

Wise and Otherwise

BEGGAR (insinuatingly) : " I say, mister, have yer got any suggestions to make a feller wot ain't able to raise a dime to get shaved with? "

OLD GENTLEMAN (passing on) : " Yes; grow a beard. "

YOUNG STONE : " I spoke to the chemist and he advised me that I should— "

DOCTOR (interrupting) : " Oh, he gave you some idiotic advice, I suppose. "

STONE : " He advised me to see you! "

" YOUR husband is not looking well to-night, Mrs. Rhymer. "

" He isn't, and I'm not surprised at it. "

" No? Has he been overworking himself? "

" It isn't that so much; it's his originality. Why, that man is struck by so many original ideas that his mind must be one mass of bruises. "

" I AM here, gentlemen, " explained the pick-pocket to his fellow-prisoners, " as a result of a moment of abstraction. "

" And I, " said the incendiary, " because of an unfortunate habit of making light of things. "

" And I, " chimed in the forger, " on account of a simple desire to make a name for myself. "

" And I, " added the burglar, " through nothing but taking advantage of an opening which offered in a large mercantile establishment in town. "

LOVER (ardently) : " I love the very ground you tread on. "

HEIRSS : " Ah! I thought it was my estates you were after. "

" WAITER, look here! Isn't that a hair in the butter? "

Yes, sir; a cow's hair, sir. We always serve one with the butter to show that it isn't margarine, sir. "

YOUNG MOTHER : " Baby is somewhat cross today. He is teething. "

BACHELOR (in great awe of the mite of humanity) : " And when do you expect him to commence—er—hairing? "

LITTLE WILLIE : " This paper says that Mr. Hamlet Withers received an ovation. What does that mean? "

FATHER : " The word ovation, my son, is derived from the Latin *ova*, which means an egg. Ovation means a shower of eggs. "

" OUR last month's gas bill was just frightful, "

Said Mary to her beau,

The young man rose, with smile delightful,
And turned the gas down low.

" HAWKINS is very fond of his horse, isn't he? "

" Why, no; he hates him. "

" That's queer. I saw him riding in the park the other day, and he had his arms about the animal's neck. "

" WHAT makes you so late? " asked his mother.

" The teacher kept me in because I couldn't find Moscow on the map of Europe, " replied Johnnie.

MOTHER : " And no wonder you couldn't find Moscow. It was burned down in 1812. It's an outrage to treat a child that way. "

MOTHER : " Was your aunt glad to see you and Tommy and Frankie and Fred? "

JOHNNIE : " Yes, mamma. "

MOTHER : " Did she invite you to call again? "

JOHNNIE : " Yes, and she told us to bring you and papa and Susie and the dog next time. "

REPORTER : " Can I see Mrs. B—? "

SERVANT : " She's out, sir. "

REPORTER : " One of the family, then? "

SERVANT : " All out, sir. "

REPORTER : " Well, wasn't there a fire here last night? "

SERVANT : " Yes; but that's out, too. "

GENT : " What is the reason you charge twice as much for my cuffs as you did formerly? "

WASHERWOMAN : " Because you have begun making pencil notes on them. "

GENT : " What difference does that make? "

WASHERWOMAN : " The girls waste so much time in trying to make them out. "

BINKS : " Is your wife ever out of temper? "

WINKS : " Never; she has an inexhaustible supply. "

MRS PALISADE : " I'm surprised you don't like him. Why, if he had money he would make an ideal husband! "

MISS SCUMMIT : " That's nothing. So would any man. "

LADY friend (to Mrs. Newlywed) : " Well, how do you like your flat? "

MRS. NEWLYWED : " Which one do you mean—the one I married or the one I live in? "

POET : " Poets, sir, are born, not made. "

PUBLISHER : " That's right—lay the blame on your poor father and mother. "

PHOTOGRAPHER : " That expression is too business-like. Try and look as if you were about to be married. "

SHREWD JONES : " Why, so I am. "

WAITER (seeing dissatisfaction on guest's face) : " Wasn't the dinner cooked to suit you, sir? "

GUEST : " Yes, all but the bill. Just take that back and tell them to boil it down a little. "

IRASCIBLE OFFICER (down engine-room tube) : " Is there an idiot at the end of this tube? "

VOICE from engine-room : " Not at this end, sir! "

FIRST MAN : " Do you think that you can tell a man's character by the bumps on his head? "

SECOND DITTO : " Well, I think you can tell more of his wife's character by them! "

" It is very kind of you, madam, " said the tramp, " to give me such a fine dinner. "

" Don't mention it, you poor man, " said the kind-hearted woman.

" But I will repay you, " said the tramp, gratefully. " I'll tell all my pals that you are a flinty-hearted termagant that ain't never known how to cook nothin' decent, so's they'll give your house the go-by and won't never bother you. "

OLD GENTLEMAN : " So you'd like to become my son-in-law? "

MR. HARDCUP : " Yes, sir, if you can afford it. "

JONES : " What a lucky fellow you are, Brown! You always seem to catch your train with such ease. You never rush up at the last moment like most of us. "

BROWN : " You're making a mistake, my dear fellow. My misfortune is really worse. I never catch my proper train. You always see me waiting patiently for the next. "

HE : " What a wretchedly bad play. I wonder the people don't hiss it. "

SHE : " Well, they can't very well yawn and hiss at the same time. "

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