

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

"Is your paper up to the times?" asked a stranger of the editor of the "Cyclone Weekly." "Not only up to them, but always ahead of them," replied the editor. "Why, sir, we report a man's death the moment he calls in a doctor."

"Dante?" remarked Mrs. Brown interrogatively. "no I don't know as I ever heard of him. But the name is familiar. Oh, yes, Ann Dante. I know I had heard of somebody by that name. Wonder if it was his daughter."

He: If you did not love me, why did you encourage me? She: I? Encourage you? He: For two seasons you have accepted every one of my invitations to the theatre, etc. She: That was not because I loved you, it was because I loved the theatre."

Benevolent Party: My man, don't you think fishing is cruel sport? Fisherman: Cruel? Well, I should say so. I have sat here six hours and have not had a bite, been nearly eaten up by mosquitoes, and the sun has parboiled the back of my neck.

The Court: Why did you assault this man? The Prisoner: I'll tell you how it is. You see I'm a barber. Well? And this man sells pianos and breaks up my business. How that? He gets people to be musicians, and then they quit getting their hair cut.

"Your honour, and gentlemen of the jury, I acknowledge the reference of counsel of the other side to my grey hair. My hair is grey, and it will continue to be gray as long as I live. The hair of that gentleman is black and will continue to be black as long as he dyes."

Englishman: Pardon me, sir, but where do you come from? Paddy: From County Clare? Englishman: Then that accounts for your brogue. Paddy: May I ax where you come from? Englishman: From Worcester, sir, proudly. Paddy: Then that accounts for your sauce.

Too Late.—Mr. Finnigan: Yez kin charge that drink to me, Dennis Finnigan. Bartender: Hold on! (raising his voice). Say, is Finnigan good for a drink? Proprietor (from the inside room): Has he had it yet? Bartender: Yes. Proprietor (shortly): He's good for it.

A gray-haired lady called at the Town Clerk's office yesterday and wanted to register so that she can vote for members of the Board of Education. As Town Clerk Tracey had not received a book in which to record the names, he advised her to wait a while. The election is a year and a half in the distance.

Mrs. R.: Why, Mr. H., isn't that Miss M.? That was her name. I believe, said Mr. H. Ah, she's married then? And pray do tell me what narrowed-brained, sniping idiot could have married her? You refer to the minister who performed the ceremony, I presume, as I am her husband.

A good many older persons who have been in difficult positions, and have felt that the world was really very hard on them, can sympathise with little Flo. She had been cursed by her mother for some small mischief which she had been engaged in. She sat thinking it over for some time, and finally said in an utterly discouraged tone, "Everything I do is laid to me!"

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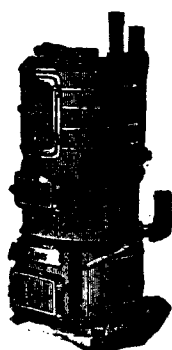
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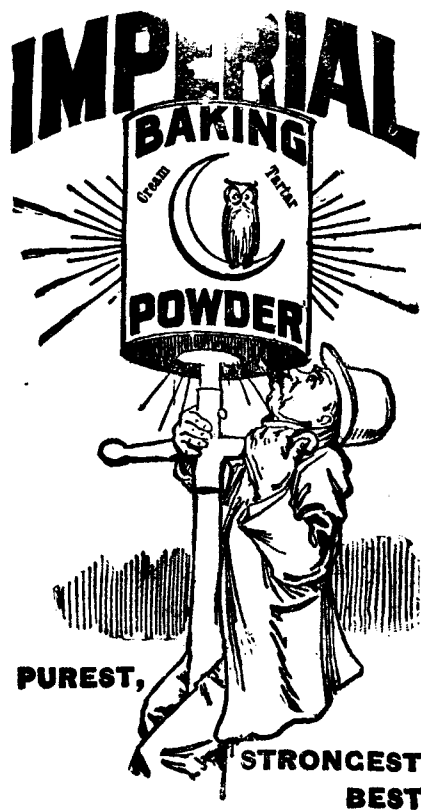
He who writes himself martyr by his own inscription is like an ill-painter who by writing on a shapeless picture which he hath drawn, is fain to tell passengers what shape it is, which else no one could imagine.—Milton.

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