

# FRIENDS OF LABOR

Enterprises that have shown a friendly attitude towards the Working Classes

## STORYETTES

Donald MacTavish lay a-dying. He had been all day about it, and his wife, who had watched with patient expectancy since early morn, began to feel the call of her neglected household duties. "Awful, Don," she said, as she moved the light to the table by his bed, "I miss your hand taking your departure afore I come back. But if ye should, ye'll get the dew to blow out the candle afore ye die, will ye?"

He has long been our greatest wish that you should marry. A good woman is heaven's precious gift to man, she brings out all the best in him, and helps him to suppress all that is evil. Then there was a postscript in a different handwriting: "Your mother has gone for a stamp. Keep still, ye young noodle."

Abraham Lincoln Jones, colored, was in indignant controversy with Washington Scott, also colored. The dice had been turning up in favor of the chocolate-tinted Washington, and a faint suspicion of fraud began to dawn upon Jones. "Look here, you nigger," he blurted out, "dem things got to turn diff'nt or day's gone to be a big fuss 'bout 'em!" "Fuss! Man, fuss! What kind of fuss you callin' this?" Know who I am! Down in Louisville dey call me Wood Alcohol, I'm so tough. "Wood Alcohol! Dat aint no name for you," rejoined Abraham. "Why, down Nashville, when I come dey'd call you 'Sweet Cidrah.'"

Frederick Niven's "A Tale That Is Told" has a note for library ladies who want "the very latest." Two for half a dozen novels, all of which were announced unpronounceable with the stereotyped, "I'm sorry, there is not a copy in at present." At last the youth who attended to the office tripped happily back with a volume they had asked for. "Oh," said one, "We won't have it, since it is in. It can't be any good. We want books that every one is reading." The other agreed: "If it's in, we don't want it."

"Well," cried Mrs. Henpeck, "our son is engaged to be married. We will write to the dear lad and congratulate him." Mr. H. agreed; he dared not do otherwise. "My darling boy," read the son the next day, "what glorious news! Your father and I rejoice in your happiness. It is the first and most important aim of Everyman who desires to succeed should be the same as that of successful business and financial houses—the formation of a Reserve Fund. A reserve is not only invaluable when reverses or emergencies arise, but it is a guarantee of strength and promotes self-confidence."

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and anything you can do to cure him of betting will be of benefit to society." The professor went East, and was cordially received. Conversation had proceeded but a few minutes when he said to the president, "I'll bet you seventy-five dollars you have a wart between your shoulder blades." The president hesitated. "Young man," he said, "I never bet; but just to teach you a lesson I will take you up." He thereupon proved to the young man's satisfaction that he was in error, and the back: "I fear the case is hopeless. The very day he left here he bet me one hundred dollars that he could make you take off your shirt."

Old Mrs. Practical—My dear, it's about time for you to choose a mate. Young Miss Nautical—Mate no! I have my eye on a captain. Judge.

According to Dr. C. E. Moldenke, the Egyptologist, the alphabet was not invented by the Phoenicians, who merely "lifted" twenty-two letters from the Egyptians and then spread them as their own, through Greece and Italy.

Uncle John promised little Florence a new doll. He took her to the doll department in one of the big stores and said: "Now, Florence, which shall it be—a boy or girl?" "Twins," promptly replied Florence. New York Sunday News.

Junior was in the habit of coming to the table with a dirty face and, of course, had to be sent away. One

## The Spice of Life

"Give me a new novel which will go well with a sea-green tea-gown and ash-blond hair."—Berlin Lustige Blätter.

Husband (at a dance)—Jolly attractive little thing that—that? Wife—Yes. I'm very much afraid she's got a past in front of her.—Punch.

"A Virginia man never saw an anniversary birthday."—"That's one reason he's ninety-eight!"—Schenectady Gazette.

Father—What does your teacher say about your poor arithmetic work? Anthony—He said he'd rather you would not help me with it.—Harvard Lampoon.

Prisoner—Good morning, judge. Judge—How old are you? Prisoner—Twenty-nine. Judge—You'll be thirty when you get out.—Chicago Phoenix.

"Poor Edith seems utterly crushed. You know she used to hang on Jack's every word."—"Yes."—"Well, the other day he broke it."—Boston Transcript.

Visitor—It's funny, but I can never get your baby to play with a rattle. Artist Mother—Not at all; his father was never athletic either.—London Mail.

"May I have a dance, miss?" "Most assuredly; you may have number fourteen."—"Thanks, but I'll be gone by that time."—"So will I."—Stockholm Kasper.

Teacher—Now, Rollo, use the word 'ruthless' in a sentence. Rollo—Every team in the American League except the Yankees is Ruthless.—Notre Dame Juggler.

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money pay him for the privilege of working overtime."—New York Sun.

"I wonder if it's true that good Americans, when they die, go to Paris?" "One can not tell; but I think it very probable that bad Parisians, when they die, go to America."—London Mail.

"Be careful of that tiger!" "Oh, we are not afraid of him hurting anybody." "I know that. But I don't want the comedian to mail him to death. Tigers cost money."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Father-in-Law—I've asked you here to dinner for the last time, my boy, for I'm sorry to tell you I've lost all my money. Son-in-Law—Great Scott! Then I married for love after all.—Windsor Magazine.

Mother (severely)—Bobby, you mustn't use those naughty words. Bobby—From pa's shaving, uncle's golf, cousin Jim's Ford, and auntie's parrot.—London Passing Show.

Diner—Where's my change? Waiter—Dar ain't no change; dat's mah tip. Diner—But I didn't tell you you could have it.

Waiter—Oh, dat's all right, boss. Ah's fo' getful mahself sometimes.—Boston Transcript.

The Platonist (to would be son-in-law)—Is it my daughter you want, sir, or is it her money? The Suitor—Sir, you know very well that I am an amateur athlete.

The Platonist—What's that got to do with it? The Suitor—A great deal, sir. It debars me from taking part in any event for money.—London Passing Show.

"Did you find out what that sporty looking stranger was doin' in Chigerville?" asked Bill Wopbit, the garage man. "Nope," said Sam Puttyfoot, the leading grocer. "I ast him what his business was, an' he said he was th' feller who built th' prairie mids." "A kind of architect, eh?"

"Naw, I knew right off he was tryin' to fool me. I don't know much, but I know them things was built before th' civil war, which was a considerable time before that young whippersnapper was born."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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