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FUNNY MEN'S SAYINGS

WHAT THE SAD-EYED SCRIBES OF THE HUMOROUS PRESS WRITE.

Paragraphs from a Great Number of Places and About a Great Number of Subjects.

AN APPROPRIATE PRESENT.

"Bigsly, the lawyer, doesn't seem to be very friendly to you."

"No, he has shaken me entirely."

"Why is that?"

"The other day I heard him making an argument before a jury and I was so impressed by his talk that I sent him a present."

"What was it?"

"A set of gas fixtures."—[Nebraska State Journal.

POPPED UP INTO A TREE.

Leap year in Washington; young man at the foot of a tree; young woman three squares away, coming rapidly toward him.

Young man to policeman—Can I climb this tree?

Policeman—You'd better take the next one, sir; there's sixteen men already gone up this one.—[Washington Critic.

HE SPOKE BETTER THAN HE KNEW.

Countryman (in art store)—I s'pose a paintin' like that runs right smart inter money?

Dealer—Yes, that picture is worth $800.

Countryman—Gosh? It must be hand-painted.—[Tid-Bits.

A SUPPOSABLE CASE.

Omaha Boy—"Pa, was Sampson killed by his wife?"

"Pa—"It amounted to that. She betrayed him to those who wanted to kill him."

"What did she do that for?"

"I don't know. Maybe she gave him a letter and he forgot to mail it.—Omaha World.

WHERE THE WEIGHT CAME IN.

First Tramp—"Why, you're only five feet high and I'm over six. It's foolish in you to say that you weigh more than I do."

Second Tramp—"It isn't foolish at all. That young housewife over there gave me a piece of sponge cake awhile ago and I ate it."

"Is that so? I guess you will outweigh me, after all."—[Nebraska State Journal.

HOW CONSIDERATE!

"If you saw the man rifling your trousers," said the magistrate, to whom a citizen had complained of being robbed, "why didn't you grapple with him?"

"Well, you see, Your Honor," said the citizen, "I was afraid of waking up my wife, an' she's the darndest coward about burglars you ever see."—[Epoch.

A DOCTOR'S PATIENCE.

Mrs. Langerfelt—I took your prescription, doctor, but it hasn't seemed to do me a bit of good.

Dr. Boles—Did you disguise it in a bit of orange, as I told you to?

Mrs. L.—No; you see it was late last night, and instead of sending out for an orange, I used a slice of fruit cake.—[Tid-Bits.

HE THOUGHT OF THE HOTEL-KEEPERS.

First Actor—"Great Scott! This paper says that owing to the extensive building in the West there is liable to be a great scarcity of bricks for some time."

"Well, how does that affect us?"

"Why, what'll we do to fill our grips?"—[Nebraska State Journal.

WASTE-BASKET FEEDERS.

We have just received a Fall poem entitled, "The Leaves Are Falling." The poet is wrong, though. They have fallen—into the waste basket.—[New Haven News.

"Strike Out Like a Man," was the title of a poem that was sent to an editor, and he did; he struck out all but the first verse, like a man, and printed that.—[Texas Siftings.

"How it all comes back to me," murmured the poet sadly, as with practiced fingers he estimated the thickness of the portly package of MSS. which he had just taken from the Post Office.—[Buffalo Drift.

"Let me tell you," said the contributor, "about my first poem." "I haven't time," said the editor, gently, but with a tinge of weariness; "but I'll sit here all night if you'll tell me about your last one."—[Burdette.

A budding poet sent a beautiful production to a weekly paper. It was entitled "Woman's Creed." The compositer was short-sighted and it appeared as "Woman's Greed." The poet went and hung himself, and the citizens sent a card of thanks to the editor.—[Burlington Free Press.

HE HAD THE CUT.

"Shall we play for a little money, Miss Smith," he said, tenderly, as they sat down to a game of cards, "or simply for love?"

"Oh, I think it's wrong to play for money, even if the amount is trifling."

"Then we will play for love?"

"Yes."

"And if I win, Miss Smith?" he said, still more tenderly.

"Then you don't get anything, of course; cut, please."

A HAPPY THOUGHT.

Creditor—Rrown, you told me three months ago that you would come to my office and settle up your account.

Debtor—I know I did, but it occurred to me that the office should seek the man, not the man the office.

A FIRM PIECE OF GOODS.

"Did I understand you to say, Mrs. Kendricks," inquired Dumley, who was trying to carve the duck, "that this is a canvas-back?"

"Yes," returned the landlady. "Why?"

"I was only going to remark that there is nothing of the shoddy about the material."

FOR MUSICIANS.

Odd Items in the Musical Line From Different Parts of the Country.

On the evening of St. Patrick's Day (last Saturday), a musical entertainment was given in St. Peter's Hall, Portland. The programme opened with an address by D. Coholan, then came an overture by the St. Peter's Band, called "St. Patrick's Day;" Capt. Rawlings sang "The Harp" in his usual good voice and style; Miss A. Robinson gave a piano solo; Prof. White favored the audience with a violin solo; the band came next with a very pretty selection; "Come back to Erin" was sung by Miss Coholan in a sweet, rich voice and with great effect; P. Kinsella gave a banjo solo; Prof. White played the "Inesque" Polka with excellent taste; Portland's ever popular singer, Hugh Campbell, sang the "Shamrock's Home;" and another selection was rendered by the band. The programme was well carried out, and some of the performers were obliged to respond to encores. Considering the length of time the St. Peter's Band has been in existence, their performance was very creditable, and showed that Prof. White has not been negligent in his management of them since he took charge. In fact they rather surprised the audience by their performance.

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As announced last week, St. Patrick's Day way duly observed in Fredericton by a concert in St. Dunstan's Hall, and it was well carried out.

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The entertainment in the Mechanic's Institute on Monday evening by the Young Men's Society of St. Joseph Dramatic Club, for the benefit of the orphans, was very well carried out. The play "Ireland as it is" was well put on and elicited well merited applause. The City Cornet Band gave two selections—one of Irish airs—in their usual excellent style. W. F. Danaher gave a solo, which was so well received that he had to respond to an encore, as did also Mr. Geo. McSorley, and the Masters McCafferty in their Highland Fling were loudly applauded. Altogether the entertainment was a very good one and the audience went away well pleased.

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The Willow Grove Songsters gave another of their concerts in Brussel's Street Baptist Church, last evening, to a large and delighted audience.

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The concert to be given by the Knights of Pythias on Easter Monday evening promises to be a grand affair. A number of the best of our local talent will take part, and the 62nd Band will also assist in the entertainment. Mrs. W. F. Shaw, of Bangor, will delight the audience with her sweet singing. The 62nd Band will play a couple of selections. Prof. White will give a cornet solo, accompanied by the band. Mr. Wm. Straton is to play a clarionet solo (making his debut as a soloist) with the full band accompaniment. If the programme is carried out as at present contemplated, the affair will be one of the pleasantest of the kind held in the city this season.

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The closing concert of the Y. P. A. of St. Andrew's Church came off on Tuesday evening and was a very pleasing and successful entertainment. There was an excellent programme, which was well carried out greatly to the delight of the large audience.

A FLAT.

Hints to Housekeepers.

Sift flour just before you wish to use it.

Buckets and all wooden pails not in use, as well as wash-tubs, should be turned bottom side up, to prevent leaking.

To remove black grease stains from clothing use cold water and soap. Hot water sets the stain.

If paint has been accidently spattered on glass it may be removed by being wet with water and then rubbed over with a new silver dollar.

Kerosene will brighten silver, but an easy way to keep bright the spoons and forks in daily use is to leave them in strong borax water for several hours. The water should be boiling hot when the silver is put in.

The air of a sick chamber should always be kept so fresh that there will be no perceptible difference upon coming into it from the outer air.

Frequent application of alcohol abstracts the water of the skin, makes it dry and brittle, and impairs its nutrition. This is also true of glycerine. All toilet washes containing alcohol to any considerable extent should be avoided.

Put meat into a hot oven to roast. If the meat and oven get hot together the meat will be tough and the gravy gray.

Never let the sun rays strike a mirror. It acts upon the mercury and makes the glass cloudy, which all the rubbing in the world will not remove.

If the soft water that ffows in your pipes is yellow, put blueing into the boiler before boiling the clothes. It will give them a better color.

If you would keep your face and hands unwrinkled, use tepid water; very hot or cold water is injurious. Also avoid burying the face in a soft pillow at night, which always produces wrinkles around the eyes.

The way house plants thrive on the dregs of coffee left at breakfast is admirable. Bowker itself hardly turns out stronger leafage or such thick bloom. The grounds are a good mulch on the top of the soil, but a little care must be given not to let them sour and get musty.

The desire of more and more rises by a natural gradation to most, and after that to all.—L'Estrange.

THE WHIRL OF TRADE.

ABSALOM IVORY DISCUSSES SOME THINGS HE SAW THIS WEEK.

Something About Hats.

When Adam was evicted from his holding in the Garden of Eden, notwithstanding his protest that there was a "woman in the case," and that he should not be judged too harshly (the same plea is sometimes used by his gallant descendents) I presume he covered his head with a cabbage leaf, to guard against sunstroke. It is supposed a good plain cabbage leaf of the flat Dutch or Early York variety, was regarded by him as quite sufficient for the purpose, but it is likely that Eve would not be satisfied with anything less than a leaf of the kind that has quilled and crinkled edges and it is not unreasonable to suppose that she trimmed it with a few sprigs of parsley, and with bunches of red peppers pendant behind. Going out into the world, and among utter strangers, it is natural to suppose that she was anxious to create a favorable impression, and to convey the idea to all with whom she might come in contact that she belonged to the upper strata of society.

If Adam selected a cabbage leaf to protect his brain receptacle from the too fervent rays of the sun, he did nothing more than has been done by his children who inhabit the rural districts of the world all the way down to the present day. The farmer wears a cabbage leaf in his hat crown and laughs at sunstroke; it is twice as soothing when used that way than when used in the form of a genuine Havana cigar; and when an editor is seen with his head swathed in cabbage leaves, it would be cruel to insinuate that they were used for any other purpose than to keep under subjection the fires of genius that were raging within.

The possession of a brim distinguishes the hat from the cap. The ancient Romans wore hats when they journeyed from one place to another, and the earlier Greeks dressed their heads in a similiar manner on like occasions. "Hattes of bever" were worn by the English nobles in the middle of the 12th century, and "felt and bever hats, with plumes," were worn at Edward's court in 1340. The prevailing fashion in hats is described in this manner by one who lived in the latter part of the 16th century:—

"Sometimes they use them sharp on the crowne, poarking up like the spire or shaft of a steeple, standing a quarter of a yard above the crowne of their heads; some more, some lesse; as please the fantasies of the incontstant minde. Othersome be flat and breade on the crowne, like the battlements of a house. Another sorte have rounde crownes, now black, now white, now russet, now redde; now grease, now yellow; now this, now that; never content with one colour or fashion two daies to an end."

The Puritans affected hats with simple crowns and broad brims; the Cavaliers sported lower crowns, broader brims and trimmed them bravely with feathers. Silk hats were first worn in Florence about one hundred years ago; they have gained their great popularity during the past fifty or sixty years. The hats worn by gentlemen to-day are little dissimilar from those worn twenty-five years ago, but in children's hats the hatter has given full play to his artistic fancy, and some of those seen on the streets are worthy of their wearers. God bless the little children; they are very dear to me: why should they ever grow old? Now that my thoughts are turned toward the children, I am reminded of a note which reached me by this morning's post from the hand of an unknown friend, which I reproduce entire:—

DEAR MR. IVORY,—

An autograph album was recently sent from this city to the editor of the Chicago News, the gifted "crested poet of the West," whose contribution is below. Possibly it may be worth publishing. It is handsomely engrossed in gold and colored inks:—

LOLLABY.

[CIRCA 1650.]

Hush, bonnie, dinna greit;
Meder will rocke her sweete—
Balowe, my boye;
When that his tolle ben done,
Daddie will come anone—
Hush thee, my lyttel one—
Balowe, my boye!

Gin thou dost sleepe, perchance
Fayries will come to daunce—
Balowe, my boye;
Oft hath thy moder seene
Moonlight and mirkland queene
Daunce on thy slombering e'en—
Balowe, my boye.

Then droned a bemble bee
Softly this song to thee:
"Balowe, my boye;"
And a wee heather bell
Plucked from a fayry dell
Chimed thee this rune herself;
"Balowe, my boye."

See, bonnie, dinna greit—
Meder doth rocke her sweete—
Balowe, my boye;
Give me thy lyttel hande—
Moder will holde it, and
Leade thee to balowe land—
Balowe, my boye!

—EUGENE FIELD.

Chicago, March 6th, 1888.

"Possibly it may be worth publishing?" My dear friend, the words merit a diamond setting!

But let us return to our hats. About a year ago

R. C. BOURKE AND CO.

opened their hat, cap and fur store at 63 Charlotte street, from which stand they have recently been compelled, by a pressure of business, to remove to No. 65, where better facilities are afforded for the exhibition of their goods and the acommodation of their patrons. For many years Mr. Bourke had had charge of the fur department of one of the largest establishments in the city and was eminently qualified for the position held by him at the head of his firm. The premises occupied by Messrs Bourke & Co. are 65x20 feet and include three stories and basement, the latter of which is used for storage. The front has one of the largest show windows in the city and one side is fitted with handsome cases for umbrellas, silk hats, caps and straws. There are several full length and counter mirrors conveniently placed and a handsome office occupies the rear of the store. The flat above is filled with trunks, portmanteaus and travelling bags of every description, while the upper flat will be converted into work rooms. Messrs. Bourke & Co. are direct importers and have a most beautiful stock of English and American hats in silk, fur, and hard and soft felt of all the popular styles, including the new Abern hat, the Champion raw edge hat, which is destined to become very popular, and the Vendome, and in an endless variety of caps there is the Windsor, as low as 75 cents each, and smoking and travelling caps and many other novelties which are sure to become popular. The assortment of children's felt and sailor hats is very complete, including children's and misses Tam O'Shanters in velvet, serge, navy blue, etc., to which will shortly be added a new importation of children's and misses trimmed straws in the latest French shapes, sailors, cardinals, etc. By the steamer Scotland a large consignment of English stiff hats and English silk hats in all the latest shapes will be received. The stock of silk and alpaca umbrellas and gentlemen's gloves kept by this firm is very complete, and having been purchased in the best markets deserves the inspection of buyers. In their season Messrs. R. C. Bourke & Co. keep a full line of furs for ladies and gentlemen's wear, carriage and sleigh robes and a full assortment of everything in that line of their business. Mrs. Ivory joins me in commending an inspection of their stock to all the readers of the GAZETTE.

Absalom Ivory.

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