

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

"Long idleness has made Shirkley desperate. What does he propose to do?" "Go to work."

Son: Pa, what political party did Washington belong to? Father: Neither; he couldn't tell a lie.—*Detroit Free Press.*

"What! You a literary man and have not read the 'Heavenly Twins'?" "I haven't," "Gemini!"—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

"Life is full of narrow escapes," said the life insurance agent to his victim; "even the Turkish bath is a close rub."—*Boston Herald.*

"And so, Mrs. De Gollyer, your poor boy was killed by savages. 'Ah, yes!'" "South Africa?"—"No—college."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*

Lady: Do you know how to look after bric-a-brac? New Servant: Yessum; I always put the broken pieces in the fire, so the poor rag-pickers won't cut their fingers.—*Boston Gazette.*

Nurse: Alfred was very naughty to-day ma'am. Mother (who saw the nurse walking with a policeman): Was my child so bad that you were forced to have him arrested?—*Die Bombe, Vienna.*

Critic: I tell you what it is, Mr. M'Daub, these ostriches are simply superb. You shouldn't paint anything but birds. Artist (disgusted): Those are not ostriches. They are angels.

A few days ago a bill was stuck on the shop window of a tradesman in the Friedrichstrasse, Berlin, setting forth that "these premises are temporarily closed owing to the marriage of the proprietor. To be re-opened in 20 minutes."—*Verkehrszeitung.*

A student at a medical college was under examination. The instructor asked him: "Of what cause, specifically, did the people die who lost their lives at the destruction of Herculaneum and Pompeii?" "I think they died of an eruption, sir," answered the student. Go up! young man, go up! was the reply.

Author (to his wife): Rejoice, oh! wife of my bosom; I have gained a prize of 500 marks for my latest effort. Wife: Which article was it. Author: Oh! that essay of mine: The Defects of a Wife: A Study from Nature.—*Wiener Figaro.*

Old Lady (devoted to Rector): Tell your father that it is my earnest wish that he should bury me when I die. Rector's Daughter: I'm sure he'll be de—He'll be pl—I mean he—he—~~it—it—would be so—it—Really I must now bid you good-by.~~

Bishop Potter, of New York, in a recent interview advocated the founding of a Westminster Abbey in the United States. Hearing of the Bishop's views on the subject, Mr. E. C. Stedman sent word that he should be most happy to kill off the first ten poets for the Poets' Corner.

Tramp: Can you help a poor man on the road? Lady promptly: Yes; I saw you looking at the wood-pile; you can— Tramp: You saw me see that wood, did you; well, you won't see me saw it. Then he turned on his heel and pattered down the dim vista of the future, and left the gate of the present open after him.

Who says that things do not take on a new glory under a new title? Sammy came home from an afternoon at the Natural History Museum. "Where have you been?" said his grandpa, who saw that he was in uncommonly good spirits. "Oh, we've had a splendid time. We've been to a dead circus."—*Harper's Young People.*

Northern Traveller; Why don't you put up time tables in the station? Southern Station Agent: What fo? Northern Traveller: To show what time the trains arrive. Southern Station Agent (scornfully): Howse we goin' to make out a table showin' what time the trains get hyah, till we see what time they does get hyah?—*Puck.*

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Good luck and bad luck is but a synonym in the great majority of instances, for good and bad judgment.—*Chatfield.*

'Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours, and ask them what report they bore to heaven, and how they might have borne more welcome news.—*Young.*

Beauty has been the delight and torment of the world ever since it began. The philosophers have felt its influence so sensibly that almost every one of them has left some saying or other which intimates that he knew too well the power of it.—*Steele.*

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