

In Lighter Vein.

The Modern Pace.

We wander through the valley on the trail of happy days;
We know that we will find them, for we've come an awful ways!
We know that we will celebrate and blow a lot of "tin"
And "live like other people"
"When our ship comes in!"

We stagger and are worried as our bills are bearing down—
We've lived a little better than the most folks in our town.
The reason we have done it—Well, it surely is no sin—
Of course we'll pay the butcher
"When our ship comes in!"

Our wife must have eight kinds of hats and forty pairs of shoes,
Must go to all the functions and be mentioned in "The News."
It wouldn't do for her to tag one Mrs. Jeemes O'Flinn—
We've got to be the leaders
"When our ship comes in!"

We've built a house in Glenn Isle Place, a bungalow refined,
With marble pillars in the front, a honk-honk house behind!
It cost a lot but Mandy says that we will soon begin
To meet the payments on it
"When our ship comes in!"

Our Maybelle's gone to boarding school with Gertrude Mary Blount,
And Mandy says if she has luck she's sure to win a count!
I'd rather she would wed a man like Lawyer Henry Finn—
But we must have a title
"When our ship comes in!"

I hate to think how we will bust in forty-seven chunks
And cart away the small debris in two or three small trunks,
If by some hook or crook of Fate, at last I fail to win
And am not there to meet it
"When our ship comes in!"

It was a Cavity.

A well-know dentist tells the following story of his attempt to corner a Christian Scientist:

"Every time we met, this Scientist took occasion to scoff at medical science and to dwell upon the wonders which could be performed through faith. 'You are convinced that, through faith, you can do anything?' I said to him one day.

"Yes," he replied, 'faith will move mountains.'

"A week later he came in my office with a swollen jaw due to toothache. 'What, you here?' I exclaimed, with feigned astonishment.

"O, doctor," he said, 'I have suffered agony all through the night. I simply can't stand this pain any longer.'

"Have you tried faith?" I asked him. "You know you told me the other day that faith could move mountains."

"But this is a cavity, doctor; this is a cavity."

Returned Empties.

One of the suburbs of Chicago is the site of a well-known school of theology, from which go out each week-end many members of the senior class to try their voices as "supplies."

A passenger on a Monday morning train was surprised at the number of them who got off at the station.

"What are all those chaps getting of here?" he asked the brakeman. "Them?" asked the brakeman. "Oh they're returned empties for the college."

An Old Axe.

One of the treasured possessions of an old farmer is a formidable axe. This he avers, wielded by an ancestor of his, wrought fearful execution at the Battle of Bosworth Field.

"What?" gasped a visitor on being shown the "relic." I can scarcely believe it!"

"It's a fact for all that," responded the proud owner. "It's been handed down from father to son ever since." "Wonderful!," ejaculated the visitor. "Still, you know, it doesn't look that age!"

"Well, you see," was the unexpected rejoinder, "it's done a lot of work, and it's a great age, and it stands to reason that it's had to be titivated up a bit now and then. Why, man, it's had a new head and two new handles in my time!"

For the Long-Eared One.

Th second day drew to its close with the twelve jurymen still unconvinced.

"Well, gentlemen," said the court officer, entering quietly, "shall I, as is usual order twelve dinners?"

"Make it," said the foreman, "eleven dinners and a bale of hay."

Umbrella Flirtation.

An umbrella carried over the woman, the man getting nothing but the drippings of the rain, signifies courtship. When the man has the umbrella and the woman the drippings, it indicates marriage.

The Roof Leaked.

Two intoxicated individuals solemnly went to bed in the gutter at an early hour of the morning. After some time one of them spoke indignantly:

"I shay, let's go t'nuzzer hotel. This leakish."

An Essay on Woman.

"A little boy was told by his school teacher to write an essay on "Woman." He executed the following:

"Woman is what mens likes to marry. Man is logical; woman is zoological. Both man and woman sprang from monkeys, but woman sprang the farthest."

Wasn't in His Line.

A washerwoman applied to a gentleman for work, and he gave her a note to the manager of a certain club. It read as follows:

"Dear Mr. X.—This woman wants washing."

Very shortly afterwards the answer came back:

"Dear Sir,—I dare say she does; but don't fancy the job."

Same Old Cause.

After a fire which recently occurred in South Wales, an assessor sent in his report to the insurance corporation, a portion of which ran as follows: The junior partner informed me that the fire was caused by an arc light on the first floor; the second partner told me that the fire was caused by an incandescent light on the second floor; but my own opinion is that it was caused by an Israelite in the basement."

Natural Even in Death.

When Denis McCann was blown up by an explosion of dynamite, a committee was appointed to break the news to his wife. After the spokesman had informed her of the tragedy as gently as he could, she asked if Dennis had been badly mangled. "Well, yes," said the spokesman, "his head was found in one lot, his legs in another, and his arms in a tree a half a mile off." "That," said the bereaved widow, "is just like Dennis. He was always all over the place."

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