



NOT SUPERSTITIOUS.

HOSTESS (excitedly, as guests are about to take their seats): Mercy! there are thirteen here!
 CHORUS: Never mind! Don't be afraid? Don't be superstitious!
 HOSTESS: Oh, it's not that. But there are only twelve plates laid. How awkward!
 But there is little harm done, as none of them know who was forgotten.

The man with twins is deucedly happy.
 Notwithstanding the discussion now going on to decide if marriage is a failure, the brakemen go right on coupling.
 An old bachelor says that he rather likes a comical baby, but he objects when it becomes a screaming farce.
 Even if the price of flour has advanced, the young housewife cannot possibly manage to get along without a little dab of it on the end of her nose.
 Lawyer (to little boy)—“Where did you learn to tell such outrageous lies?” Boy—“I passed your office one day when the window was open.”
 If you want to get cold facts out of a woman contradict her and make her mad. It fetches the truth every time, but usually it isn't complimentary to you.
 “Politician, ain't you?” he enquired, turning to the passenger immediately behind him.
 “Yep; how did you know?”
 “Breath.”
 He had passionately declared his love. “You are too late, George; too late,” murmured the girl. “Too late?” he exclaimed, with an agonizing cry. “Is it possible that you love another?” “No, George; but it is nearly twelve o'clock, and I hear papa at the gate.”
 “Oh, yes,” said the Western man, we like to have you fellows come out to grow up with the gul-orious West. But we draw the line at the men who are driven to settle with us because they are unable or unwilling to settle with their creditors in the East.”
 Little Ina, nearly 5 years of age, set out to visit school the other day as gay as a lark, but returned after the session with rather a careworn expression of countenance. When asked how she liked school, she said:
 “I did not like it.”
 “Why not?”
 “Oh! I had to work awful hard.”
 “What did you have to do?”
 “I had to keep still like everything.”
 “Men,” said the captain of the steamer to the frightened passengers huddling about him, “it is true that we are not gaining on the leak, but we are only fifty miles from land, and if necessary we can throw overboard 2,000 tons of freight to lighten the ship. There is no occasion for alarm. We have several hundred casks of rum in the cellar that we can—”
 “No occasion for alarm!” exclaimed a tall Kentuckian, turning pale with apprehension. “Captain, do you intend to throw that rum overboard?”

DISTICHES.

- I.
Wisely a woman prefers to a lover a man who neglects her.
This one may love her some day, some day the lover will not.
- II.
There are three species of creatures who when they seem coming are going.
When they seem going they come: Diplomats, women and crabs.
- III.
Pleasures too hastily tasted grow sweeter in fond recollection,
As the pomegranate plucked green ripens far over the sea.
- IV.
As the meek beasts in the garden came flocking for Adam to name them,
Men for a title to day crawl to the feet of a king.
- V.
What is a first love for, except to prepare for a second?
What does the second love bring? Only regret for the first.

Judge—Prisoner, the evidence shows that you brutally assaulted the plaintiff. Have you anything to offer in extenuation?
 Prisoner—No, sir; my lawyer took all the money I had.
 “Edward,” asked the proprietor, “how are those \$7 watches selling?” “Not very well, sir.” “How much do they cost us?” “They cost \$4.47 net.” “Well, I guess you'd better mark them up to \$9 and put them in the window, with a card saying that they must be sold out regardless of cost.”
 He (on the brink of a proposal—I like your charming sex so much, you know; but really I don't know how to take woman.
 She (willing to help him on)—I think I can tell you.
 “How?”
 “For better or for worse.”
 “What will it cost me, Uncle Rastus, to have my coop whitewashed?”
 “I kain't tell yet, sah, till I makes an estimate ob de size and dimunshuns.”
 That night the owner was disturbed by a loud noise in the hen-coop.
 “Hi, there!” he shouted from an upper window, “what are you doing there?”
 “Is's Unc Rastus,” was the reply, “and he's figgerin' on de size and dimunshuns ob de coop.”

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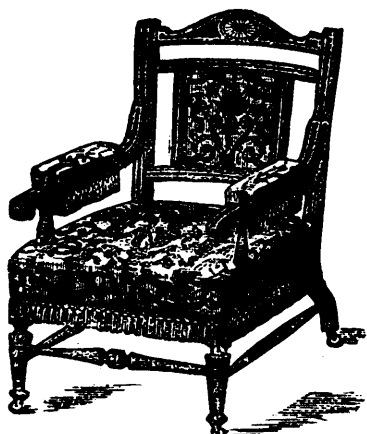
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