

More Than She Expected

A little girl well expressed the mingling of hope and doubt which anticipation holds for many people.

When she received her first "very own" doll, after a succession of treasures inherited from her older sisters, she turned to her mother a face full of rapture.

"I expected I'd have a doll some day," she said, breathlessly, "but I didn't expect I should ever have my expect!"

Of No Interest to Her.

Uncle Ephraim had put on a clean collar and his best coat, says the Chicago Tribune, and was walking majestically up and down the street.

"Aren't you working to-day, uncle?" asked one of his acquaintances.

"No, suh. I's celebratin' my golden weddin' suh."

"You were married fifty years ago to-day?"

"Yes, suh."
"Well, why isn't your wife helping you to celebrate?"

"My present wife, suh," replied Uncle Ephraim, with dignity, "ain't got nothin' to do with it. She's de fourth, suh."

He Was Humiliated

A well-known artist was once engaged upon a sacred picture. A very handsome old model named Smith sat for the head of St. Mark. Artist and model became great friends, but when the picture was finished they lost sight of one another. One day, however, the artist, wandering about the Zoological Gardens, came upon his old model, with a broom in his hand, looking very disconsolate. "Hello, Smith," said the artist, "you don't look very cheery. What are you doing now?" "Well, I ain't doin' much, sir, and that's a fact. I'm engaged in these 'ere gardens a-cleanin' hout the helephants' stables; a nice occupation for one o' the twelve apostles, ain't it, sir?"

All Arranged

Mr. Foster, congressman from Vermont, relates an incident during the first McKinley Campaign. Having volunteered to do a spellbinding stunt, Mr. Foster was detailed to address a meeting of Italians in New York. The small hall was crowded with sons of sunny Italy, who seemed to be unusually unanimous in their frequent outbursts of approval of the remarks of Mr. Foster. It was the first speech of the campaign away from home, and he naturally felt proud of the apparent hit he had made with his audience of foreigners. When the meeting was over, he went to the presiding officer to say how gratified he was that his remarks had been so well received, and expressed his surprise that he had been able to make himself so well understood. The presiding officer, also an Italian, shattered Mr. Foster's pride by saying: "Dev understand nota a word you say. When I hold up one finger dev maka de hands clap; two fingers, dey maka de feet stamp, an' when I hold three fingers dey will like everydying for McKinley."

The Old Way

A Springfield school-teacher, says the St. Louis Dispatch, received the following note from the mother of one of her pupils on Monday:—

"Dear Mis, You writ me about whipping Sammy. I hereby give you permission to beat him any time it is necessary to learn him, lesens. He is just like his father—you have to learn him with a club. Pound nole into him. I wante him to git it, and don't pay no atention to what his father says. I'll handle him."

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