

PHUNNY ECHOES.

Angelina—The man I marry must be handsome, brave and clever. Tompkins—Dear me! how I—fortunate we have met.

The gentleman who wrote the article on the "Devastating Power of Locusts" is said to have received most of his ideas from Captain Williams.

I am growing up pretty fast, and soon I shall be raising a mustache, said Tommy Toddler. You are mistaken, my boy. When you raise a mustache you'll be growing down.

My daughter, you ought to have some aim in life, said a father to his thoughtless sixteen-year old. O, I am going to, papa, was the enthusiastic reply. I have got my bean already!

"I don't owe but one man in the world," "Well, you're more fortunate than I am. I'm over head and ears in debt." "So am I, too. The bill I owe is for the wig I've got on my head."

A conundrum fiend asks: What is the difference between Italy and a boy who has a penchant for "shinning" up trees? As if we didn't know that one is a sunny clime and the other a climb-y son.

Highland preacher (excitedly rebuking the erring): You are on your way to the bottomless pit, and if you don't take care and stop short, you'll go down and down till you reach the very bottom!

Fat man (who is in something of a hurry): I'll give you half a sovereign to get me to the station in three minutes. Cabman (with provoking slowness: Well, sorry, you might corrupt me, but you can't bribe that horse.

"Ah, George, did you propose to Vivian?" "No; she made the proposal before I had a chance to say anything." "She did!—what did she say?" "She proposed that I leave the house immediately, and I accepted."

Mrs. Jenks was reading of two young city experts who were going fly-fishing, when she muttered: The senseless idiots! If they only knew it, a teaspoonful of treacle and vinegar on a pane of glass would catch more flies at home than they'll catch all the summer in the mountains.

Jones—Always be honest and truthful, and you are bound to prosper. Brown—I suppose you are right. You always lived up to this principle, I believe? Jones—I have endeavored to. Brown—And you are worth—? Jones—My dear sir, you must be aware that there are exceptions to all rules.

An old sexton had lately been a porter at an important junction station, and was well known to many travellers by the stentorian tones in which he announced that all were to change carriages. Happening one day to fall asleep in church, his neighbor quietly aroused him just as the benediction was being pronounced. He awoke with a start, and, to the intense consternation of the congregation, shouted, "All change here!"

"Bill, how is your law practice?" "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Bill, how is your law practice? "Law practice! Do you take me for a fool?" "Certainly not. I had expected you were almost erudite enough by this time to get a judge's commission." "Well, you see, my dear boy, I starved along at law until I got tired. It was too slow work. Then I got a situation as coachman when coachmen were elevated to the aristocracy, but I failed to reach an heiress, and so now I'm giving private lessons in billiards. I have lots of pluck, and I will strike it rich some day."

Yes, and I had better have taken that price then, than a dollar and a half now. The lounge paid down the price, and went about his business—if he had any—and Franklin returned into the printing office.

GREEN-ROOM GOSSIP.

Joseph Jefferson does not like to be spoken of as "Joe." He believes that his age and position entitle him to the respect shown by the use of his full Christian name, and cites in his argument that Edwin Booth is rarely, if ever, referred to as "Ned." Once while on a Western tour the comedian carried with the company a property-man, whose fondness for strong waters was as large as his bump of veneration was small. The latter failing led him into speaking of the star as "His Jigsteps" and "His Riplets." One morning the property-man turned up at rehearsal in a highly inebriated condition. Meeting Mr. Jefferson in the wings, it occurred to him that it would be a graceful thing to tender him an off hand apology. So leaning gently up against the comedian he remarked: "Jeffy, old boy, when one feller comes to another feller"

"Jeffy, old boy," shocked the comedian beyond expression.

"Go, sir!" he exclaimed. "Go, sir, at once."

The offender went. That night "Rip Van Winkle" was the bill, and the house was packed from pit to dome. In a corner of the gallery sat the property-man, looking rather frayed around the edges.

The play progressed. Rip is turned out into the storm and, standing upon the threshold of his home, utters the most pathetic line in the piece:

"You—you say that I have no share in this house!"

Then through the silence comes, in sad and asthmatic tones:

"Only '80 per cent. of the gross, Jeffy, old boy."

The comedian collapsed. The property-man was avenged.

Fight Your Way Up.

The many who have to take the world rough and tumble are prone to envy the few who roll through it unjolted, in cushioned vehicles on patent springs. The toiler, as he stumbles through its thorny thickets, and limps over its foot-blistering gravel, is apt to curse the ill luck that placed him on such a hard road, and to sigh for a seat in one of the splendid equipages that glide so smoothly over Fortune's macadamized turnpike. Born with a pewter spoon in his mouth, he covets the silver one which was the birth-gift of his do-nothing neighbor. The more fool he. Occupation is the "immediate jewel" of life. It is true that riches are no bar to exertion. Quite the reverse, when their uses are properly understood. But the discontented worker, who pines for wealth without being willing to labor for it, regards the idleness in which it would enable him to live as the acme of temporal happiness. He has no idea of money as a great motive power, to be applied in enterprises that give healthful employment to mind and body. All that he desires is to live a feather-bed life—to idle luxuriously.

We have no sympathy for such sensuous longings. People who indulge in them never acquire wealth. They lack the energy to break their way to the worldly independence for which they yearn and whine. They don't know how much more glorious it is to tear affluence from opposing fate by man strength of will, and inflexibility of purpose than to receive it as a windfall. There is infinitely more satisfaction in conquering a fortune with brain and muscle, than was ever experienced by an heir in obtaining or dissipating the golden store that some thriftier hand had accumulated. Your accidental Cressus knows nothing of the pride of success—the honest exultation with which the self-made man looks back upon the impediments he has overcome, and forward into the fair future which he has earned the right to enjoy.

Economy is Wealth, But—

There is a story of a young man employed on one of the Vanderbilt roads who, after fruitless endeavors to get his salary raised, finally went to William H. Vanderbilt himself.

He was kindly received, but when it came to the question of an increase of salary Mr. Vanderbilt said: "Young man, the trouble in these days is not that men do not get salaries enough but that they are extravagant and do not keep what they get."

With admirable composure the young man took a notebook and pencil from his pocket, and after a little figuring said: "Mr. Vanderbilt, as I figure it, if God had given Adam a salary of \$25,000 a year, and he had lived till the present day, hoarded every cent of it during these 6,000 years, he would still be \$50,000,000 poorer than you are. Are there not possibly other ways of getting ahead besides saving one's salary?"

Mr. Vanderbilt quickly closed the interview, but is said to have ordered the young man's salary raised in recognition of his coolness and keenness.

This story is naturally recalled as one reads from time to time of Chauncey M. Depew addressing the young men on the virtues of economy and frugality. The advice is always good, but the man who knows most about how the Vanderbilts acquired control over \$640,000,000 worth of railroads ought to enlighten the young men on a few other points now and then.

Ready-made Clothing at 40c in the dollar at J. P. Coutlee & Co.'s, 1516 Notre Dame street.

Don't fail to call on J. P. Coutlee & Co., 1516 Notre Dame street, to examine bargains. They are genuine.

Parties owing J. P. Coutlee & Co., 1516 Notre Dame street, are respectfully requested to call and settle at once.

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS

Persian lamb is the correct name for the best class of Astrakan fur skin.

The skirts to tailor-made gowns remain plain and close at the sides, but are rather fuller at the back with more gathering or pleats; all are made quite short, only for indoor wear they must rest on the ground, many then being made with a short train.

CAPE.—Stylish capes are yet preferred for out-door wraps, and the newest models are in smart tweeds. With the pure wool goods now employed for dresses a cape is all that is really needed at present. Fur capes are very stylish, especially those arranged with a point back and front and high sleeves, which are well finished with the Medici collar.

FUR borderings to skirts are well worn, though they are singularly unsuited to walking, either in London or the country. A band of beaver edged a brown cloth skirt, headed by a band of velvet, exhibiting very fine stripes in green and black. The jacket bodice was entirely composed of this striped velvet, and had a long all-round basque; it was trimmed with red and gold galon, the pattern open and lace like.

ORANGE PUDDING.—Peel and cut five oranges into thin slices, taking out all seeds, put over them a coffee cup of fine white sugar. Let 1 pint milk get boiling hot, by setting it in hot water; add the yolks of 3 eggs well beaten, 1 tablespoonful corn starch made smooth in a little cold milk; stir all the time; and as soon as thickened pour it over the fruit. Beat the whites to a stiff froth, add a tablespoonful of sugar, and spread it over the top for frosting; set in oven a minute to harden. Can be eaten hot, but is best cold.

DRESSES FOR THE SEASON.—The prevailing colors in dresses will be dark blue, grey-blue and green mixed; heliotrope combined with light Suede shades, violet eveque, and beaver. The skirts are made ground length for day wear, and with train or demi-train for evening. A new trimming for evening dresses is a band, or rather roll, made of peony petals in silk, gffered, and of any shade to match the dress. This is placed at the edge of the skirt, and narrower on the bodice and sleeves. It is very pretty in light colors, and is especially applicable to thin materials.

STRAW PIPPINS WITH CREAM.—This sweet should be prepared early, as it is to be eaten cold. Place half a pound of the best Normandy pippins to soak in a basin of cold water for a couple of hours, then put them in an enamelled saucepan with a half dozen cloves, a few strips of lemon peel, and a quarter of a pound of Demerara sugar; let them simmer gently in a pint of fresh water until tender, then add another quarter of a pound of sugar, and after this has dissolved, take them from the fire. Place them on a glass dish, together with the syrup, and pour over them a small jarful of cream. It will take from an hour and a half to two hours to cook the fruit.

PRESERVATION OF CHILDREN'S TEETH.—Incalculable harm is done to both the health of a child and to the integrity of a second set of teeth by allowing the temporary teeth to become decayed and abscessed, causing pain and suffering, and frequently indigestion and all its accumulated evils. The number of children who have decayed and in many cases a part of the first set gone and the second set badly broken down is too great. "Neglect is the mortal enemy of the teeth." A great deal of good can be accomplished by keeping the teeth brushed and cleaned. The child should be taught to brush its own teeth, and use the pick after every meal. In this manner one can save more teeth, using no instruments but the brush and pick (and, by the way, one should use nothing but a quill toothpick) and silk thread, than all the dentists can by performing their usual dental operations.

FUR.—Most of the fur capes this season are made high on the shoulders with inserted sleeve pieces, but the newest idea is a fringe of sable tails carried over the shoulder in graduated lengths. Most of them are in the habit shirt form with two elongated points falling below the waist; some, however, of the all round shape end midway between the bust and the waist, and there is one form of this length which has points in front, matching the shoulder pieces, lined with quilting, these are also pointed. The high Medici collars are almost universal, the exceptions are the military band collar. A new fashion this season, or rather the revived fashion (for there is but little new under the sun) is the "Victorine," namely, a collared cape reaching only to the shoulders with long ends to the hem of the dress, which sometimes have tails at the edge. The hats are generally of a toque shape, made either of Astrakan or Persian lamb. They often have cloven crowns, and nearly all brims that turn up. They are crinkled round, and some are wider just at the back where they divide. Military bands and Medici collars in fur are both sold with patent springs distinct from the capes.

SHOULD BABIES SLEEP ALONE?—The question has been asked (writes a medical man) whether a babe ought to be alone from the first. There is some difference on this point. Some authorities would say that the child should not lie alone; others say it should do so. The arguments for the former are that the child requires the warmth of another person's body; that it is easier to suckle with the child close at hand. Against these, it is said, must be placed the known bad effects of a child "breathing close to a grown-up person, and the danger of "over-laying," besides the tax on the mother or nurse not to disturb the child by any personal movements. I would strongly advise you to make your babe lie alone in his bassinette at the side of your own bed. Any warmth, he may need, other than that of his blanket, etc., may be supplemented by an india-rubber hot water bottle. The danger of suffocation, by the child being smothered or squeezed by whoever is sleeping with him, is removed. The child breathes purer air when alone. The mortality from "over-laying" is such a crying evil among the poor that its frequency begets the terrible thought that in many instances it is not an accident, but a premeditated act. The accident can happen easily. I have shown you how to avoid it.

Always Ready!

THE EMPIRE

ready to show the Largest and Best Assorted Stock of

MEN'S BOYS' and CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Ever Shown in Montreal at Prices that DEFY COMPETITION

REMEMBER!

MELTON, BEAVER, NAP, VENETIAN, SCOTCH & IRISH TWEED

OVERCOATS,

AT

THE EMPIRE

ONE PRICE

Clothiers,

2261

St. Catherine St. West.

GEO. S. ROONEY, Manager.



Sprucine

FOR Coughs, Colds, Croup.

Sprucine

FOR Whooping Cough Asthmatical AND BRONCHIAL Affections.

Sprucine

FOR SALE

EVERYWHERE.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SUBSCRIBE FOR THE ECHO.

One Dollar a Year. 329 St. James Street.

J. P. COUTLEE & CO., MERCHANT TAILORS,

(Sign of the Large Scissors and Triangle) 1516 NOTRE DAME STREET, (SECOND DOOR FROM CLAUDE STREET), MONTREAL.

GRAND SACRIFICE NOW GOING ON. OVERCOATS, PANTS, &c., Ready-made and Custom made to order, selling below Wholesale Prices.

Having determined to sell only for Cash in future, I intend selling goods on their merits at ROCK BOTTOM CASH PRICES ONLY.

NO CREDIT AND NO BIG PRICES.

THE BEST TEA IN THE WORLD.



REGISTERED TRADE MARK

This Tea has been before the British public for many years, and has attained to such popularity as to be universally pronounced the

BEST TEA IN THE WORLD.

It is packed in Half and One Pound airtight packages, and sold at 40, 50 and 60 cents per pound.

ASK YOUR GROCER FOR IT.