

PHUNNY ECHOES.

If the consent was taken out of some people, there wouldn't be enough of 'em left to hang clothes on.

I loved you once, he said, in a reproachful tone. Well, she responded, I don't want the earth. Once is enough.

When a man and a woman have been made one the honeymoon is the time spent in endeavoring to discover which is that one.

It is a sign that her husband is making money when a woman begins to get the look on her face of looking at you without seeing you.

DeJinks—Here's a nice segar. I picked it out especially for you. Merritt—Thanks—I'd rather take the one you picked out for yourself.

Mabel (relenting a little, but still a trifle angry)—Anything I have of yours I will return at once. Charlie (giving her a kiss) Well, there's your opportunity.

What time do you dine? asked an unmarried man of a married friend. Well, when I was a bachelor I dined at six always. Now I dine whenever dinner is ready.

You don't love me any more, John. The idea of getting home at this time of night! Why, my dear, it's a great deal earlier than I used to get home while I was courting you.

So to-morrow's your birthday, eh? Well, well, I must give you a nice present. Come now, chose one as handsome and expensive as you please. Dorothy—I will take Jack Harduppe, papa dear.

Her little brother, holding up the cat: Say "Boo!" Mr. Smith Mr. Smith—What for, Babby? Her little brother—I want to know if you can. Sister says you can't say "Boo to a cat."

Clara—You'll be so much pleased to hear, Maud dearest, that I'm engaged to your friend George Fenderson? Maun—Oh, I expected it. He declared when I refused him that he would do something desperate.

She—George, I see by the paper that a general tie-up has been ordered in the building trades. He—Well, what of it? She—Er—um—don't you think it would be a good time for us to fall into line, George?

'Tis love that makes the world go round, he quoted softly, taking her hand. Yes, Harold, she murmured, withdrawing her hand. Yes, Harold, she murmured with inexpressible sadness, but it won't keep the pot boiling.

Judge—If you know of any mitigating circumstance you are at liberty to state it. Prisoner—I don't know of any except that I took to stealing because I didn't want to loaf around the street corners and be taken for a detective.

Fred.—Yes, the old gentleman will soon have another wife to support. Henry—What? You don't mean to tell me he is going to marry another wife while your mother is alive? No, but I am going to get married, you know.

American father—Got a terrible slow horse? Stablekeeper—Well, yaas. American father—Reg'lar old procrastinator? Stablekeeper—Ya-as. American father—Have him round to my hitchin' post at ten o'clock to-night. One of my daughters is goin' to elope, an' I've got to make a show of kotchin' her.

Tommy—Mr. Spoon, can you swim? Clara (impatiently)—Tommy, leave the room. You are annoying Mr. Spoon. Mr. Spoon (graciously)—Oh, that question does not annoy me, Miss Heartease. Yes, Tommy, I can swim. Why do you ask? Tommy (edging toward the door)—Cause I heard Clara tell Sister Kate she was going to throw you overboard.

Dear, dear, said a kind-hearted matron on meeting a friend whom she had not seen for a long time, and you're not married yet, Jane, with your good looks too? No, I'm not married yet, replied Jane, with a laugh. And how comes it that you are single? Well, said Jane, with a twinkle in her eye, I expect it's because I was born so.

I hope I don't intrude, dear, said a young wife. Can I assist you? Well, you know I am immersed in study; but never mind—as you have come you will oblige me by looking up "Hamlet" in that big volume yonder. I want reference. Wife (turning over the leaves)—Hamlet! Hamlet isn't here, love. Good gracious, wherever are you looking? Wife (slightly hurt)—Why, where do you think? In the directory, of course!

A story is told of a shrewish Scotchwoman who tried to wean her husband from the di. am shop by employing her brother to act the part of a ghost and frighten John on his way home. Who are you? asked the farmer, as the apparition rose before him from behind a bush. I am Auld Nick, was the reply. Are ye really? exclaimed the old reprobate, with much satisfaction instead of terror. Mon, come awa, Gie's a shake o' your hand; I am married to a sister o' yours.

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS

Flowers will remain fresh for a fortnight if a little carbonate of soda is mixed with the water.

Flood the waste water pipes every week with boiling water, and occasionally with a hot solution of sal soda.

Soiled wall paper can be improved somewhat by rubbing carefully, in short strokes, with a soft old flannel cloth dipped in oatmeal.

Silk articles should not be kept folded in white papers, as the chloride of lime used in bleaching the paper will impair the color of the silk.

Whole cloves will exterminate the industrious and merciless moth. They are more effectual as a destroying agent than either tobacco, camphor or cedar shavings.

Equal parts of ammonia and turpentine will take paint out of clothing, even if it be hard and dry. Saturate the spot as often as necessary and wash out in soap suds.

If there is any suspicion of carpet bugs do not have a carpet relaid until you have wet the cracks of the floor for a distance of a foot or more from the sides of the room with the solution of corrosive sublimate, and the edges of the carpets with bentine and carbolic acid.

PRETTY DECORATIONS.—A novel style of decoration for the front of an evening skirt are graduated stars of baby ribbon, running upwards from the edge. The loops of ribbon are each caught to the material with gold or silver twist, and the centre of each rosette is of silver or gold. A pale blue satin front, with black satin baby ribbon, fastened with strong turquoise beads, and centre to match; a grey satin, with maize ribbon and gold twist; and a black ground with white ribbon and silver, are among the combinations. The work could be done well by clever fingers at home. On dit that parasols for next summer are to be ornamented in this way, as well as fancy nicknacks for the table, satchels, etc.

FAVORITE COLORS.—The new colors in that ladylike tint, grey, are silver-grey, mouse grey, smoke, ash, steel and birch-tree bark. In the list of greens many grey shades appear, which are termed grey-greens. There are also many lovely shades known as evergreen tint, almond-shell green, rush green, ophelia, elder tree, willow green, etc. In the pretty beige tints, fawn leads, and which in soft woollens is especially choice; the elk and mastic are also fashionable. There are many exquisite shades in mauves, such as amethyst, periwinkle, petunia, asalia, and sweet pea reddish mauve, as well as a lovely yellow known as marsh-mallow. Dahlia shade is very fashionable, as also are royal blue, sulphur yellow, scarlet, turquoise, gooseberry pink, bluish greens, a lovely golden yellowish tint bordering closely on chartreuse, cloud grey, browns, especially in new cacao shade, and serpent green.

EXPANDING THE CHEST.—Those in easy circumstances or those who pursue sedentary employment within doors, use their lungs but little, breathe but little air in the chest, and thus, independently of positions, contract a wretchedly small chest and lay the foundation for the loss of health and beauty. All this can be obviated by a little attention to the manner of breathing. Recollect the lungs are like a bladder in their structure, and can stretch open to double their size with perfect safety, giving a noble chest and perfect immunity from consumption. On rising from the bed in the morning place yourself in an erect posture, your head thrown back and your shoulders entirely off from the chest, then inhale all the air that can be got in; then hold your breath and throw your arms off behind, hold your breath as long as possible. Repeat these long breaths as many times as you please. Exercising the chest in this manner will enlarge the capacity and size of the lungs.

THE NEWEST IN HAIR DRESSING.—The Greek style of dressing the hair is the prevailing one, and a new arrangement is for the hair to curl over the forehead, then to be brought back in large undulations, and coiled at the back, the centre of the coil standing out well from the crown of the head. It is completed by the new Galatea comb, which has no teeth, but is secured with tortoiseshell pins, and stands up in points, like some of the headdress worn by Italian women. The other new arrangements for the moment are the Catogan twist and torsades, which are ready to cover the back of the head, and finish off with a very short curled end, that proves soft and becoming on the nape of the neck. As an aid in forming all kinds of loops and bows, some clever combs have been patented, which are furnished with one or more rings, through which the hair is drawn into any looping required. Top curls, which are soft and pinned down to the head, are fashionable also, and every kind of toupee and fringe is ready for use. Older women have special pains bestowed on their curls and crimped grey hair, which is made to fall in most becoming fashion. The foundations for all these arrangements are of the lightest description.

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