

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

Lady: I must tell you that we are very early risers. Irish Domestic: Well, ye won't dishturb me, mum; I shlake like a top!

Sniggins (angrily): Do you know that your chickens come over in my yard? Snooks: I supposed they did, for they never come back again.

"This beef-steak is so tough, the knife won't go through it." Restaurant keeper (shouts): Waiter, another knife for this gentleman."

Mistress: How is it that I saw a soldier hugging you in the kitchen last night? Maid: I don't know, ma'am, unless you were peeping through the keyhole.

Old bachelor: Do you expect to marry, or do you prefer to keep your liberty, Miss Van Sand? Miss Van Sand: What a funny question. I intend to do both.

"Your wife's new gown is a perfect dream," said Mrs. Kickshaw to Mr. Dimmick. "I think it must be," replied Dimmick. "I had a nightmare when I saw the bill for it."

A New York divorce lawyer's advertisement thus reads: Hymeneal incompatibilities as a specialty carefully adjusted. 'Tis slavery to detain the hand after the heart hath fled.

Wife: This is the third time you have come home tipsy this week. Hubby: D-don't be so p-pessimistic, my dear. You should think of the four nights I come home sober.

Aunt: So Teddy, I hear you were flogged in school to-day. Ted: Yes; but it didn't hurt. Aunt: But you cried? Ted: Oh, I did that to satisfy the teacher. I know what pleases him.

Mistress (angrily): See, Bridget, I can write my name in the dust! Servant (admiringly): Oh, mum, that's more than I can do. There's nothing like eddication, after all, is there, mum?

Mistress: How is it one never hears a sound in the kitchen when your sweetheart is with you of an evening? Servant Girl: Please, ma'am, the poor fellow is so bashful yet; for the present he does nothing but eat.

"Allow me, mademoiselle, to present this to you? No, no, I do not wish to accept a present." "It is a volume of my poems." "Ah, that is different. I could not have permitted you to give me anything of value."

"How true it is, my dear," observed Blifkins, who had been in a deep reverie, quite in the Shakespearian vein "that the good which men do is often interred with their bones." "I s'pose," snapped Mrs. B., "that there's so little of it, they don't think it worth keeping."

"Mary, I'm tired of your carelessness; look at that dust lying around, in the corner, and even on the furniture. It is six months old, at the very least." Mary (stiffly): Then it's no fault of mine, mum, for I've only been with you three months. It's the last girl you should blame, not me.

Doctor (to patient): What ails you? Patient: Indeed, I don't know. I only know that I suffer. "What kind of a life do you lead?" "I work like an ox, I eat like a wolf, I am as tired as a dog, and I sleep like a horse." "In that case I would advise you to consult a veterinary surgeon."

A lady in San Francisco engaged a Chinese cook. When the Celestial came, among other things she asked him his name. "My name," said the Chinaman, smiling, "is Wang Hang Ho." "Oh, I can't remember all that," said the lady. "I will call you John." John smiled all over and asked, "What your namee?" "My name is Mrs. Melville Langdon." "Me no memble all that," said John. "Chinaman he no savey Mrs. Membul London—I call you Tommy."

Miss Gladys (severely): Bridget, your manners are not good. You should not come into the room so suddenly when Mr. Callalot is passing the evening with me. Bridget (disgusted): Suddent! And is it suddent you call it, an' me wid me ear to the blessed kay-hole a full three-quarters of an hour!

"I am not rich," he said, "but if the devotion of a true and tender heart goes for anything with you, dear Clara—" "It goes well enough with me, Mr. Spoonbill," interrupted the fair maiden with a pensive look on her sweet face. "But how will it go with the butcher, the baker, the grocer? Those people must be considered, you know."

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