

lack of charms he felt that ordinary eloquence about beauty in distress would be thrown away. Her lover was a man of rather mean propensities who had faithfully devoured a large share of viands on the occasion of his regular calls. In fact, during their acquaintance he had gained forty pounds. Mr. O'Reilly obtained two photographs of the perfidious gentleman—one showing him to be a gaunt and emaciated creature; the other, after his course of applied domestic science, showing a plump and prosperous citizen. The members of the jury were deeply impressed when Mr. O'Reilly's mellifluous voice asked the question:

"To whom do these forty pounds belong if not to my client?"

The plain avoirdupois justice of the appeal aroused the calculating sympathy of the jury and it was gravely announced that, as the defendant had gained forty pounds during his courtship and as the meanest human flesh ought to bring five dollars a pound, the forsaken cook was entitled to two hundred dollars for the defendant's improved condition.

Small Boys' Dialogue

"Tell yer I did."
 "Will yer swear?"
 "Yus."
 "Take yer oath?"
 "Yus."
 "Bible oath?"
 "Yus."
 "Bet a penny?"
 "Nar."

—Evening Standard.

Old Glory

There are several hotels in London, England, that make a lavish display of the Stars and Stripes to please United States tourists. At dinner, one evening, a New Yorker called the attention of an Englishman to this fact and said with enthusiasm: "It's the prettiest flag in the world. Don't you think so?"

The Englishman looked solemnly at a garish stretch of the flag in question and then said lazily: "Are you referring to that Venetian blind with the starry eruption in the corner?"

The Mystical Moment

There was a young person named Tate
 Who invited a friend at 8.8.

They dined tete a tete,
 So I cannot relate

What Tate ate tete a tete at 8.8.

—London Chronicle.

A Roland for an Oliver

There is a genial clergyman in an Ontario town who met a rather crusty pastor of another denomination one Monday morning.

"Good day!" said the latter. "Do you know that the Blanks have been coming to my church lately?"

Now the Blanks belong to the congregation of the former who sweetly replied: "I'm always glad for my people to get a change. They're so much more content after they return to their old home."

Willing to Oblige

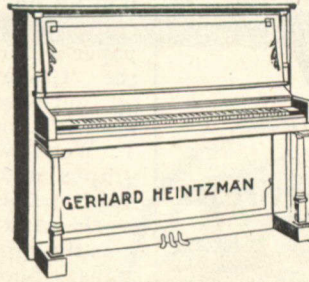
He (about 11.30 p.m.)—"I do wish I had money enough to travel."

She (stifling a yawn)—"May I not lend you a carfare?"

—Boston Transcript.

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