

**QUIPS AND CRANKS.**

How should weeping willows be planted? In tiers.

Why is a proud girl like a music-box? She is full of airs.

What three letters give the name of a famous Roman general? C. P. O. (Scipio).

"What's the difference between a baby and your old coat?" "Give it up." One you wear and the other you was."

"Ah, my little boy," said the condescending gentleman, "and what might your age be?" "It might be going on forty," returned the polite little boy, "but it aint."

She (enquiringly)—: Married yet? He (bitterly): No. She (bitingly): How surprising. He (suavely): Engaged yet? She (delightfully): Yes. He (revengefully): How surprising.

Drill sergeant, after having cussed a miserable-looking recruit for being dirty on parade: No, I'm not blaming you; it's your mother, for not having drowned you when you was young.

A lady advertises for sale a baboon, three tabby cats, and a parrot. She states that being married, she has no further use for them, for the reason that their amiable qualities are all combined in her husband.

"Where's the hired man this morning?" asked Mr. Pinkleton. "I don't know," said Mrs. Pinkleton, "but I presume, from the fact that it is a rainy day, he is getting out the hose to wash the side walk."

"What is your son going to do now that he has left college, Mrs. Spriggins?" "I dunna exactly. He's talkin' of goin' into law; but I've hern tell as how there's lots of money in bankruptcy, an' like to have him try that."


The lady had implied a doubt as to the statement of the dairyman. "Madam," he said, indignantly, "my reputation rests upon my butter." "Well," she replied, testily, "you needn't get ugly about it. The foundation is strong enough to keep it up forever."

A good story of a circus, which recently visited a Yorkshire town, reaches "Vanity Fair." A dog was advertised to play on a piano. When the time came for the dog to perform, he got on a seat and began playing. Suddenly a wag in the crowd shouted "Rats!" upon which the dog bounded off the seat. But the piano kept on playing.

A well-known doctor who dabbles in literature, recently published a poem. Shortly after its appearance he took down to dinner a lady celebrated for her mordant wit. "Well, Doctor —," she remarked, "so I hear you have taken to writing verse." "Oh, merely to kill time." "Indeed? have you disposed of all your other patients?"

Lady of the house (to cook, having discovered a policeman in the kitchen): You told me when you came here that you had no sweetheart. Cook: Yes, I told you so, and it's the truth, too. "Who, then, is the policeman in the kitchen if he is not your sweetheart?" "He isn't my sweetheart, indeed he isn't. He is only trying to be, and I don't know whether he will succeed or not."

During the session of a temperance meeting in a country town, one of the persons who occupied the platform was an enthusiastic deacon, who frequently interrupted the speakers by yelling—"Thank Heaven for that!" One gentleman was called upon, who rose and said:—"Ladies and gentlemen, I am heart and soul in this cause, and feel that it will be a great benefit to the people of this place." "Thank Heaven for that!" yelled the deacon. "But, ladies and gentlemen," he continued, "I am going to say that it will be impossible for me to address you this evening." "Thank Heaven for that!" said the absent minded deacon. And then the chairman took him out of doors and had two men to sit on him.

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