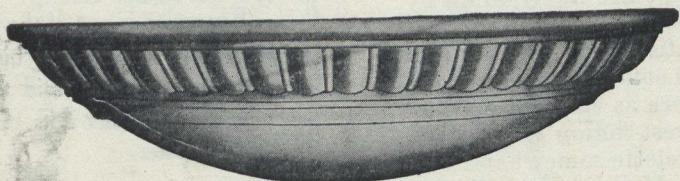


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His Aim All Right.—Medical Officer—"Sorry I must reject you on account of your teeth."

Would-be Recruit—"Man, ye're making a gran' mistake. I'm no wanting to bite the Germans, I'm wanting to shoot 'em."

Beaten at His Own Game.—On the occasion of a mayoral banquet in a small provincial town one of the last guests to leave went to the cloakroom for his coat and hat. He couldn't help noticing the woe-begone look on the attendant's face. The poor man appeared worried and sad, and every little while he sighed and muttered to himself.

"You seem upset," remarked the guest sympathetically.

"I am upset, sir," said the attendant. "What is the trouble? Haven't the guests tipped you well to-night?"

The attendant answered in an excited voice: "It's not only, sir, that they haven't tipped me, but they've taken the quarter-dollar that I put on the tray for a decoy."

The Old Refrain.—First Old Lady—"My dear, what do you think of this war? Isn't it terrible?"

Second Old Lady—"Awful! But it can't last long; the Powers will surely intervene."

Warning.

When she letteth thee recklessly spend,
And laugheth to see thee go broke,
Thou mayst jolly her on without end,
For she taketh thee but as a joke.

But when she demureth at price,
And chideth for what thou hath spent,
Thou art treading on treacherous ice,
For the maiden hath solemn intent.
—Puck.

A Little Late.—"Shure 'tis a great joke we have on Casey." "Phat is ut?" "He decided t' c'mmit suicide be goin' over th' falls in a small boat. Jist as th' boat was about to go over, Casey sez, 'Hould on: OI've changed me moind.'" —Life.

He Got Him.—Purdy—"I hear no more letters can be mailed to Washington." Sturdy—"Why, how's that?" Purdy—"Well, he's dead, isn't he?"

Women's Rights.—"Look at her," said the ironmonger, indicating a departing customer. "She sent her wringer here to be repaired. I promised it her for the week, but couldn't keep my promise. Now she wants me to pay a charwoman who came unnecessarily—half a crown, and tuppence tramfare. Then she wants me to pay the laundry bill for the clothes."

The ironmonger breathed heavily. "But that's not all. Her husband dines out on wash-days, and as he dined out on a wash-day which wasn't a wash-day—y' understand?—she says I ought to pay for his dinner. No, she doesn't ask anything else. And they call 'em the weaker sex.'" —Tit-Bits.

The Cause Discovered.—A Swede was working for a farmer, who demanded punctuality above everything else. The farmer, according to "The Youth's Companion," told him that he must be at work every morning at 4 o'clock sharp. The "hand" failed to get up in time, and the farmer threatened to discharge him. Then the "hand" bought an alarm-clock, and for some time everything went along smoothly. But one morning he got to the field fifteen minutes late. The farmer immediately discharged him, in spite of his protestations that his alarm-clock was to blame.

Sadly returning to his room, the discharged employee determined to find out the cause of his downfall. He took the alarm-clock to pieces, and discovered a dead cockroach among the works.

"Well," he soliloquized, "Ay tank it bane no wonder the clock wouldn't run—the engineer bane daid."

Too Much.—Polly—"When they came back from their wedding trip he had just \$2.60 in his pocket."

Peggy—"The stingy thing!" —Boston Transcript.

Innocent, But.—A bad case of highway robbery, tried several years ago before Chief Baron Green, on the last day of the Ennis Assizes, resulted in an acquittal. The Chief Baron, addressing the sheriff, said:

"Mr. Sheriff, is there any other indictment against this innocent man?"

"No, my lord," was the reply. "Then you'll greatly oblige me if you don't let him out until I have half an hour's start of him on my way to Limerick." —Tit-Bits.



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