

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

The dentist can hardly lay claim to originality. He is all the time taking things out of other people's mouths.

Gentleman: Can I see your mistress? Sergeant Girl: No, sir: she has the toothache. "That is impossible. Why, I have her teeth in my pocket."

A girl sued a man for breach of promise and proved him such a scoundrel that the jury decided that she ought to pay him something for not marrying her.

The way to keep a husband home evenings is to give him the baby to hold just for a minute, then skip out and go over to mother's and spend the evening.

The price of a wife in Siberia is eight dogs; but not knowing the market price of dogs in Siberia, it is difficult to say whether this is cheap for a wife or not.

Teddy Sacht: Aw, Chawley, where are you going in such a hurry? Chawley Smith: I'm going home for my dog. There is a man drowning in the wiver. Ta-ta.

Guest (to waiter): What do you mean by bringing me such a small piece of meat? Have you nothing larger? Waiter: Yes, half a minute, I'll go and get your bill.

Gilded Youth: D'you think there's time for a drink, m'girl? Programme Girl: Plenty, sir. There's an interval of eighteen years before the next scene takes place.

Tommy (surprised): Why, papa, I thought one spoonful of sugar was always enough for my coffee. Tommy's Papa: This is a restaurant. Take all the sugar you want.

Smith (a physician): I tell you doctors are a necessity, but lawyers are not? Briefs: They are not? How do you make that out? Smith: Because necessity knows no law.

A strong-minded woman was heard to remark the other day that she would marry a man who had plenty of money, though he was so ugly she had to scream every time she looked at him.

Mistress (to maid): Did anyone call while I was out, Mary? Mary: Yis, mam, a young man called to see Bridget, the cook, an' she sint wurred up that she 'wan't at home till aevenin'.

A gentleman rode up to a public-house in the country and asked, "Who is the master of this house?" "I am, sir," replied the landlord; "my wife has been dead about three weeks."

Mrs. Simpson: So your servant has run off. How foolish of her to leave a good home like that. Don't you think she'll regret it? Mrs. Sampson: I'm sure she will; my husband went with her.

"My real number is six," she said to the glove man at the counter, "but my hand will bear squeezing; won't it, Edwin?" she added, turning to her lover, who was with her, and they both blushed.

Gentleman (indignantly): You praised your coal up to the skies and said it was most economical. Why, it won't burn at all! Coal Dealer (coolly): Well, what could you have more economical than that?

Mrs. Jacobs: Eva, you know we expect the new boarder to-night. Is the family Bible put away? Eva: Better than that, ma. I have left one of my pictures in his bureau drawer, accidentally, and marked it, "October 15th, 1893, aged 19."

One day recently, a Scotch publican was endeavouring to remove from his spacious bar one of his customers who had parted the shoemaker passing the door, he called him to his assistance. But the man of leather replied: "Na, na, my man; when I feenish a job, I aye pit it in my window tae show my work; so ye can jist dae the same."

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An Irishman was driving a van along a road with a very poor horse. An Englishman met him. "Why, Pat," said he, "why don't you put a heavier coat of flesh on your horse?" "Begorra," said Pat, "he is hardly able to carry what he has on."

Minister's wife: I think it is perfectly scandalous, the widow Bentley marrying again, and for the fourth time. Don't you think so, my dear? Minister: Well, it would hardly be right for me to say anything against Mrs. Bentley, my dear; she has been too good a customer of mine.

Doctor: Yes; the symptoms are very serious. You must go to bed at once, and I will call and see you twice a day. Patient: In that case it's lucky I joined the club last week. Doctor: A club case! Good gracious! Why didn't you say so! Take a pennyworth of Epsom salts; you'll be all right to-morrow.

An Irishman in France was challenged by a Frenchman to fight a duel, to which he readily consented, and suggested shillelaghs. "That won't do," said the second, "as the challenged party, you have the right to choose the arms, but chivalry demands that you should decide upon a weapon with which Frenchmen are familiar." "Is that so," returned the Irishman. "Then, begorra, we'll fought wid guillotines."

The late Ottowell Wood, one of the leading characters of New England, was once summoned as a witness in court. When he was called and sworn, the judge, not catching his name, asked him to spell it. Whereupon Mr. Wood began: O, double t, o, double u, e, double l, double u, double o, d. The judge was too thick-headed to grasp the meaning of this string of words and letters, and, throwing down his pen in despair, exclaimed: Most extraordinary name I ever heard; will you write for me, Mr.—Mr.—Mr. Witness."

A clergyman in the County of D—, in the parish of L—, was walking along the road, when he met a little boy who was a twin, and asked him what his name was. "I do not know, your reverence," was the reply. "Oh, you surely know your name." "Well, you see, your reverence, there were two of us, and one of us was baptized Pat and the other Mickey, and the day we were baptized one of us died, and my mother says she does not know which of us died. If it was Pat that died I am Mickey, and if it was Mickey that died I am Pat."

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