

FUNNY MEN'S SAYINGS

WHAT THE SAD-EYED SCRIBES OF THE HUMOROUS PRESS WRITE.

Paragraphs from a Great Number of Papers and About a Great Number of Subjects.

A LITTLE SURPRISE.

Enamored youth—Will you not name the blisful day? O, let it be soon, my life!

Charming widow—As soon as you like, Gussie, dear, and I should like it to be on Friday.

E. Y.—But why that unlucky day, my only one?

G. W.—Oh, it would be so nice to have an anniversary every day, and I've had my weddings on all the other days, you know.

But he didn't, and there is a rumor that the affair is "off."—[Drift.

GOING SHOPPING.

"Where are you going?" asked a husband of his wife.

"I am going shopping. Can you let me have some money?"

"Yes. Where are you going?"

"Oh, to Cashier's, and Ribbin' & Newbell's, and the Palais Royal and Smifkin's Emporium, and a whole lot more places."

"All right. How much money will you want?"

"Well, to make sure, you had better give me about 50 cents. I want several different kinds of worsted."—[Merchant Traveller.

CATCH AT LAST.

"It must be very lonesome sitting all by yourself in your office balancing your books at night, John," said an affectionate wife.

"I have been thinking about it for some time and now I have got a delightful surprise for you."

"A delightful surprise?"

"Yes, dear, I sent for mother yesterday and I expect her every minute. I mean to have her stay with us quite a while. She will take care of the house at night and look after the children and I can go down town and sit in your office with you while you work."

"The dev— that is to say I couldn't think of your going down town and sitting in your office while you work."

"It is my duty, dear John, I ought to have thought of it before, but it never came to my mind till yesterday. Oh, John, forgive me! Forgive me for not thinking of your comfort sooner. But I will go with you tonight."

"To-night? Why!—the fact is I go through my books last night."

"Oh, you did! How delightful! And you can now stay at home every evening! I'm so glad."

And the delighted wife ran off to make preparation for the reception of her mother, while her husband with somber brow sat staring at the coals in the grate in which he could see the picture of a mother-in-law's reproving face, and a poker party with a vacant chair.

A CLARET OF TRAGEDY.

Chairman (of three-card monte syndicate)—"Pull up your chairs, boys, and let me see your claret, boys, and let me see your claret."

FACE TO FACE WITH AN ANGEL.

Strange Story of a Supernatural Visitation in Ohio Thirty Years Ago.

"I have read a great deal of late about occurrences of a supernatural character," said a member of the theatrical profession, "but in all my reading I have not seen anything approaching to the occurrence that made a great stir in Hancock county, Ohio, thirty years ago. In 1858 I was in that county for a short time. In Orange township there was a family by the name of Charles. William Charles, the head of the family, I think, was a carpenter, and his wife was a most estimable young woman, a member of one of the best families of the county. They had been married six or seven years, and had one child, aged 5. About the middle of August, 1857, Mrs. Charles suddenly became despondent and low spirited. This was all the more commented upon as she was of a notably lively and cheerful disposition. She would give no reason for her sudden change in spirits always giving her husband's appeals to be made acquainted with the cause the one simple reply:

"Wait. If there is any real cause you will know in time."

"She was fearful much of the time, and was frequently found in prayer. Her affection for her child, always great and demonstrative, became apparently still greater, but tempered with a spirit of sadness that was affecting to all who came in contact with the family. Mrs. Charles could not bear to let the little one out of her sight, and the strangest part of the circumstances was that the child seemed to know what had made the change in her mother, and was often heard to console her in her childish way, and to tell her not to cry."

"As the middle of October approached, to Mrs. Charles's despondency was added a state of feverish unrest and very apparent suffering under a strain of some great suspense, until one day, when the month was about half over, she begged her husband not to go to his work that day, but to remain at home with her. He humored her fancy, and between 12 and 1 o'clock of that day their little girl fell to the floor in a most unaccountable state of insensibility. The mother was near, and clasping her hand to her head she exclaimed:

"My God! It is true!"

"Mrs. Charles said a feeling of awe came over her that she could not describe, and she felt that she was in the presence of something that struck her with awe. She could see nothing, and in great alarm took her little girl by the hand to lead her away, but the child resisted, and suddenly there was revealed to the child's mother the form that had been visible to the child before she reached the earth. The form was exactly like those of angels she had read descriptions of in the Bible, and she stood face to face with a messenger from Heaven itself. She felt no fear, but was overwhelmed by awe. The angel spoke to her, and said that her little girl would be called for from heaven in just two months from that day, but that she would lie in a trance for three days, when her soul would leave her body. More than that the angel foretold to the awestricken mother that her own death would follow that of her child, and that the angel slowly vanished from sight."

"Mrs. Charles said she tried to make herself believe that she was the victim of some hallucination, but could not. Never having been a believer in the orthodox religion, she resolved to keep the secret of the vision, and to impress the necessity of secrecy on her child, if possible, so that if it was a hallucination she would not be ridiculed for having spoken of it earnestly."

"The story naturally created a profound sensation in the community. The child was buried, and after the first effects of Mrs. Charles's narration were gone, a strongly expressed feeling of incredulity arose in the neighborhood. Mrs. Charles, desiring, as she said, to destroy the strong unorthodox feeling that existed thereabout, as it had been destroyed in her, sent for two sisters of the law, one a Justice of the peace, and the other a county officer, neither of whose names I now remember, and she repeated her story under oath to them, and had the fact made public. I came away from that part of the country soon afterward, and have never had occasion to return. Some years later, however, I met a gentleman named Lattimore, who was a resident of Hancock county, and I asked him if Mrs. Charles's death had followed the strange prediction she made that the angel made. He said that she had died on or about the day she said had been foretold."

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FOR HUSBANDS.

Odd Items in the Musical Line From Different Parts of the Country.

On Monday evening the Young People's Association of St. Mary's Church paid a fraternal visit to the association in connection with St. Jude's Church, Carleton, taking advantage of the fine evening for a sleigh drive around the bridge. During the evening a pleasantly arranged programme was carried out, there being a quartette, a piccolo duet and other pieces rendered by the Carleton contingent, and several selections by the orchestra of St. Mary's Church choir. The evening was very pleasantly spent by all—except some half-dozen who got out to lighten the load up a drifted hill, and had to "foot it" home the remainder of the distance.

On Friday evening of last week the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society formally opened their new rooms in Hamilton's Hall by a very pleasant entertainment. There were solo by the Misses Cobolan, the Messrs Lantulum and Doc Sterne, and a duet by Mr. R. J. Quigley. The pieces were well chosen and the rich voices of the singers showed to advantage in the several numbers. Altogether the evening was very pleasantly spent.

On Tuesday evening the Father Mathew Association had a concert in St. Malachi's Hall. The programme was a good one, and most of the performers were obliged to respond to encore.

A parlor concert in aid of the Methodist parsonage fund of Croftville was given on Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Robert Roberts. Teams conveyed the city guests from the head of King Street. The programme was an excellent one, and was well carried out.

The Young People's Association of St. David's Church paid a fraternal visit to the St. Andrew's Church Association on Tuesday evening. A good musical and literary programme was carried out, after which refreshments were served.

The Carleton Longfellow Club gave a reception in the Y. M. C. A. Hall of Carleton on Tuesday evening. A programme of readings, songs and recitations was carried out very creditably. During the evening refreshments were served to the company. The affair was in aid of the Carleton fountain fund.

The gipsies employ a very simple method to check that member of their band of musicians who has to make the collection. They give him a plate to hold in his right hand, and a live fly which he has to keep imprisoned in his left as he goes round collecting the money.

A contemporary has an elaborate article on the water-vocalists. "How to begin to sing." How to get them to leave off is still an unsolved problem.

A German inventor has devised a machine for desolating the sound of a piano. Next to a machine for desolating pianists, this is a splendid discovery.

A music dealer says that the violin has not improved any since 1820. The same may be said of the violin player who lives next door.

Our Moncton correspondent writes that the Moncton Division, assisted by the members of the Express Club, gave an entertainment in the W. C. T. U. Hall of that place on Monday evening, which he says was a financial success; but the performance was regarded as rather avocating of the young artists in heretofore the young artists in heretofore the people of Moncton are true grit and never less a chance to encourage home industry; consequently the affair "panned out" well.

The following is from the Vienna correspondent of the London Standard, under date February 1. The artistie opinion of must be something beyond the ordinary to receive such marked attention from a Vienna audience—A concert has just been given here by an Australian pianist and composer, Miss Florence Monk Meyer, who achieved an enormous success, a result altogether unusual in the case of an unknown foreigner before a Vienna audience. Miss Meyer is a native of Melbourne, and is decidedly pretty. Her recital included the principal airs from the Third Act of an opera called Victoria, of whose music and libretto the young artist is herself the composer; besides two sonatas from Beethoven and Mozart, and other pieces from Chopin, Brahms, Gluck, and Liszt. The whole programme was brilliantly executed, and every piece enthusiastically applauded by an audience which comprised Prince and Princess Metternich, Prince Batyanyi, Princess Salin-Lichtenstein, and other members of the highest aristocracy, besides a fair representation of the musical world of Vienna. Owing to her great success last night, and in accordance with the general desire, the Australian artist will give another concert in the largest hall in Vienna, the great saloon of the Musikverein.

A FEW.

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THE WHIRL OF TRADE.

ABRAHAM IVORY DISCUSSES SOME THINGS HE SAW THIS WEEK.

The Oyster an Incentive to Loyalty.

When Abraham Ivory reached home last Thursday morning—it was between one and two o'clock—he found Mrs. Ivory in an easy chair, drawn in front of the grate, and sleeping the sleep that is permitted to those who only, whose husbands never deviate from the narrow paths of rectitude. The man who pursues those paths astiduously seldom has occasion for repentance, as has been found by Abraham Ivory after many years of experience. If the reader is disposed to question my assertion, let me picture the situation. There was Mrs. Ivory, sleeping the sleep of innocence, with a heavenly smile playing about her month, instead of Mrs. Ivory, armed with a broom, standing guard in the hallway.

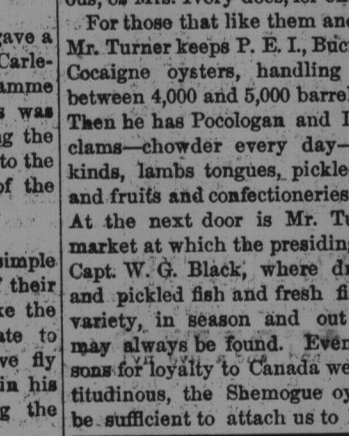
The table was ornamented with great slices of roast turkey and home made bread, and a little pat of butter, and on the hearth the coffee pot was steaming and filling the room with a delightful aroma. And there was my favorite chair and my slippers and a book, which I knew had not been brought out for an aggressive purpose.

"Dear Mrs Ivory said I, as she opened her eyes and looked me with a smile, "the turkey that you have so thoughtfully provided must wait till tomorrow, but while I refresh myself with a cup of coffee I will tell you of my last half-hour's experience."

And then I told her how when I had finished my last "assignment" I dropped into J. D. TURNER'S on King's Square, and sampled his Shemogue oysters, food fit for a King. Certainly, those Shemogue oysters which are dispensed by Mr. Turner must be, in their native beds, the happiest of bivalves, for otherwise they would grow scraggy and tough, just as some people do, instead of tender and fat and delicious, as Mrs. Ivory does, for example.

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