

be given without fatal consequences, and said at last:

"Tell me this. Wouldn't twelve grains kill the Devil himself if he swallowed them?"

"I can't say, my Lord. I never had the honour of prescribing for that patient," said the doctor.

"Ah, no, doctor dear, ye never had!" retorted the judge. "More's the pity! The old boy's alive yet."

Rather Doubtful

There is a small town containing two churches of the same denomination and a visitor recently remarked in surprise:

"You must be very religious to have two churches of that sect in such a small place."

An old Scotchman, to whom he made the observation replied: "Ah, weel! We may be vera guid. But in my opinion it's mair spite than religion."

A Serious Defect

That new-comers often find the slang of this continent attractive, though not completely understanding it, is sometimes humorously shown. The expression "half baked," meaning dull or stupid, was found much to his liking by a recently-arrived Englishman.

Speaking of an acquaintance, he remarked: "Hi'll tell you what's the matter with 'im; 'e's not boiled 'ard enough."

Francs Didn't Count

An American banker brought his son to Paris with the intention of leaving him there to enjoy himself for awhile before assuming business duties. The father introduced the young man to his Paris bankers, telling them to meet his son's drafts and to look to himself in case the account was overdrawn.

The son made such progress that in the course of a month he had aroused anxiety in the Paris bankers who, finally, to protect themselves, sent this cable to the young man's father: "Your son's account overdrawn 100,000. Shall we honour further drafts?"

The father, who had more or less contempt for things French, although he liked Paris about as well as his son did, sent this reply:

"If you mean pounds, send him home; if you mean dollars, tell him to be careful; if you mean those little things, let him have all he wants."

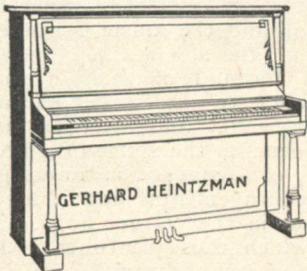
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