

### Not Needed

Frank Lincoln, who used to be well known in Chicago as an entertainer and humorist, has been appearing in London for some time in a monologue. One afternoon he had just made his bow, and was about to begin when a cat walked in and sat down on the stage. With quick wit Mr. Lincoln said severely, "You get out; this is a monologue, not a catalogue," which was unanimously voted the best hit of his entertainment.

### Changin' His Residence

"Isn't there something in my policy," asked a caller, at an insurance office the other day, "about having to report any change of residence?"

"Yes, sir," said the man at the nearest desk, picking up a pen. "Where have you moved to?"

"I haven't moved anywhere," rejoined the caller. "I have made a change in my residence by painting it a light-straw color and putting a chimney-pot on the kitchen chimney. I think that's all. Good day."

### The Politest Man

The politest man has been discovered, says the Chicago Journal. He was hurrying along the street the other night, when another man, also in violent haste, rushed out of a doorway, and the two collided with great force.

The second man looked mad, while the polite man, taking of his hat, said:—

"My dear sir, I don't know which of us is to blame for this violent encounter, but I am in too great a hurry to investigate. If I ran into you, I beg your pardon; if you ran into me, don't mention it."

And he tore away with redoubled speed.

### A Secret Standard

A small boy and his smaller sister of a West Philadelphia family were being interviewed by an admiring visitor. She asked the boy how old he was, but he had an attack of shyness, and could not tell. His sister, however, did better, and announced that he was six years old.

"Six years old!" exclaimed the visitor. "What a big boy! And how tall are you?"

This was too hard for both the children. The visitor expressed surprise that a six-year-old boy could not tell his height, and even the little sister hung her head in shame.

Then the visitor gave it up, and talked of other things, but soon the little girl edged around to her, and whispered, "You mustn't tell mamma," she said, "but Rob is just tall enough to reach the jam on the pantry shelf."

### Optimistic

It is hard to find all the virtues combined in one individual. The policeman who tells the following story, may not have been efficient, but he was optimistic:—

Magistrate (to new policeman)—"Did you notice no suspicious character about the neighborhood?"

New Policeman—"Shure, yer honor, I saw but one man, and I asked him what he was doing there at that time of night. Sez he: 'I have no business here just now, but I expect to open a jewelry store in the vicinity later on.' At that I says: 'I wish you success, sor.'"

Magistrate (disgusted)—"Yes, and he did open a jewelry store in the vicinity later on, and stole seventeen watches."

New Policeman (after a pause)—"Begorra, yer honor, the man may have been a thafe, but he was no liar."

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