

Of Course Not.

During the early days of the Metropolitan Elevated railroad in New York the trains did not run on Sunday. One Sunday morning, ignorant of this fact, a traveller rushed up to the stairway only to find the gates closed. Noticing the letters "M.E.R.R." over the entrance, he said in disgusted tones, "I might know a Methodist Episcopal railroad wouldn't run Sundays!"

Too Much Cheek.

A pompous bishop was having his portrait painted, and, after sitting for an hour in silence he thought he would break the monotony. "How are you getting along?" he inquired. To his astonishment the artist, absorbed in his work, replied, "Move your head a little to the right, and shut your mouth." Not being accustomed to such form of address, his lordship asked, "May I ask why you address me in that manner?" The artist, still absorbed in his work, "I want to take off a little of your cheek."—Tit-Bits.

A Boy's Composition.

Here is a Georgia boy's composition on the trouble in China: "China is a land of heathens that would rather worship a wooden god that grins at you than go to church an' pay pew rent. My pa was a missionary in China. When the Boxers commenced to box, they knocked him out in the first round, an' he lost three fingers an' a brand new hymn-book with a book-mark in it. Then he come home. He has still got 2 legs and 2 arms left, though the Mission Board told him that he lost his head. He says home missions takes the cake."

Never Suited.

The traditional attitude of the pessimist toward all things is represented thus in a dialogue with a Georgia farmer, reported by the Atlanta Constitution: "How do you like this weather?" "Not much; I'm 'feared it's goin' to rain." "Well, how's-times with you?" "Sorter so-so—but they won't last." "Folks all well?" "Yes; but the measles is in the neighborhood." "Well, you ought to be thankful you're a-livin'." "I reckon so; but we've all got to die, sometime!"

How the Governor Was Received.

When the Governor of Newfoundland, Sir Henry McCallum, K.C.M.G., went ashore to a small harbor of the east coast, he was met at the landing-place by a grizzled old fisherman, who sought to make the stranger welcome, whoever he might be. "Be you comin' ashore, sir?" he asked. "Yes," said the Governor. "Be you here about the file (seal oil)?" the fisherman pursued. "No," said the Governor. "Be you one of Sam Lewis' men from Red Bay, sir, come about the timber?" "I am the Governor of Newfoundland," Sir Henry announced, with some show of dignity. "Be you now?" said the fisherman, with a friendly shake of his hand. "Well, 'tis a mighty good job—if you can hold it. An' I hopes you will. Would you like a cup o' tea, sir?"

Misses—"I am not quite satisfied with your references." Applicant—"Nayther am I, mum; but they's the best I could get."



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