

A man cannot smoke his cigar too short unless he smokes it too long.

How is it that the dresses ladies want to wear out are mostly worn in-doors?

If there be no enemy, no fight; if no fight, no victory; if no victory, no crown.

A man's curiosity never reaches the female standard until some one tells him that his name was in yesterday's paper.

How solemn is the thought that the morning of each day presents me with a blank leaf, which I have to fill up for eternity.

It is wonderful how silent a man can be when he knows his cause is just, and how boisterous he becomes when he knows he is in the wrong.

Why is paper money more valuable than coin? Because you double it when you put it in your pocket, and when you take it out you find it in-c-reases.

A robust countryman, meeting a physician, ran to hide behind a wall; being asked the cause, he replied, 'It is so long since I have been sick that I am ashamed to look a physician in the face.'

One of the recent electoral jokes at Edinburgh was the publication of a little volume on the political achievements of a noble candidate. The reader, on opening it, found that the pages were blank.

A clothier has excited public curiosity by having a large apple painted on his sign. When asked for an explanation, he replied, 'If it hadn't been for an apple where would the ready-made clothing stores be to-day?'

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a young woman in fur-lined silk cloak to walk around without letting it fly open just a little to show that the fur is more than mere border.

A farmer who was boasting of his 'respect for man — for man pure and simple,' was nonplussed by his wife's saying, 'And yet you always count your cattle by the head, while your hired servants are only your hands.'

A little fellow lately asked his parent's to take him to church with them. They said he must wait until he was older. 'Well,' was his shrewd response, 'you'd better take me now, for when I get bigger I may not want to go.'

The man who paves his own way to fame has frequently to walk over a rough and rugged road.

The proper way to check slander is to despise it; attempt to overtake and refute it, and it will outrun you.

'Mother, send me for the doctor.'
'Why, my son?' 'Cause that man in the parlour is going to die—he said he would if sister Jane would not marry him—and sister Jane said she would not.'

The fancy portrait in *Punch* is that of the Duke of Hamilton, to which the lines are appended:—

'I'm monarch of all I survey,
My right there is none to dispute—
Though that isn't quite what they say
In the parts about Arran and Bute.'

A shoemaker was the other day fitting a customer with a pair of boots, when the buyer observed that he had but one objection to them, which was that the soles were a little too thick. 'If that is all,' said Crispin, 'put on the boots, and the objection will gradually wear away.'

All in her eye—Peggy Johnston (bargaining with peddler for a pair o' specs):
'Na, na, they'll nae dae.' Peddler (after half-a-dozen have proved unsuccessful, hands her a pair without glasses in them): 'Try thae, my woman.'
Peggy: 'Noo ye've fitted me. Thae's the best specs ever I had on.'

Economical—Scene—Highlands. Ten miles from a post office. Betty (who has been visiting a sick relative), to nurse: 'Weel, ye'll write me in a week or so, an' lat me ken if she's getting any better.' Nurse: 'A will dae that; an' as A hae plenty o' time A'll jist gang an' dae't e'en noo, for it's mony a time a week ere we get a chance o' onybody gain' to the post-office here.'

FACT, OF COURSE.—Scene—Cottage garden, Sunday morning; the tenant is busily employed in securing a swarm of bees just hived from his neighbour's garden—the Free Kirk minister's. Enter Minister (excitedly): 'These are my bees.' Tenant: 'You are welcome to take them.' Minister: 'It's a pity that bees should hive on Sunday. Very annoying indeed.' Tenant: 'You see, sir, they are Auld Kirk bees, sir, an' Auld Kirk bees always hive when ready, be it Sunday or Saturday. If you want bees no tae hive on Sundays, you should try some Free Kirk yins.'