

In Lighter Vein.

The New School.

The doctors used to bleed mankind for every ill that they could find; But now they're wiser, so 'tis said, And "bleed" the pocketbook instead.

—Nixon Waterman.

Was it Watkins?

In spite of the fact that the late Sir Henry Irving was best known histrionically through his depiction of tragic parts, he is said to have had a very subtle sense of humor. The following anecdote is told of him:

While he was one day sitting in his favorite corner in the Greenroom Club, a member, Watkins by name, who was considered one of the greatest bores in the club, is said to have approached him, and, slapping him on the shoulder, said: "Ah, Harry, delighted to see you." Irving, who was never called Harry, and, in fact, could not tolerate the name, turned and looked at the speaker and then resumed his reading. Not abashed in any way, the man again clapped Irving on the shoulder and continued: "Just returned from the Continent, Harry, and whom do you think I saw in Paris? None other than our dear old friend,

Furious—A word expressing the pleasure a girl experiences when she is kissed.

Amateur Farming—A form of extravagance practised by men who, like Carnegie, do not wish to die rich.

Trying it on the Dog.

De Wolfe Hopper is famous for telling excellent jokes upon himself. Whenever he comes toward a group of friends at The Lambs' or The Players' and wears a broad smile, they understood that some new absurd thing has happened to him, and that they are to be permitted to laugh at his expense.

"Hopper," said a friend on one occasion, "you couldn't tell a good thing if you got the best of it. I don't believe you'd see a joke that wasn't played on you."

"Oh, yes I would; yes I would!" protested Mr. Hopper. "Why, I know the funniest thing right now that happened to me that gave me the laugh on everybody for miles around."

"Then let's hear it," said his friend. "All the things I ever heard about you that were jokes either happened to you or to somebody who belonged to you."



The Call of the Snow. Winter in Norway.

Witherspoon. I walked up to him and said: 'How are you, Witherspoon? You don't know me, old chap, do you? And will you believe me, Harry, he didn't know me! I said to him: 'Why, Witherspoon, can it be that you have forgotten me? It's Watkins. Don't you remember Watkins of our old Charterhouse days? Don't you remember Watkins? It's Watkins.'"

At that moment Irving, who had been a lifelong friend of Witherspoon, turning with a look of supreme horror on his face, said: "And was it?"

Some Definitions.

Pessimism—Mental indigestion.
A Genius—T first child.
Fame—Post-mortem appreciation.
Marriage—The end of a love story.
The Unpardonable Sin—Being found out.
Tainted Money—A new variety of sour grapes.
Ability—The explanation of your success.
Luck—The explanation of the other fellow's.

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