

Screenings

"Here hold my horse a minute, will you?"

"Sir! I'm a town councillor!"

"Never mind. You look honest. I'll take a chance."

The chairman of the committee was addressing a meeting at a teachers' institute:

"My friends, the schoolwork is the bulhouse of civilization. I mean—"

He began to feel frightened.

"The bulhouse is the schoolwork of civ—"

A smile could be felt.

"The workhouse is the bulschool of—"

He was evidently twisted.

"The bulschool is the housework—"

An audible snigger spread over the audience.

"The bulschool—"

He was getting wild. So were his hearers. He mopped his perspiration, gritted his teeth, and made a fresh start.

"The schoolhouse, my friends—"

A sigh went up. Hamlet was himself again.

He gazed serenely around. The light of triumphant self-confidence was enthroned upon his brow.

"Is the woolmark—"

And then he lost consciousness.

"My boy," said the minister, "do you know the meaning of energy and enterprise?"

"No, sir," answered Freddy, "I don't believe I do."

"Well, I'll tell you. One of the richest men in the world came to this city without a shirt to his back, and now he has millions."

Freddy gazed at the clergyman in open-eyed amazement. "Millions!" he asked. "Why, how many of them can he wear at one time?"

"Along with all this home dehydrating and conserving of fruits, vegetables and things comes one gloomy apprehension."

"And that is?"

"That it may bring back the dried apple pie."

President Taft was out for his afternoon walk in Washington one day when a flaxen-haired little girl ran out in front of him, held up her finger, and exclaimed in a shrill baby voice:

"I know who you are!"

The President, thinking it not at all unusual that she should possess this information, but willing to gratify her, asked:

"Well, who am I?"

"Aw," she said teasingly, "you're Humpty Dumpty."

"Can you direct me to the best hotel in this town?" asked the stranger who, after sadly watching the train depart, had set his satchel upon the station platform.

"I can," replied the man who was waiting for a train going the other way, "but I hate to do it."

"Why?"

"Because you will think, after you've seen it, that I'm a liar."

Generally run down, sir?" queried the druggist; "slightly seedy and want a good toning up?"

The pale-faced customer nodded.

"Well, I've the very thing for you—Jenkin's Juvenator. Three doses a day and more if necessary. Fifty a bottle."

"No, thanks," said the pale patient. "But, my dear sir, it's the rage of the day. Jenkin's Juvenator is the greatest discovery of modern medicine. It's the rage of the season. Every one is—rejuvenating, you might say."

"Yes, but I think I'd rather try something else," replied the customer.

"Nonsense," pressed the chemist. "I tell you Jenkin's Juvenator will have more effect on you in a single day than any other medicine could have in a month. It cures everything from coughs to corns. What is your objection to it?"

"Why nothing, only I'm Jenkin."



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