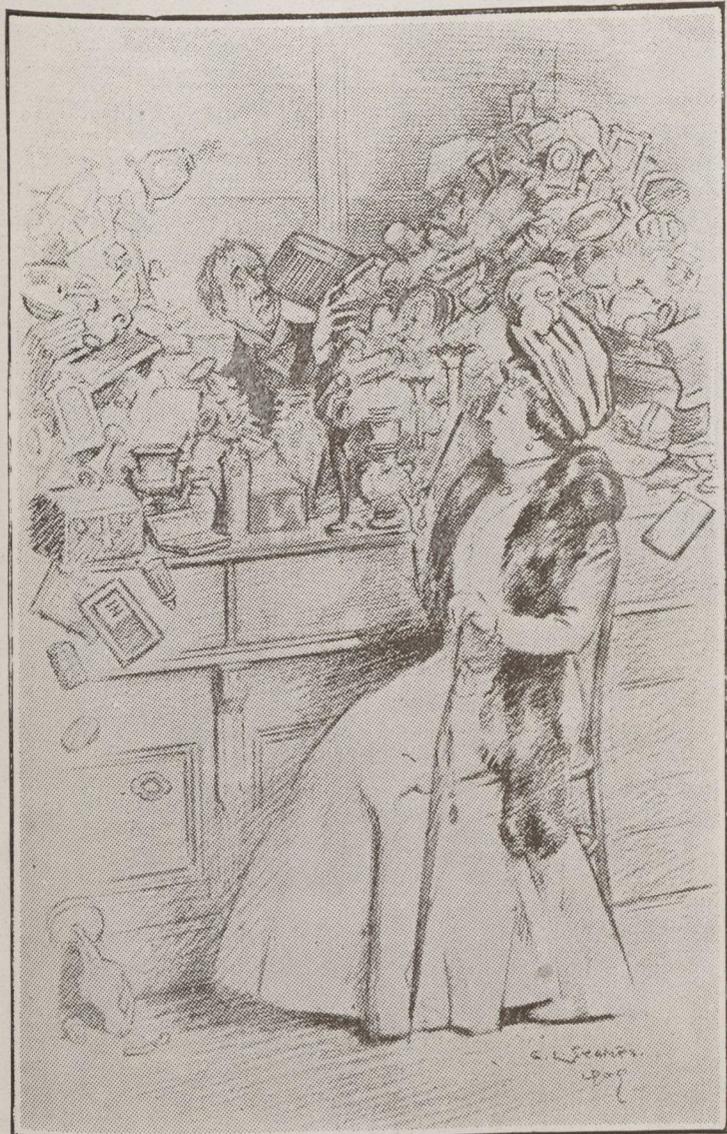


WITH THE WITS



Enjoying Herself "The main charm of Christmas shopping lies in the actual buying, the lingering over the numberless temptations which surround one on all hands." —Daily paper

CUSTOMER: "None of these will suit me. Have you nothing else to show?"

HER REVENGE.

Young Jackson—"Mr. Johnson, your daughter has promised to marry me." Old Johnson—"Great Scott. That's what comes of refusing to buy her a pug dog! She said she'd get even with me!"



MORE THAN HALF SHO".

P.C. Murphy came staggering into the police court with a Michael Gunn—and Gunn was drunk. "Plaze, yer worship, I found this man outside the court-yard drunk. He sez his name is Gunn, and bedad, your honor, He's loaded!" The magistrate frowned, "Gunn," he said, "you are discharged!" And the report was in the papers the next day.



A LONG FELT WANT.

"Yes," said the thoughtful thinker, "I have an idea for an invention that would make all other get-rich-quick schemes look quite idiotic if I could only perfect it." "What's the idea?" queried the party with the bulging forehead. "A folding horse that would fit under the seat of any cheap motor-car for use in emergencies," answered the thoughtful one.



THE TRAMP UP-TO-DATE.

"My boy," said the first tramp, "I've hit on a scheme that guarantees me a square meal and possibly some clothes at any house I care to strike." "What do you do?" asked the second wayfarer. "I throw away my hat, run through a couple of bushes to get my clothes torn, then go up to the front door of a mansion and tell the lady of the house I'm a flying man and that my aeroplane has just descended in the woods."

HE READ IT.

It was a dark night. A man was riding a bicycle with no lamp. He came to cross-roads and did not know which way to turn. He felt in his pocket for a match. He found but one. Climbing to the top of the pole he lit the match carefully, and in the ensuing glimmer read—"Wet Paint."



NO EXERCISE.

Two men whose offices were on the second floor were on the first floor waiting for the elevator. "You are not looking extra well, Lonsdel," remarked the lawyer. "No, Rangie," replied the real estate man. "Think I'll join an athletic club. I need the exercise." "Me, too." They still waited for the elevator.



THE REASON.

The schoolmaster was explaining the circulation of the blood. "If I were to stand on my head, the blood would rush to my head, wouldn't it?" No one contradicted him. "Now," he continued, "when I stand on my feet, why doesn't it rush to my feet?" "Because," the bright boy suggested, "your feet ain't empty!"



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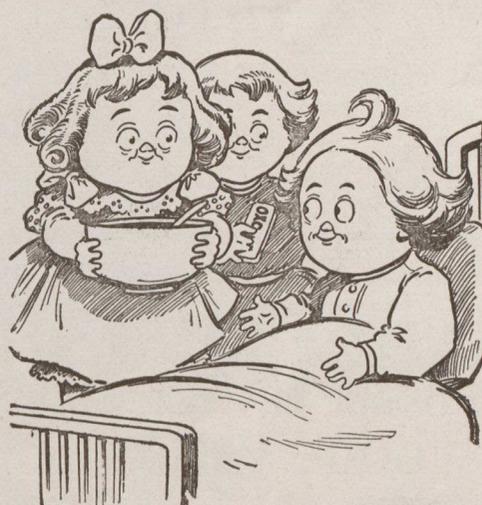
"Gracious Tommy," said the startled visitor, "I never saw a lad get as many spankings as you do. Why, it seems to be a continuous performance down in the woodshed." "Oh, I can stand it," laughed Tommy with a wink. "You can stand it?" "Easily! When dad spanks me ma feels so sorry she gives me sweets on the sly. Then when ma spanks me dad feels so sorry he gives me tuppence and takes me out to see the cricket match."

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