

Observations.

The liar despises those that believe him, and hates those who don't.

The woman who loves you is at once your detective and accomplice.

By the world's law a man is held guilty until he is proved innocent—and afterward.

Modern pessimism is ancient Calvinism with God left out.

Some people would like to have an inquisition to compel liberality and toleration.

To tell a woman you love her without doing so, and then to love her without telling her so, is the Alpha and Omega of flirtation.

How exasperating are those sunny-natured people who will never allow you to complain.

Many a woman makes a man perfectly wretched because she loves him so much.

If I were as rich as my right-hand neighbor I should have his faults; if I were as poor as my left-hand neighbor I should have his. Being myself I have mine.

A man who praises himself meets with a general denial; a man who decries himself finds plenty to agree with him.

Mirthful but Polite.

Kosciusko Jinks is one of the most polite and deferential men in Texas. Not long since he was sitting at a hotel table at which there were several drummers with whom he was not acquainted. They were telling stories and laughing vociferously.

Kosciusko never smiled, but after an excruciating funny story had been told, and the drummers were almost speechless with laughter, he leaned over and said timidly:

"Gentleman, my name is Jinks, and if you have no objection I would like to chuckle a little myself over that last story."

TWO OF THEM.—"Hullo!" said the Chestnut to the Robin. "What are you?"

"I'm a little bird," said the Robin. "What are you?"

"I'm a little burred, too," said the Chestnut.

NOT OF MUCH ACCOUNT.—A mother was calling the attention of her little boy to the moon, which was to be seen clearly but pallidly in the early afternoon. "Why, you can't see the moon in the daytime?" replied the youngster. "Oh, yes, you can—there it is over the trees!" The little fellow looked, and had to admit the fact he saw it, but he added. "Tain't lighted anyhow."

QUALIFIED TO PLAY TRAGEDY.—A house-painter once applied for an engagement at the Haymarket Theatre.

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Saved By Death.

A Tammany brave, who is a close friend of Sergeant-at Arms Tom Coakley, caused a flurry in the Treasury Department a day or two ago by ingeniously circumventing one of the cast-iron regulations provided for the clerks in Uncle Sam's big beehive, says A. Boswell of the World.

One of the rules most strictly enforced is that no employes can be seen by outsiders during business hours, "except in case of sickness or death." The Tammanyite was very anxious to see a friend before returning to New York, and upon being informed of the rule was for a moment at a loss how to proceed. Suddenly a bright idea struck him.

"Please say to the chief of division," he said to the doorkeeper in a plaintive tone, "that I want to see Brown very much. My grandfather is dead."

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"I am very sorry, old man, to hear of your grandfather's death," he said. "I know that sympathy don't amount to much on these occasions, but I am really very much pained."

"Oh, that's all right," responded the New Yorker. "The old man died about 20 years ago. Come out and get a cocktail. I want to talk to you."

BAILEY—"Robinson is penurious, isn't he?"

THOMPSON—"I should rather think so! He won't even laugh at a joke unless it is at some one else's expense."

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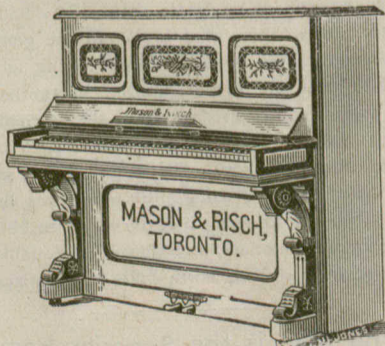
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