

posed to the lady of his choice at an evening party by writing on a card the words: "Will you marry me?" A few moments later the card was returned to him with this inscription beneath his question: "Won't I!"

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A Striking Departure

The English "Bystander" is of the opinion that if the New York newspapers take up the example set by a Kalamazoo paper and by the New York Stock Exchange of opening the day's work with hymns, a new meaning will be given to "Hark! the 'Herald' angels sing."

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Pertinent Examples

At a western college, a pupil undergoing an examination in English, had been instructed to write out examples of the indicative, the subjunctive, the potential and the exclamatory moods. His effort resulted as follows: "I am endeavouring to pass an English examination. If I answer twenty questions I shall pass. If I answer twelve questions I may pass. God help me!"

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What She Wanted

An old coloured woman was seriously injured in a railway accident. One and all her friends urged the necessity of suing the wealthy railroad corporation for damages. "I clar' to gracious," she scornfully replied to their advice, "eff dis ole nigga ain't done git more'n nuff o' damages! What I'se wantin' now and what I'se done gwine to sue dat company foh is repairs."

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An Awful Warning

There was a bum basso named Young, Unpleasantly strong in the lounge.

One day in Wyoming

He sang in the gloaming

And when he had sung they hounge Young.

—Sphinx.

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A Judicial Epigram

Even the chancery courts have sometimes been illumined by judicial wit. Lord Justice Knight Bruce, who was a born epigrammist, was the author of the well-known lines:

The curate's eyes our ladies praise.

I never see their light divine.

He always shuts them when he prays,

And, when he preaches, closes mine.

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Willie Again

Little Willie's sister was being baptised. Everything went well until Willie happened to catch a glimpse of the water in the font, when he began peering about anxiously, and finally exclaimed in a piping voice, audible to the whole congregation:

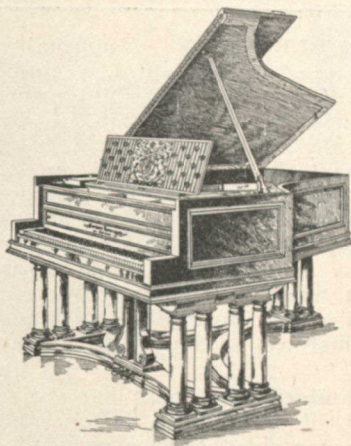
"Where's the soap?"

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Righteous Anger

The attitude of the modern "high financier" is shown by the St. Louis boodler who, after accepting \$25,000 to vote against a certain franchise, was offered a larger sum to vote for it. He did so, but returned the first bribe. He was asked on the witness-stand why he had given it back.

"Because it wasn't mine!" he exclaimed, flushing with anger, "I hadn't earned it."



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