

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

"Do you think you could grow to love me?" "I'm afraid not: you see I've done growing."

"How did you come to marry him? Were you in love with him?" "Oh no; but another girl was."

He: I don't believe you will ever marry me. Why, you've already been engaged to nine men! She: Yes, but I never married any of them, George!

Overheard by our artist (the conceited one): "That ain't bad wot 'e's a-doing, Jim. Blowed if I could do it?" "That's only cos yer ain't been brought up to it. Wot I ses, Bill, is every man to his trade?"

She: The letters of Junius I regard as the most wonderful compositions in the language. He: They don't compare with Jack Hardy's. Why, he wrote a letter of condolence to a widow, and she took off her mourning immediately.—*Life*.

Mrs. Jackson: I doan' see yer at chu'ch no mo', Uncle Silas. How comes dat? Uncle Silas: Dat ere new pahson done sot me agin him, a-sayin', anermals ain't got no souls. How dey go'n a git chickens inter hebbin, den, I'd like ter know?—*Puck*.

Artist: I am going to paint this cottage of yours. Woman: Aun glad tae hear it, for it hisna been dune for mony a lang day, an' I've been at the laird ower an' ower again, but he never heeded. (After a pause.) But, losh, man' whaur's yer pail an' brush?

Miss Lookout (to the young curate who has proffered to fix up a swing): Don't be afraid, I'll steady the ladder. Rev. Mr. Youngman (unmarried): And will you catch me if I fall? Miss Lookout: I'm sure I'll try; but I think it'll be a pretty smart girl that catches you.

A Scotchman mounted on a donkey had to travel over a rough piece of country in Australia. He came to a wide ditch which the donkey refused to cross. Turning back a few yards he urged the donkey into a gallop, thinking the donkey would jump across. Instead of doing so the animal stopped suddenly, throwing Sandy over his head with such force that he landed on the other side of the ditch. Gathering himself up, he looked at the donkey a moment or two, and then said: That's very well pitched, my lad; but how are you gaun to get over yourself.

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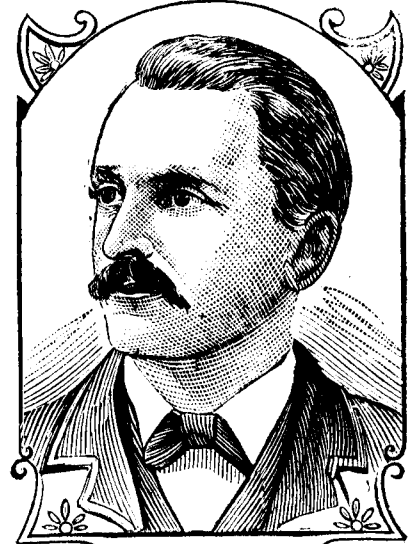
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