

## QUIPS AND CRANKS.

The good work of a cruiser depends much upon the crew, sir.

Doctor: You can either take this medicine in capsules or in liquid form. Patient: Which kills slowest?

To borrow money is to borrow trouble; and some men find it a good deal of trouble to borrow money too.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak: That Mrs. Pointer is as sharp as a razor. Mr. Crimsonbeak: But you can't shut her up like a razor.

Visitor (at dinner): Aren't you going to eat any meat, Tommy? Tommy: No'm, I guess not. Mamma said I wasn't to have any if you took it twice.

Spacer: I wonder why no newspaper has ever called itself the Moon? Liner: Probably because that planet is understood to be made up of worn-out materials.

"How is Johnny getting along with his writing?" asked the fond parent. "Rapidly," replied the teacher: "I think he is already competent to write his own excuses."

"I say, doctor, what's this swelling at the back of my neck?" Doctor (probably an Irishman): Oh, it's nothing serious, but I should advise you to keep an eye on it.

"But Ethel, how do you know that this young man loves you? Has he told you so?" "Oh, no, mamma! But if you could only see the way he looks at me when I'm not looking at him!"

"Dat's jess de way," says Rastus. "Here I'se stole and stole chickings for years an' never got caught. But de minnit I goes an' buys a hen for supper I's 'rested on s'picion. Honesty's de wust policy I ebber seed."

Mrs. Highleighfe: Have you had your monogram put on your carriage? Mrs. Bongtong (who is making her debut into society): Yes, indeed. And I had "R.S.V.P." put with it, just like your lovely invitation cards.

She: You know, Reggie, that girls are being called by the names of flowers now, and my sister suggested that I should be called Thistle. Reggie: Oh yes, I see; because you are so sharp? She: Oh no; she said it was because a donkey loved me.

How many a simple truth is explained by the preacher until it is obscured to the common understanding as thoroughly as was the word "net-work" by the definition of it in Johnson's dictionary as "anything reticulated or decussated, at equal distances, with interstices between the intersections."

The Doctor (angrily): Look here, Dicer, I understand that you have been telling people that you wouldn't let me treat a sick cat of yours. Dicer: I believe I did say that. The Doctor: Well, sir, you'll have to take it back. Dicer: Very well, I will. I will let you treat a sick cat of mine. I'm not very fond of the animal, anyhow.

## OLD NURSERY FAVORITES.

There was Tom, the Son of the Piper,  
Jack Sprat, and Merry King Cole,  
And the Three Wise Men of Gotham,  
Who wen' to sea in a bowl;  
The woman who rode on a broomstick,  
And swept the cobwebbed sky,  
And the boy who sat in the corner,  
Eating his Christmas pie.

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Human nature is so constituted that all see and judge better in the affairs of other men than in their own.—Terence.

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One solitary philosopher may be great, virtuous, and happy in the depth of poverty, but not a whole people.—Isaac Iselin.

The work done by an entry clerk in a first-class business house in the busy season is enormous, but then he has an Esterbrook pen to aid him.

There is no moment like the present; not only so, but, moreover, there is no moment at all,—that is, no instant force and energy, but in the present. The man who will not execute his resolutions when they are fresh upon him, can have no hope from them afterwards.—Miss Edgeworth.

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