

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

He (audaciously): Suppose I were to kiss you unaware. She (cooly): I don't believe you could.

She: You know papa has failed; and he says that we must begin to economise. He: Well, we needn't be wearing out two chairs.

Mr. Micawber: I wish I knew some nice easy way to make money. Mrs. Micawber: Well, my dear, you might get your life insured and then die.

Miss De Cops: Miss Buntling is very plain, I hear. Miss Hardheart: Well, she's so homely that her diamonds won't sparkle when she wears them.

He: I'm afraid you don't like to have me dropping in on you for these little chats. She (earnestly): Indeed, I'm sure your short calls are perfectly delightful.

There are two reasons why some people don't mind their own business. One is that they haven't any mind; and the other, that they haven't any business.

The boy halted in front of the blacksmith shop, when the proprietor queried: "You are sure your father told you to get the old mare shod, are you?" And the boy said shooer.

School Teacher: What little boy can tell me where is the home of the swallow? Bobby: I kin, please. School Teacher: Well, Bobby? Bobby: The home of the swallow is the stomach.

A teacher asked a girl how many bones there were in her body, and her answer was 208. "Wrong; there are only 207," said the teacher. "Yes'm," was the triumphant response, "but I swallowed a fish-bone to-day."

Lady: I want to sit for a picture. Artist: I shall be very glad to paint you if you will wait a week, until I finish the one I am at work on now. Lady: Oh, my! I couldn't wait that long. Why, I promised to be home to dinner at five o'clock!

Harry (aged eight), reading from a printed bill on a gate post: Sermons will be preached on Sunday next by the Rev. John Cuthberts, M.A. Oh! Amy, fancy, Mr. Cuthbert's ma is going to preach; I didn't think women ever did."

Scene: Lawyer's office. Enter little girl, sobbing bitterly. Lawyer: Why, little one, what's wrong? Little Girl: Are you Mr. Blank, the lawyer? Lawyer: Yes. What is it you want? Little Girl: I want—(sob)—I want—a divorce from my pa and ma.

"Sammerson tells me that he courted his wife five years before she would accept him." "Well, he has nothing to complain of at that. She brought him \$100,000. It looks to me as if \$20,000 a year for courting a good-looking girl is big pay for a mighty easy job.

"My dear," said a vain old man to his wife, "these friends here won't believe that I'm only forty-five years old. You know I speak the truth, don't you?" "Well," answered the simple wife, "I suppose I must believe it, John, as you've stuck to it for fifteen years."

A blind man going for water to a fountain carried a jug in one hand and a candle in the other. "What is the good of your candle," said a passer-by, "since you cannot see a step before you?" "It is to prevent some stupid fellow from running against me and breaking my jug."

A neighbour being dangerously ill, a lady one morning sent her new maid over to inquire concerning her condition. "Go over," she said, "and inquire how Mrs. X is this morning. And if she is dead," she added, "as the girl started, "ask when the funeral is to be." The messenger went as directed, and soon returned with the air of one who had done her whole duty. "Mrs. X. is better this morning," and they cannot tell when the funeral will be!

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He's such a crank;
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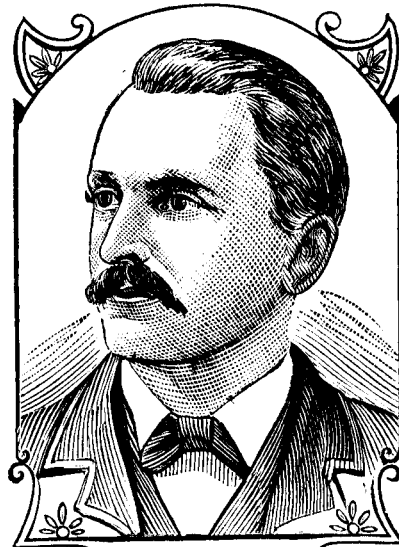
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