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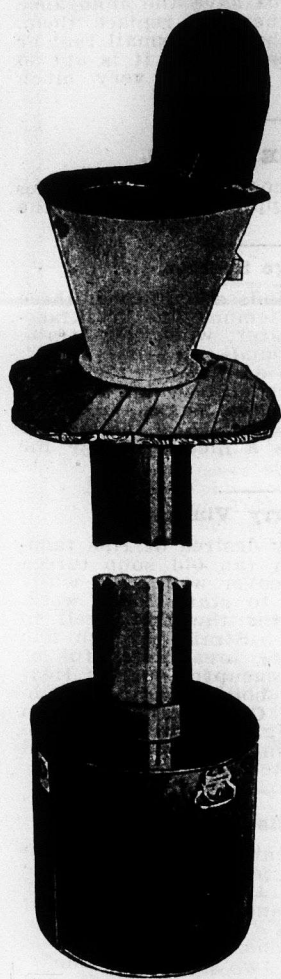
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LIFE'S COMIC SIDE TREATED BY CLEVER PENS

Customer—"Look here, waiter; I found a button in my salad."
Waiter—"Yes, sir; that's part of the dressing."

Automobile caps are frequently worn by young men who couldn't buy an automobile if they were selling for \$5 a dozen.

"I am very sorry to hear, Captain Salter, that your wife left you so unceremoniously."

"My mistake, sir. I took her for a mate, and she proved to be a skipper."

"You tell me she married for love, but I happen to be aware that the man she married is worth a million."

"Precisely—it is the million she loves."

"I want to get some salad," said Mrs. Youngwife. "Yes'm," said the dealer. "How many heads?" "Oh, gracious! I thought you took the heads off. I just want plain chicken salad."

"Hurrah!" exclaimed the inventor of predigested hay, "a man has lived four days in a mine on nothing but oil and wood." "Well, what's in that to shout about?" "Plenty. You're stupid. It gives me a new idea for a breakfast food."

"Did ye get damages fer being in that railway accident, Bill?"

"Sure; fifty dollars for me and fifty dollars fer the missus."

"The missus? I didn't hear she was hurt."

"She wasn't; but I had the presence o' mind to fetch her one on the head with me foot."

Small Eleanor—Papa, have you paid the doctor for the new baby yet?

Papa—No, dear. Why do you ask?

Small Eleanor—'Cause if he charges full price I wouldn't pay it. It ain't near as big as the one he left next door.

"It must take a good deal of skill to land a big fish."

"It takes a deal more to explain why you didn't."

He—"Mary, this milliner's bill is unusually large. I thought we had decided to be economical?"

She—"And we have been. Haven't you given up smoking and horse-racing and the club?"

Landlady—"Dear me, what a peculiar odor! I smell like burning rubber."

Boarder—"Perhaps the cook has dropped a piece of the steak on the stove."

Professor (lecturing on hygiene)—"Tobacco, gentlemen, makes men ugly, short-winded, idiotic, paralytic; and I can tell you this from experience, for I have smoked for many years."

"Do you still play bridge?" asked one suburban society lady to another.

"Oh, yes; I play every evening."

"For money?"

"Yes."

"It must be an expensive pleasure."

"No; one evening I win and the next time I lose."

"Oh, then if I were you I should play only on the evenings I won!"

"I have brought you a poem of four stanzas, sir."

Editor (examining it)—"I count five."

Contributor (mystified)—"Sir?"

Editor—"Yes; in addition to the four, you see, I note it stanza chance of going into the waste basket."

Mrs. Watts—"Don't you ever do anything at all?"

Weary William (the tramp)—"Oh, yes, mum. Sometimes I does time."

He (resolutely)—"Now, Maria, we must talk seriously to your father about our engagement, and make him toe the mark."

She (nervously)—"Yes, dear, but I'm afraid you'll be the mark."

"Williams has sent his wife to New Zealand for his health."

"His health?"

"Yes; he said it was the only way he could get rid of his (s) cold."

"Lend you my dawg to go out shooting with!" exclaimed Giles.

"With your permission, sir, no. Last dawg ever I lent to a party from London who wanted a bit of sport was so full of lead when he came back that the vicar took and mended the church roof with the poor animal."

He—"When we are married we must both think alike."

She—"Yes; but I'll think first."

Ours is truly a great and glorious country: it produces spring chickens all the year around.

Golfer—"Dear, dear! there cannot be worse players than myself!"

Caddie—"Weel, weel, maybe they're worse players, but they dinna play!"

Jim—"I promised my old 'ooman two years ago that first time I ever comed home 'nebriated I'd give her a five-pun-note, an' I'm proud to say her's never had it yet."

Garge—"Ah, now—but I reckon she's thought every other night she wuz entitled to four pound nineteen an' six!"

Bob Footlite (actor)—"Failure? I should think it was! The whole play was ruined."

She—"Gracious! How was that?"

B. F.—"Why, at the end of the last act a steam pipe burst and hissed me off the stage."

"This paper," said Languid Lewis, "tells about a horse runnin' away with a woman, and she was laid up for six weeks."

"That ain't nothing," rejoined Boastful Benjamin; "a friend of mine once ran away with a horse, and he was laid up for six months."

He—"Why do you force me to wait for an answer?"

She (who is up in political economy)—"Because I don't want to give you a monopoly until I find out whether there's any competition."

Mrs. Bloomer—"It's shameful! Mr. Silenti, who is deaf and dumb, is going to marry Miss Quetti, and she's deaf and dumb."

Mr. B.—"What of it?"

Why, just think! Their children may be deaf and dumb, too."

"That's all right. We'll watch where they settle, and move in next door to 'em."

Tommy—"Halloa, Jimmy, where are you going to in such a hurry?"

Jimmy—"I'm going home."

Tommy—"Something good going on there?"

Jimmy—"Well, ma's going to spank me."

Tommy (in surprise)—"But why are you in such a hurry?"

Jimmy—"Because if I don't get home at once pa will be in, and he'll do it."

"What do you know of the character of this man?" was asked of a witness at a police-court the other day.

"What do I know of his character? I know it to be unbleachable, your honor."

he replied, with much emphasis.

"Laura—"I don't know, George. It seems such a solemn thing to marry. Have you counted the cost?"

George—"The cost, Laura? The cost? Bless you! I've got a clergyman cousin that'll marry us for nothing!"

Miss Gush—"And Ethel, dear, what is the baby's name?"

Mrs. Newmother—"I've named him Ethelbert Algernon."

Miss Gush—"But I always thought the father named the boys?"

Mrs. Newmother—"If you could hear what his father calls him when he is walking the floor with him in the early dawn you wouldn't wonder I took matters in my own hands."

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