

A Debt He Couldn't Pay

"I had just married a young Irishman in Seattle, Washington," said the Rev. C. P. Smith, of Kansas City, "and with some embarrassment he asked me the price of the service.

"Oh, well," said I, "just pay me whatever you think it's worth to you!"

"He stood and looked admiringly at his pretty bride. 'Sure,' he replied, with a twinkle in his eye, 'I'm no millionaire.'"

A Music Lover

"Men are so refreshingly frank—when they don't intend to be," said Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the American Woman's Suffrage Association. "Now, a few days ago, I invited a young man of Bensonhurst to come to one of my evenings. 'I do hope you'll really come,' said I, 'we'll have some music, and a supper afterward.'

"Thanks, thanks," said the young man from Bensonhurst, "I'll surely come; but—er—I may be late."

The Evil and the Cure

The weary mother had finished setting the batch of dough to rise in the kitchen and was resting herself in the parlor when the silence was disturbed by her six-year-old son who came running upstairs, crying, "Mamma, mamma! there's a mouse jumped into your bread pan!"

"Did you take him out?" frantically cried the good housewife.

"No'm, but I don't just as good; I threw the cat in an' she's diggin' after him to beat the band!"

Suppose

"Suppose," said the wise orator, "though 'tis a thought stupendous, Suppose a baby one year old, with arms of the tremendous Length of ninety-three lid million miles, Should, in a freak of fun, Reach up and touch the sun? That child would be

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Years old,

I'm told,

Before it learned

Its hand was burned!"

—Jane Ellis Joy, in St. Nicholas.

Always at Home

Dr. Ranken was a well-known preacher in Glasgow throughout more than forty years (1785-1827). He gave up part of his leisure to the writing of books, and, among others, produced a "History of France." This was his favorite work, an opinion in which he stood alone. Desirous, however, of learning how it was regarded by other people, he went one day to Stirling's Library in the city, and without disclosing his identity, mildly asked whether Dr. Ranken's "History of France" were in. The librarian's reply was short and sharp, "It never was out."

A Good Reason

A little girl of seven or eight years stood one day before a closed gate. A gentleman passed slowly. The little girl turned and said to him: "Will you please open this gate for me?" The gentleman did so. Then he said kindly: "Why, my child, couldn't you open the gate for yourself?" "Because," said the little girl, "the paint's not dry yet."—Ladies' Home Journal.

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