



ARE YOU CRUEL!

once. "I should ins

BEHIND THE SCENES AT He Wasn't Sorry. are you cruel? What an out- Of course another part of us rageous q u e s-, usually sorry the minute we have

Life at the House of Com tion," you will spoken. That's what civilization has anything but dull, according to the answer me at done for us, overlaid our primitive once. "I should instincts with inhibitions and regrets. stories told by Mr. Arthur Haskel I don't imagine the primitive man who has just retired from the position

fficials any tidings of the Roya "special," another telegram was hand-ed to the mayor. It contained only two words: "April fool!"-Tit Bits.

STUDPHEDNES

Snuff for Sleepy Members.

"I have carried out scores of mem

made a disturbance. I nicked her un

in my arms and passed her on to two

constables. Members said it was the

"For many years the chief door

keeper at the House of Commons has

avail themselves of the privlege now, but Mr. Winston Churchill is an ex-

"Parliament rises much 'earlier

were forty-six divisons in the course

ception.

to Be Tidy

Teaching M. P.'s

I should hope knew what it was to be sorry for any-not, too, and yet thing. Lucky or unlucky? Well, "It was one of my duties," Mr. Has-I am afraid I am that depends upon the way you look kell told the T.-B. man, "to turn our tes. And I refuse to believe at things. that I am set apart from my kind by Somewhere I have read that if out of the House by the Speaker. On people would remember that man is night I had to carry out not really a failen angel but a rising Irish members, who was n this trait, because I have too often Irish members, who was noted for hi noticed the instinct in other people, who were for the most part perfectly devil they would understand history great weight. He struggled hard, and I was having a bad time when a hap better and have more patience with I was having a bad time when a hap

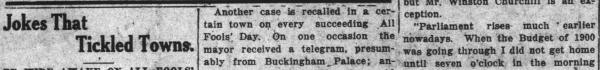
zood people. It is strange, but I do really think the slow procession of human better-"I shouldn't struggle if I wer it is true, that there is a streak of ment. We are still cruel in some of our you,' I said to him, 'I might drop you tincts, but we often control these and you're such a heavy man that you cruelty, of the desire to hurt for the surface at moments in the best of us. instincts, and we are almost always might break your back.' The word ashamed and sorry when we fall to. were scarcely out of my mouth whe Blow Off Steam.

There may come a time some day he became as quiet as a lamb and gave me no further trouble! He was a We are exasperated by some piece when we shall cease to want to be reat orator, and used to boast that he of ill luck; we are made impatient by cruel even in moments of exasperation. It has taken us hundreds of always started the day with three ome irritating delay; we are tired large chops

and nervous, and what is our instinctcenturies to get this far and perhaps ive method of relief? To say someit will take us hundreds of centuries more to get the rest of the way, but ! thing sharp and unkind, preferably we do seem to be headed in the right bers in my time, and once I had to to the people we care the most for. Sometimes we explain ourselves direction, and in the storehouses of deal with a woman who got into the

to ourselves by saying that we are eternity there are doubtless plenty of House by some mysterious means and criticizing them for their own good centuries left. or that we didn't realize that we Our Share. would hurt their feelings. 'Tisn't so. We shall hardly live to see any quickest thing they had ever seen, we wanted to hurt their feelings. that was the sole purpose for which great progress but if we now and but I didn't like the job a bit. then control the instinct to lash out

we lashed out. and hurt someone else because cir-At least, a part of us wanted that. suppose that part is the streak of cumstances happen to be hurting us, had to carry an official snuff-box. the cruel that comes down to us from we shall at least know that we have Somebody left some money years ago primitive man who kept himself alive contributed our grain of sand to- to provide snuff to keep members against tremendous odds only by the ward the vast structure of man's fu-, awake during all-night sittings. Few possession of such qualities. ture perfection.



BE WIDE AWAKE ON ALL FOOLS' nouncing that King Edward would for weeks on end. Another terrble pass through the place at a specified time occurred in 1907. One night there DAY. Everybody is supposed to have a l His worship, the corporation, and of a debate. I should think that that. sense of the ridiculous on April 1st, many of the town officials went to is a record. because it is the day set apart for the

great game of "fooling." The editor of a well-known county paper was once caught napping by jokers, who caused him to publish in

his April 1st issue accounts of no fewer than three imaginary weddings. The parties said to have taken part in the ceremonies were living persons, who gave the editor such a warm time that he offered a reward of £100 for information regarding the identity of the hoaxers. But, although they had used the stationery supplied by the paper to its regular corespondents, they were not dis-

the railway-station for the purpose of ; "On one occasion the late John Red tendering their loyal greetings. After mond had made a brilliant speech. they had waited there for an hour 'Isn't it splendid?' said one enthusias without being able to get from the tic member to the man sitting next = to him. Very good, indeed—if we hadn't heard it all before,' said the

other, bitterly. "I have been at the House for wenty-seven years, and I have worked my way up from messenger at the bar, to chief doorkeeper. When I was superintendent of the members' waiting-room, I never allowed members to



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Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham," practised-doubtless in an Decays attempt to live up to his birthday, which was April 1st-a clever imposture on Sir Walter Scott. Concocting a number of "old" ballads, he sent them to the poet, who published them before he even suspected their real character. In Paris some years ago there was a novel April "catch." A young woman, having pocketed a watch while in the house of a friends, was arrested and taken before the magistrates. She said the whole thing was un poisson d' Avril (literally, an April fish, which corresponds to our Anril fool) and denied that the watch was in her possession, though when a messenger went to her house he found it on the chimney-piece. "What have you to say now?" asked the chief magistrate. "The messenger, too, is an April ool!" she returned, lightly. Entering into the spirit of the joke the magistrates ordered her to be detained in the House of Correction until the following April 1st, and to be discharged then as an April fool. Two historical characters were mor fortunate on All Fools' Day, Francis Duke of Lorraine and his wife, while in captivity at Nantes, decided to attempt to escape. On April 1st they disguised themselves as peasants, plodded through the streets, and left Parc Po the city. Just after they had passed the gates they were recognized by a woman, who ran to the sentry and "April fool!" he exclaimed, with All the guard, led by the sergean did likewise, and then jeeringly advised the woman to try again the fol-Later in the day it was discovered that the birds had actually flown. The duke and his wife were not recaptur Hoaxing Telegrams. Sometimes fools are made whole-sale on April 1st. Many years ago a sale on April 1st. Many years ago a large number of people in London re-ceived through the post a card bear-ing an official-looking seal (a big dab of sealing-wax impressed with an in-verted sixpence) and an inscription, beginning: "Tower of London.---Admit bearer to view the annual ceremony of washing the white lion on Sunday, April 1st." The result was amazing, and for some hours on the nward | ar Lower eth Upwar

