

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

"As Shakespeare says," remarked Cassidy, who was fond of airing his "bookishness" occasionally, "what's in a name?"

"Well," replied Casey, "call me what that Ol don't loike, an' Ol'll show ye."

A London cabman had brought suit against a woman for not paying the legal fare, and his constant remark was, "She ain't a lady."

"Do you know a lady when you see one?" asked the Judge.

"I do, yer Honor." Last week a lady gave me a sov'rin instead of a shillin', and I called: 'Beg pardon, madam, I've got a sov'rin instead of a shillin', and she shouts back: 'Well, you old fool, keep the change and get drunk with it!' That's wot I calls a lady!"

During his residence in Canada Ernest Thompson Seton, the well-known writer of nature books, visited Niagara often. Recently he said:

"Sometimes at Niagara I would fraternize with the cabbies there. I would ask them to tell me the odd comments on the Falls that they had heard strangers and foreigners make from time to time. Many an odd comment I would come upon in this way. As odd as one as any was that which an Englishman made.

"This Englishman, a porter in London, had come all the way across the Atlantic in December, when the rates were low, to see Niagara. The spectacle had somewhat disappointed him. He said to a caddy, over a mug of ginger beer, on the night of his arrival:

"As for the Falls, they're handsome, quite so. But they don't quite answer my expectations. Besides, I got thoroly vetted and lost me 'at. I prefer to look at 'em in a hengraving, in 'ot weather, in the 'ouse."

"What's the matter, old man?" he said as they met the next morning after. "You look blue."

"I feel blue."

"But last night you were the jolliest member of our party."

"I felt jolly."

"You acted like a boy just let out of school."

"I felt like one."

"You said that your wife had gone away for the first time in three years, and there wasn't anyone to say a word if you went home and kicked over the mantel-clock."

"I remember."

"You said that if you stayed out until four o'clock there was no one to look at you reproachfully, and sigh, and make you feel mean."

"Yes, and I stayed out until four o'clock, didn't I?"

"You certainly did."

"And I gave a war-whoop on the front doorstep."

"Yes, and you sang a verse from a comic opera song, and tried to dance a clog."

"Yes, and my wife missed that train. Now, please go away and let me alone."

John W. Gates, in the breathing times in his fight on the Gould system, delights to tell a story of a German butcher in New York.

"There was a bretty young womans who one of my markets came at," runs the legend, "who a leg of lambs for her dinner would buy. She had no married been long yet alretty, und vas greens about marketing, py grachus.

"Vat kind uv legs uf lambs you will have?" mine glerk he asks her, bolite as possible.

"It is company ve vill have the dinner fer," she says, "und my husband to get the best says."

"My mams the very best he has shows, and tells her how fine und tender they be, alretty the finest of the market, he say.

"Id vas a joke then she says by my mans, und a good joke it vas, too, for she say, quiet like, 'Vas dot a Persian lam's leg?' Und she vas mad when my mans he smile and say, 'Dis ain't no furrier's, ma'am,' for she blush and say real loud, 'If I vas new by the market-ting, I know dot Persian lamb vas the most expensive, und it vas the verry best my husband he wants."

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Gossip.

The day after the wedding. "I suppose, Henry," said the old gentleman to the new son-in-law, "that you are aware the check for \$5,000 I put among your wedding presents was merely for effect?" "Oh, yes, sir," responded the cheerful Henry, "and the effect was excellent. The bank cashed it this morning without a word."

Dr. Wines was formerly the principal of a boys' school. One day he had occasion to "trounce" a boy, and it is to be supposed did the work thoroughly. The lad took his revenge in a way that the doctor himself could not help laughing at.

Dr. Wines' front door bore a plate, on which was the one word, "Wines." The boy wrote an addition in big letters, so that the inscription ran: "Wines and Other Lickers."

This story is told of a young gentleman going to the British Wesleyan Theological Institution: His father was very anxious that he should not be plunged into any feminine entanglements. So he wrote to the governor to that effect. The next thing the father heard was that his son was appointed to take a ladies' class. The father remonstrated. The governor wrote back saying that the safety of his son was in numbers. The father wrote back to say that the safety of his son was in exodus. The chronicler, unfortunately, does not relate the sequel to this pentateuchal repartee.

DEVELOPING MARKETS FOR BUTTER

The Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, has again this year operated a number of creameries in the Northwest Territories, so that farmers in districts adapted to dairying might be able to obtain a cash income from their cows until such a time as they are able to carry on the work for themselves. Considerable attention has recently been devoted to developing new markets for the butter produced, and the results have been quite satisfactory. In spite of the fact that the price of butter in Eastern Canada has been lower this year than last, the patrons of the Northwest creameries have received an average net price of 20.98 cents a pound for the butter manufactured from the cream supplied by them, over a cent a pound more than in 1903, and the highest price ever obtained for the season's output of the Government creameries.

British Columbia has naturally been the chief market for Territorial butter in the past, and still continues to take the bulk of the shipments. Freight rates and other expenses are so heavy that a satisfactory trade with Great Britain cannot be carried on at present, but a considerable export trade is being developed with Japan and other Oriental countries. Before the Osaka Exposition there was scarcely any Canadian butter sold to Japan, but in spite of the war some 34,000 pounds have been shipped to that country from the Government Creameries during the first ten months of this year. The total consumption of butter in Japan is not large, but there are indications of a decided increase in demand for the Canadian article at the close of the war.

The Yukon butter trade is also being recovered for Canada. The total amount consumed in that territory annually is over 500,000 pounds, of which nearly 200,000 pounds has this year been contributed by the Government creameries in the Northwest Territories. When the country was first opened, several shipments of tinned butter sent up by Canadian firms were found to be very inferior in quality, and consequently the Canadian article got a bad name and the market was practically monopolized by the United States. Indeed, until 1903 about the only Canadian butter used in the Yukon was that sent to the Mounted Police. Meanwhile the Dairy Division had been testing various styles of tins and other packages, and had found that a first-class article properly packed, could be shipped there at a profit. Orders for 90,000 pounds were received last year, and the amount has been more than doubled this season, as mentioned above.
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