

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

Woman is the masterpiece.—Confucius.
These are pinching times, said the snuff-taker.

"Your time has come," grimly remarked a jeweller's boy as he delivered a clock at a customer's residence.

About all a woman does when she cleans house is to change the beds from one side of the room to the other.

Grummer: The longer I live the worse the world seems to get. Gay: Never mind. old man; perhaps it will do better after you are out of it.

A pretty girl can usually forgive a man for staring at her; but you wouldn't think so to hear her tell the folks about it after she gets home.

Tight dressing may have something to do with the physical degeneracy of the American people—if there is any—but loose habits doubtless have more.

Johnny: Don't they use bark to tan hides with, pa? Father: Yes, my son; but if you ask any more questions this evening you'll find that a slipper does just as well.

Little Emile (as his sister Elli enters the room with an apple in her hand): Let's play Adam and Eve, sis. Elli: How? Emile: You tempt me with the apple and I eat it.

Cora: I feel so thankful to George for saving my life; I want to do something to show my appreciation. Clara: Why don't you promise him that you will never marry him, dear?

Thompson (telling a story): And so when we lost our money I told Peters that I was a donkey and he was another. Listener: And what did he say to that? Thompson: He said: "Let us bray!"

Marie, are you quite sure that the water is the right temperature for baby's bath? Marie: Oh, yes—sure—I always know, ma'am. If it's too hot he'll turn red, and if it's too cold he'll turn blue.

When a man points out to his wife another woman who dresses, as he says, just the way he would like to see her dress, she can usually get her revenge by telling him how much the other woman's clothes must cost.

It was only a slight mistake of printing the word "No" upside down, causing the sign to read "Post On Bills," but it made a large "difference" between the irate farmer and the bill-poster when they got down to business.

"I have selected a box of cigars as a birthday present for you," wrote an affectionate young woman to her father. "You are very thoughtful," he replied; "but I'm almost certain that your good intentions will all end in smoke."

THE HEAVY END OF A MATCH.

"Mary," said Farmer Flint at the breakfast table as he asked for a second cup of coffee, "I've made a discovery."

"Well, Cyrus, you're about the last one I'd expect of such a thing, but what is it?"

"I have found that the heavy end of a match is its light end," responded Cyrus with a grin that would have adorned a skull.

Mary looked disgusted, but with an air of triumph quickly retorted, "I've got a discovery too, Cyrus. It was made by Dr. R. V. Pierce, and is called a 'Golden Medical Discovery.' It drives away blotches and pimples, purifies the blood, tones up the system and makes one feel brand-new.

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