

WIT, HUMOR AND FUN

LIFE'S COMIC SIDE TREATED BY CLEVER PENS

"I hear that you are taking lessons in pugilism."
"Yes, I am."
"Going to enter the ring?"
"Not that I know of."
"Got a grudge against someone?"
"Not that I know of."
"What's the idea then?"
"Why, I am going to marry a girl that has been going in for physical culture."

Two young men with not much experience of horses went for a drive. During the ride the horse happened to yawn and the bit fell out of its mouth. Two hours later a man passed them and discovered both of the young men waiting with their conveyance by the roadside. "What on earth is the matter? I passed you when I was going out and now when I come back you're still here. What's the matter?"
"Oh," replied one of the young men, "we're waiting for the horse to yawn again so we can put the bit in."

He—Do you remember the night I asked you to marry me?
She—Yes, dear.
"For a whole hour we sat there, and not a word did you speak. Ah, that was the happiest hour of my life!"

Liveryman—Excuse me, sir, but the laws of our union provide for a ten per cent tip before 6 p. m. After that the tip is twenty per cent of the fare.
Patron—Oh! I beg your pardon.

Edwin—No, they never get on, now that they are married, and yet they courted under the shade of the old apple tree.
Katharine—Indeed! Well it must have been a crab apple tree.

Pete Green—Look here, Sam, when you comes home late en' yo' wife looks out ob de window, do she drop eny insinuations?
Sam Sparks—Well, yo' might coll dem 'sinuotons, but I coll dem flat-iron en' bootjacks.

"Oh, reconsider your decision," pleaded the rejected lover. "I cannot live without you."
"Self-preservation is the first law of nature," she replied. "I can't live with you."

Lady—Do you think this medicine would do my husband any good?
Druggist—I am sure of it, madam.
Lady—Hum! What other kinds have you got?

A smile that can be bought for a dime is soon swallowed.

A rolling stone gathers no moss—but mossbacks are not attractive anyway.

It is difficult to make a woman believe that a compliment is not the real thing.

Mr. Staylate—That's a beautiful song. It simply carries me back.
She—I'm sorry I didn't sing it early in the evening.

Rodrick—They say Cholly Goodfellow is very popular around town.
Van Albert—I should say so. Why, he wears out two coats a month just from people slapping him on the back.

"Why do you insist on keeping a parrot?"
"Because," answered the lonely man, "I like to hear it talk. The parrot is the only creature gifted with the power of speech that is content to repeat just what it hears without trying to make a good story of it."

Lady—Are those your children? What darlings! And—er—what a pretty woman your wife must be.

Mrs. Bacon—"As I came up the street I saw the policeman on this beat with his arm around a lamp-post."
The Cook—"Yes, ma'am; that's a way he has when he's thinking of me, ma'am."

"We've got to economise," said Mr. Gargoyle to his wife.
"Very well, dear," replied the good woman, cheerfully. "You shave yourself and I'll cut your hair."

Wife—I hope you talked plainly to him.
Husband—I did indeed. I told him he was a fool, a perfect fool!
Wife (approvingly)—Dear John! How exactly like you!

"Did you sound papa this afternoon about our marriage?"
"Yes; and when I struck the bottom step it sounded pretty loud, too."

"I understand," he said to the professor of languages, "that you are master of at least a dozen tongues."
"Languages," corrected the professor. "Don't say 'tongues.' That might include my wife's."

The stranger strolled through the village streets until he arrived at the cemetery, says the old story. The grave digger was hard at work excavating a grave. "Do people die often hereabouts?" asked the stranger. "None of 'em ever died more'n once since my time," answered the grave-digger, wiping the sweat from his forehead with the back of his hand.

Tommy had been to the dentist's, and the hollow tooth which had kept him—and the rest of the household—awake all night was extracted. Later in the day his mother was surprised to see him seated before the trophy, gloating over it. "What are you doing, dear?" she asked. "Why, mother," he replied, with glee, "I've filled up the holler wiv sugar—and now I'm watchin' it ache!"

The late William Terries, seeing a novel ear covering which was recommended for the cold weather, bought it and gave it to his old coachman, who could thus protect himself while waiting for Mr. Terries at night. The coachman was profuse in his gratitude; but a night or two later Mr. Terries noticed that he was not wearing the muffler.

"Why have you given it up so soon?" he asked.
"Well, sir," was the man's reply, "it was werry comfortable, but yoh see, sir, I found out t'other night that when I 'ad my ears covered a friend'd asked me to have a drink, and I'd never 'eard 'im!"

Dissatisfied Customer—"You sold this stone to me as a fancy opal."
"Dealer—"Well? You didn't expect to get a real opal for 25 cents, did you?"

Mrs. Tungay—"You can't imagine how convenient I find it to have a telephone in the house. I don't see how we ever managed to get along without it."
Her Husband—"Yes, I can imagine, without any trouble, how convenient you find it. I tried nine times to call you up today, and every time you were busy talking to somebody else."

"Mamma, where do you keep the cookies?"
"If I should tell you Tommy, I shouldn't be able to keep them at all."

Teacher—What is a synonym?
Pupil—A word that has the same meaning as another word.

Teacher—And why does our language possess synonyms?
Pupil—So you can use one when you don't know how to spell the other one.

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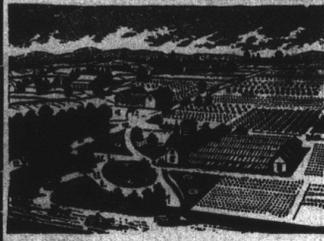
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