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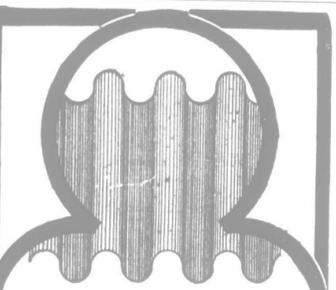


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"Well," said the editor, "just tell them that's what they all say. I don't care if you check them, but I must have quietness."

That afternoon there called at the office a lady with hard features and an acid expression. She wanted to see the editor, and the boy assured her that it was impossible.

"But I must see him!" she protested. "I'm his wife!"

"That's what they all say," replied the boy.

That is why he found himself on the floor, with the lady sitting on his neck and smacking his head with a ruler, and that is why there is a new boy wanted there.

THE JOKE WAS ON HER.

A woman member of the Bar in New York gives to our correspondent the following correspondence with the reservation that no names shall be quoted:

"I am one of the few women," she says, "who can see a joke, even if aimed at myself. I do not feel that in this case I came off first best."

The first letter was from a man lawyer and was as follows:

Dear Miss Blank,—We agree to the compromise as proposed in your favor of this date. Not because your client has a just right to such settlement, but from the fact that we do not care to open a contest with a woman lawyer.

To which this reply was sent:

Gentlemen,—I note yours agreeing to a settlement, although I cannot congratulate you in begging the question. Like the original Adam, you seem inclined to hide behind a woman's petticoat.

And the following letter closed the correspondence:

Dear Miss Blank,—If you will turn to the early pages of Genesis you will discover that Eve did not wear a petticoat.

PAID FOR HIS OWN CAPTURE.

Several weeks ago the Sheriff of Payne County was notified that a reward of \$25 had been offered for the arrest of Thomas Smith and his return to Winfield, Kan. Smith was supposed to be in this portion of Oklahoma. Thomas Hoyt, a deputy sheriff, located Smith at the home of relatives near here, and placed him in jail at Stillwater. Smith had a large sum of money in his possession. The sheriff at Winfield was notified, and came to Stillwater for his prisoner.

"That's the man, all right," said the Kansas sheriff. "I'll start back with him on the first train. When I get home I'll send you the money."

"Not if I know it," said Deputy Hoyt. "I need the money now."

The Kansas sheriff was vexed.

"Why not borrow the money from Smith?" suggested the Oklahoman.

The Kansan grinned at this display of Oklahoma nerve, and said he would try it. He went to the jail, and in a short time returned with the money and paid the reward, and started with Smith for Kansas.

Barnum, the great showman, hearing of an old negro woman down in Tennessee who claimed to be 125 years old, called to see her with a view of securing her for a sideshow. He found that the old woman was really ancient, and commenced to question her to find out just how old she really was. He said to her: "Auntie, do you remember George Washington?"

"I reckon I duz, sah; I se played wid him many a day."

"Do you remember anything about the revolutionary war?" asked Barnum.

"Well, I should say I duz," replied the old lady. "I 'members when de bullets wuz a-flyin' and a-zoomin' 'roun' here laik humblebees, sah."

"What do you remember about the fall of the Roman Empire?" said Barnum.

The old woman was "stumped" for a moment, but, recovering herself, replied:

"I wuz a mighty lele gal den, but I 'members hearin' de ole folks say dat dey heerd stumplin' drap."

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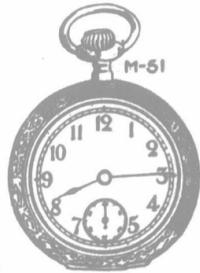
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