.

"I would like to have this ring altered to suit my finger," said the pretty girl as she flourished the brilliant bauble before the eyes of the jeweler.

The jeweler took the ring and smiled. He had seen it before.

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The young lady sailed out of the shop burning with indignation, and the reason she did not fly was because she hadn't the wings. What did she think? You know, and it is only necessary to state that she did not wear the ring.

Another girl has it now, but this time the jeweler was not permitted to touch the spring. The young man did it himself.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Wit of the War.

"In our company during the civil war," said Captain T. E. Barlow of Milwaukee, "was a stuttering sergeant named Thomas and a chaplain named Chenautt, who was exceedingly untidy in personal appearance. The sergeant was a wit and gave the chaplain no end of trouble. One cold day the parson had preached over an hour, and at the close of his discourse asked any one who felt serious to come forward.

"The sergeant went at once. 'Do you really feel serious?' asked the chaplain, rather doubtful of his convert. 'Se-se-rious, I sh-sh-should say I-I di-did. Any m-man w-would feel s-se-serious to s-s-sit on a c-ca-cake of ice t t-two hours and h-he-hear y-you p-p-preach,' was the reply. On another occasion, at mess, the sergeant began to eat before the chaplain had asked the accustomed blessing. Extending his hands over the table, the chaplain said:

"'Pause, sergeant, pause.'

"'Y-Yes, I s-s-ee 'm. D-d-d-d—dirty ones too.'"—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Examination Blunders.

This year's university examinations have commenced well and show that budding masters of arts and doctors of law are gradually getting out of the beaten tracks of ordinary knowledge—for instance, one gentleman explained the "equinox" to be derived from "equa," a mare, and "nox," night, which, when cojoined, mean a "nightmare." Another described "primogeniture" as a plant which bears only one flower, and a third, who was striving for honors in history, wrote in his essay on the character of Henry VIII, "Cartherine Parr, who survived the king, was going to be beheaded, but he died the day before he signed the warrant."—London Telegraph.

His Limit.

Dunn—I say, Upton, when are you going to pay me that sovereign you owe me?

Hardy Upton (indignant, but dignified)—Dunn, this is twice in three years you have importuned me for that money. I was once your friend, but this day severs all our relations, sir! And I wish you to understand, sir, that as long as I live I shall never borrow another sixpence from you. That is my ultimatum, sir! Good day!—Tit-Bits.

A Great Grief.

"I shouldn't have thought that Maud would have preferred George to Harry. Harry earns twice as much money in the course of the year."

"I know, but Harry only has a job, from which he gets wages, while George holds a situation and receives a salary."—Boston Transcript.

He Was Wrong.

A lady entered a Boston street car one day, and a gentleman arose and politely gave her his seat. Something seemed to trouble the gentleman, for he shortly bent over and said, "I beg pardon, madam, but did you say anything?"

"No sir," answered the lady curtly.—Life.

Disagreed.

"I think Chappie and his sister look very much alike."

"Oh, do you? I never thought she looked the least bit effeminate."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Use.

Caller (in editorial sanctum)—Do you take stove wood on subscription?

Editor—Is it in convenient length to throw at the devil?—Truth.

Reaching For Columbus.

Captain Gambier, R. N., goes a step farther than the assertion that Columbus did not know what he was discovering and denies him the merit of having discovered at all. The first sight of America, he says in The Fortnightly, was obtained by one Jean Cousin of Dieppe, in 1488, four years before the arrival of Columbus at San Salvador. Cousin actually sailed up the Amazon river, which he called after the native name "Marsagnon."

On board his vessel was a man named Pincon, who was tried and punished for insubordination on the return to Dieppe. Being banished from France, this Pincon made his way to Palos, in Spain, and though there is no direct evidence that Columbus sought him out and obtained information as to Cousin's voyage, it is a remarkable fact that one of Columbus' vessels was actually commanded by a man of this name, who was accompanied by two brothers. The principal thing to be said in opposition to Captain Gambier's theory is that France, which assiduously lays claim to every scientific invention and discovery that can be named, has never been known to put forward a pretension to the discovery of America. Perhaps after this she will.—Pall Mall Gazette.

One of Cromwell's Letters.

Among the Welbeck abbey manuscripts is a characteristic letter from Oliver Cromwell to Captain Penn, which is dated July 9, 1653, and reads in part as follows: "It is not a little murmured in this place that the fleete came off from the enemies' coast att this tyme. Some whoe neither love you nor us nor this cause are apt to make their owne constructions of itt, yett I believe you satisfied your judgments in itt. Indeed that which I apprehend is that the Dutch commissioners may bee a little high upon itt, but that I trust will returne upon their owne heads in the end. I often thinke of our great losse in your deere General Deane, my most nere friend.

"I wish that the honest interest hee carried onn may still be maintained amongst you. Doe that, and all will doe well, in that I shall desier to serve you to the uppermost as in all thinges else. I shal be glad to heere from you how your affaires go. I hope the Lord has brought inn to the present parliament men of approved godlinesse for the generallitye of them, and very few, if any, lyable to just exception. Bee not shye to lett mee knowe wherein I may expresse my love, for you shall finde mee your very true friend."

When You Gape.

A well bred man puts his hand over his mouth when he yawns, but not one well bred man in 10,000 knows why. The reason is this:

Four or five hundred years ago there was a superstition common in Europe that the devil was always lying in wait to enter a man's body and take possession of him. Satan generally went in by the mouth, but when he had waited a reasonable time and the man did not open his mouth the devil made him yawn, and while his mouth was opened jumped down his throat. So many cases of this kind occurred that the people learned to make the sign of the cross over their mouths whenever they yawned in order to scare away the devil.

The peasantry in Italy and Spain still adhere to this method, but most other people have dispensed with the cross sign and keep out the devil by simply placing the hand before the lips. It is a most remarkable survival of a practice after the significance has perished.—Exchange.

Origin of Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army had its origin in the town of Whitby, in the rough coal mining district of Yorkshire, where General Booth, at that time Rev. William Booth, was doing humble mission work. England was then in arms, expecting to jump into the Russo Turkish war. It occurred to Booth that he might attract a crowd by issuing a declaration of war himself, so he prepared one forthwith, sprinkled it plentifully with hallelujahs and posted 2,000 copies of it about town. The device tickled the British sense of humor, there was a "redhot, rousing meeting," to quote General Booth, "the penitent fell down in heaps," and the Salvation Army sprang into life full grown.—Journal of Education.

A Good Manager.

Cook (7 a. m.)—Please, ma'am, the dog got hold of the steak that was for breakfast. Shall I go out and get another?

Mistress—Is there any news in the morning paper?

"Yes, indeed, ma'am. Big accidents, and horrid murders, and bomb explosions, and rumors of another war!"

"Very well. Warm over something left from supper and place the paper by my husband's plate."—Toronto Empire.

The Two Faced Month.

The word January is derived from the Latin Januarius, a name given to it by the Romans from Janus, one of their divinities, to whom they attributed two faces because on the one side the first of January looked toward the new year and on the other toward the old.

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