

Fun and Fancy.

'Never try to take fencing lessons of a barbed-wire fence,' said the jester, 'it brings a man a little to much to the scratch.'

After all, the coachman and the actor have sometimes in common—they are both pretty apt to succeed if they handle their lines well.

A Philadelphia lawyer, too proud to allow his friends to suppose that he practices in the divorce courts, a vertiginous 'Mist marriages a specialty.'

'Waiter, bring me eleven raw oysters,' 'We don't give eleven, sir; we give six, or twelve.' 'No, twelve would never do; we should be 13 at table.'

The engaged young man presents his fiancée with a ring on the principle that fair exchange is no robbery. Having a jewel himself he gave her one in return.

Cowper, it is stated by his biographer, did not begin to write poetry until he was 50. We wish the young men who daily send us poems about 'haze' and 'autumn days' and 'woodland ways' would kindly stop and do as Cowper did.

Bronson—'Well, I always make it a rule to tell my wife everything that happens.' Smith—'Oh, my dear fellow, that's nothing. I tell my wife lots of things that never happen at all.'

'You look tired, Smith,' said a friend to a granger, who emerged out of a savings bank, wiping his face with an exhausted expression. 'Shouldn't wonder. I've been lifting a mortgage.'

Congratulations—When I left New York six years ago, that mournful failure had already been out four or five seasons, and made dead sets for most of the rich fellows in society. Looks as though she'd take anything now.

'Which one is that?' 'The floppy specimen behind you. We are to be married in December.'

At a school examination a clergyman was decanting on the necessity of growing up loyal and useful citizens. In order to give emphasis to his remarks he pointed to a large flag hanging on one side of the school room and said:

'Boys, what is that flag for?' An urchin, who understood the condition of the room better than the speaker's rhetoric exclaimed: 'To hide the dirt, sir.'

'Mr. Hack,' said the managing editor, 'Mr. Wirework, the opposition candidate, is going to be at the conference tomorrow; write a sharp editorial and give him his for trying curly favor with the churches.'

'But Wirework has written ten letters, saying he can't be there,' replied Mr. Hack. 'So?' said the managing editor. 'Well, then, write a slashing article on his daring to ignore the best people in the village. Give it to him good and strong.'

Enquirer: You wish to set Mr. Snags and his next door neighbor to fighting. Easy enough. Some dark night just take a load of ashes and oyster-cans and dump them in Snags' back yard. He'll lay it to his neighbor and sling 'em over the fence. The neighbor will be madder than a candidate for office beaten by one vote, and will sling 'em back. Then things will hum; law suits, pulled noses and bloody heads will result, and you can sit back and see the fun.

'Mr.' and 'Esq.' But now comes another of our anomalies, one which greatly puzzles European continentalers, and which is not always grasped even by our American kinsfolk. This is the nature of the Esquire.

A class of people habitually place 'Mr.' in ordinary talk who would be offended if their letters were so addressed. I am not speaking of those who claim a higher adjective description—I mean those who are spoken of as 'Mr. A. B.,' but who, in any formal description, from the address of a letter upward, must be described as 'A. B., Esq.'

In itself Esquire, like Knight, is a title, if not of office, of something very like office; and it would not have been wonderful if it had been used to call men 'Knight A.' and 'Esquire B.' But 'Knight A.' seems never to have been in use; and 'Esquire,' or rather 'Squire B.' can hardly be said to have been in polite use. Men like Hampden, who would have ranked as noble anywhere out of the British kingdoms, were simply, 'Mr. Hampden' and the like.

To be sure, 'Mr.' was then more of a distinct title than it is now. I have seen somewhere in the early records of a New England colony an order, in which, among other pains and penalties decreed against a certain man, it is forbidden to sily, though used to be spoken of as 'Mr.' He did not hold the technical rank of 'Esquire.' For Esquire is a technical rank, as much as Earl of Knight; and one odd thing is that when the word, in a contracted shape, is put before a name, it means something different from that technical rank. Many people put 'Esq.' after their names, not by mere assumption or conventionalism, but of perfect right, to whom no living soul would ever think of taking on 'Squire' before their names. 'Squire A.' marks a position which, if not strictly official, certainly comes very near to it—a position which is not held by all who are described as esquires even by strict formal right.—[Langman's Magazine.]

Never Give Up. If you are suffering with low and depressed spirits, loss of appetite, general debility, disordered blood, weak constitution, headache, or any disease of a bilious nature, by all means procure a bottle of Electric Bitters. You will be surprised to see the rapid improvement that will follow; you will be inspired with new life; strength and activity will return; pain and misery will cease; and henceforth you will rejoice in the praise of Electric Bitters. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by J. Wilson.

'Why should a man whose blood is warm within Sit ke his grandeur cut in alabaster? Or let his hair grow rusty, scant and thin. When 'CINGALESE' will make grow the faster. For sale by J. Wilson.

The Colchester light will not be replaced this season.

Fashion's Fancies.

Plaids are very fashionable. Velvet is much used for trimming. Figured sash ribbons are plentiful. Blouse bodies are becoming only to slight figures.

Rubies are now set with the diamonds worn by brides. Astrachan and lambs' wool trim many of the cloth cloaks.

The white gnat de Duode is relegated to brides this season. Costumes of velvet, tailor made, will be worn on the street this winter.

Felt and fur bonnets are a pretty novelty for morning and travelling wear. Plaited camel's hair bonnets will be worn with cloth and velvet costumes.

Waistcoats of plastrons, plain or plaited, appear on almost all new costumes.

For the short coats, the Melton and West of England clothes are very popular.

Embroidery cut out and applied on woollen and silken stuffs will be much used.

Scotch chevrons and Irish friezes will be the favorite materials for winter jackets.

Large balls and spots are the newest designs for Oriental and Spanish laces.

Velvet spots are introduced into Spanish laces intended for dresses and bonnets.

Cheviots come in stripes, checks and large blocks, in all the combinations of colors.

Long close-fitting cloaks, trimmed with five-inch bands of fur, are being made by the tailors for the coming winter.

Bands of velvet worn around the throat are ornamental with a diamond crescent, a locket, or some bit of jewelry in front.

The Gallic cock in metals of all colors—gold, steel, bronze, or silver—and also on feathers, is a very fashionable ornament.

Moscow-green, Russian-gray, Carbrown and Cossack-blue, which is almost gray, are the preferred colors for Muscovite velvet.

Russian-Pschutt and elephant-gray, Carbrown, royal French-blue, Moscow-green and violet-purple are very fashionable colors.

One of the handsomest silk fabrics of this season is black satin de Lyon brocaded with fine cut jet beads, woven into the fabric.

The pattern applique-velvet dresses will be worn this winter.

Shoulders are not worn as high in the Parisian dresses as they were last year.

Pointed velvet girdles appear on many dressy suits.

Walking jackets in fleece-lined jersey webbing, and trimmed with Astrachan plush, frog buttons and braid details.

An elegant fringe is formed of green gages and blue plums arranged alternately.

Gauche de Suede or unglazed kid gloves, are worn for both day and evening dress; they come in dark, medium and light shades.

Home Plants. Many a beautiful rose has been nipped in the bud by an undiscovered worm, and many a young life has been sacrificed to the destructive power of worms in the human system. If you would save those other tender home plants, your children, give them Freeman's Worm Powder, they are safe and pleasant, and are warranted effective.

AN UNMITIGATED FRAUD.—The *Centinel* *Prophetic* says:—The individual who, under the name of ex-Monk Widows, lectured in Canada a few years ago has at last met with a merited exposure. It is not now Roman Catholics who denounce him. A zealous Protestant, to whom he came with recommendations, has found the sensational lecturer to be an unmitigated fraud. It is humiliating to think that Christian people are so ready to open their churches and their homes to designing tramps of the Widows type. What is more wonderful still is that many will be inclined to welcome the next adventurer that comes along, provided he is an adept in the popular arts of humbug.

Remember that a spoonful of sulphur thrown into the fire in the stove is a common sense cure for a chimney fire. Fire cannot burn without the air we breathe; we cannot breathe sulphuric acid gas, and neither can we live in it.

Now that there is a reliable remedy for kidney troubles, half the troubles which to these complaints have been relieved. For this let all be thankful, and to Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure award all praise for having thus removed a large and considered fatal disease from our path. It was never known to fail. Sold by J. Wilson.

Some time during Thursday night burglars forced an entrance into the store of Wm. Stewart, of Woodville, and after bursting open the safe and stealing therefrom a gold watch, a chain, and some other jewelry, valued at about \$200, carried off \$500 worth of dry goods. The police are under the impression that the thieves proceeded direct to Toronto with their booty.

A Blessing to all Mankind. In these times when our newspapers are doaded with patent medicine advertisements, it is gratifying to know what to procure that will certainly cure you. If you are bilious, blood out of order, liver inactive, or general debilitated, there is nothing in the world that will cure you so quickly as Electric Bitters. They are a blessing to all mankind, and can be had for only fifty cents a bottle of James Wilson.

Private W. T. Evans, of the 13th Batt., was arraigned at Hamilton police court yesterday for neglecting to attend parade on November 5th, 6th and 8th. He gave an excuse for his absence a wish to attend church on Thanksgiving Day. The magistrate warned the defendant that he was liable to a fine, and then, on the intercession of the officers, dismissed him.

Prompting a Judge.

New York, Nov. 12.—John Scott, said Judge Power to a surly prisoner at the Yorkville Police Court, Friday, 'Your wife says you beat her and do not support her. What have you to say?'

'If she says that, I've got nothing to say,' he answered. 'Then I will put you where you can't ill use her for three months,' said the Judge. 'You can make it six months if you want to.'

'Very well; six months will suit me,' said His Honor. Scott turned away angrily and plunged down stairs to the prison, when the Judge called out: 'Here, bring that man back. I had not pronounced sentence yet.' The prisoner came back with a scowl upon his face, and said in an insulting tone, 'Maybe you want to give me a year this time?'

'That suits me very well,' said the judge; 'You will have to furnish \$700 bail or go to the Island for twelve months.'

What to Read. Are you deficient in taste? Read the best English poets, such as Thompson, Gray, Goldsmith, Pope, Cowper, Coleridge, Scott and Woodworth.

Are you deficient in imagination? Read Milton, Akenside, Burke and Shakspeare.

Are you deficient in powers of reasoning? Read Chillingworth, Bacon and Locke.

Are you deficient in judgement and good sense in the common affairs of life? Read Franklin.

Are you deficient in sensibility? Read Goethe and MacKenzie.

Are you deficient in political knowledge? Read Montesquieu, the Federalist, Webster and Calhoun.

Are you deficient in patriotism? Read Demosthenes and the Life of Washington.

Are you deficient in conscience? Read some of President Edward's works.

Are you deficient in anything? Read the Bible.

For Young Men to Remember. That clothes don't make the man. That if they may once get in debt they may never get out of it.

Fortunes are slippery things—better brings on softening of the brain.

That to deal honorably with all men they begin with their washer-woman.

That they need something more substantial than cigars, kid gloves and a cane to start housekeeping with.

That they can't reckon on their father's fortune to bring them through life.

That parting the hair in the middle brings on softening of the brain.

That a fellow who deliberately proposes matrimony to a girl when he can't support himself, is either a first-class fraud or a fool—unless he marries for money and becomes her hired man.

Mr. J. McPhee, Appin, writes:—During the last eight years I have used almost every medicine recommended for Biliousness, but found nothing equal to Carson's Bitters. If you suffer try it! Price 50 cents.

A REWARD—Of one dozen 'TEABERRY' to any one sending the best four line rhyme on 'TEABERRY,' the remarkable little gem for the Teeth and Bath. Ask your druggist for address.

Thousands bear witness to the positive curative powers of the GREAT GERMAN INVIGORATOR, the only remedy that has proved itself a specific for general debility, nervousness, indigestion, etc., and all diseases that arise from self-abuse or overtaxed brain, finally ending in consumption, insanity and a premature grave. Sold by all druggists, or will be sent free on receipt of \$1.00 per box, or six boxes for \$5. Address F. J. Cheney, Toledo, Ohio, sole agent for the United States. Send for general and testimonials genuine copies Geo. Rhyms, G. Sclerich.

A deputation from the Dominion Millers' Association waited upon the Finance Minister yesterday, and requested a reduction of the duty on wheat to 7 1/2 per bushel. While admitting that, as matters stood at present, the millers were not in a fair position, Sir Leonard Tilley said he would give no assurance on the subject, remarking, however, that the government could by order in council entirely abolish the duty on wheat, but it could only reduce it by consent of Parliament.

A Little Behind Hand. Some people are always a little behind hand in all undertakings; delays are constant, and none more so than in neglecting what seems a trifling call. Prudent people break up the ill effects by timely use of Hagar's Peppor Balm thus preventing serious lung troubles.

New Life for Function Weakened by Age, Debility and Dissipation. The Great German Invigorator is the only specific for impotency, nervous debility, universal lassitude, forgetfulness, pain in the back or sides, no matter how shattered the system may be from excesses of any kind, the Great German Remedy will restore the lost functions and secure health and happiness. \$1.00 per box, six boxes for \$5.00. Sold by all druggists. Sent on receipt of price, postage paid, by F. J. Cheney, Toledo, Ohio, sole agent for United States. Circulars and testimonials sent free. Sold by Geo. Rhyms, sole agent for Goderich.

Thousands are being cured of Catarrh every year with Hall's Catarrh Cure, that he doctors had given up and said could not be cured. 75 cents a bottle. Sold by George Rhyms, sole agent for Goderich.

Having the utmost confidence in its superiority over all others, and after thousands of tests of the most complicated and severe cases we could find, we feel justified in offering to forfeit One Thousand Dollars for any case of coughs, colds, sore throat, influenza, hoarseness, bronchitis, consumption in its early stages, whooping cough, and all diseases of the throat and lungs, except asthma, for which we have a cure, when taken according to directions. Sample bottles, 25 and 50 cents; large bottles one dollar. Genuine wrappers only in blue. Sold by all druggists, or sent by express on receipt of price. JOHN C. WEST & CO., 31 and 33 King Street, East, Toronto, Ont. Sold at JAS. WILSON'S Drug Store, Goderich.

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Phosfatine, or Nerve Food, a Phosphate Element based upon Scientific Facts, Formulated by Professor Austin, M. D. of Boston, Mass., cures Pulmonary Consumption, Sick Headache, Nervous Attacks, Vertigo and Neuralgia, and all wasting diseases of the human system. Phosfatine is not a Medicine, but a Nutrient, because it contains no Vegetable or Mineral Poisons, Opiates, Narcotics, and no Stimulants, but simply the Phosphatic and Gartic Elements found in our daily food. A single bottle is sufficient to convince. All Druggists sell it. \$1.00 per bottle. LOWEN & CO., sole agents for the Dominion, 55 Front Street East, Toronto.

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John R. Vert, Hamilton, says:—'McGregory's Speedy Cure for Dyspepsia and Indigestion is cheap at fifty times the price asked for it. I am a commercial man, and travel continually, and would no more think of leaving home without a bottle of McGregory's Speedy Cure in my valise than I would of leaving my train at home and going on foot.' Free trial bottles at G. Rhyms drug store. Regular size 50 cts. and \$1.

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