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#### LAUGH AND LEARN.

Enigmas "I wanted the sweep of the wild wet weather.
The wind's long lash, and the rain's free fall,
The toss of the trees as they swayed together.
The measureless gray that was over them all;
Whose roar speaks more than a language

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Swordless and wonderful, cry on cry,
The sob of an earth that is vexed and broken,
The answering sob of a broken sky.

What could they tell us? We see them ever. The trees, and the sky, and the stretch of the

The trees, and the sky, and the stretch of the ... land;
But they give us a word of their secret never;
They tell no story we understand.
Yet haply the ghostlike birch out yonder
Knows much in a placid and silent way;
The rain might tell what the gray clouds ponder,
The winds repeat what the violets say.

Why weeps the rain? Do you know its sorrow
Do you know why the wind is so sad, so sad
Have you stood in a rift 'twixt a day and morrow.
Seen their hands meet and their eyes grow

glad?

Is the tree's pride strong at its top's abasement?

Is the white rose more of a saint than the red?

What thinks the star as it sees through the

Any pretty woman can cure a sick husband by simply looking in the mirror when he talks about dying.

He—I called on you the other night and you were out. She—Yes. You rang the bell twice, didn't you?

Charley Mr.

Chapley—My man struck this morning, confound him. Van Pelt—What was the trouble? Chapley—I let my wife buy me some new cravats.

Dashaway—How did you like my friend, Hunker? Travers—He hasn't any backbone. Why, the fellow let me have \$5 as soon as I asked him.

"No," said Mrs. De Porque, "we don't mind expense when it comes to our library. Some of the books, I am informed, are printed from diamond type."

Drummer—And do you mean to say that

printed from diamond type."

Drummer—And do you mean to say that you never have any of your goods thrown back on your hands? His travelling acquaintance—No, sir; I'm an undertaker. Mr. Bullion-Yes, my wife and daughter

are in Europe, shopping. Mr. Scadds—In Paris? Mr. Bullion—No. I told them I wouldn't pay for any but an English-speak-In these days of putting up jellies it should be recalled that cotton batting is more often used by experienced housekeepers to cover the glasses than paste or papers dipped in liquor.

Jess-I thought you hated Jack, and yet you accepted him. Bess—I did hate him; but he proposed under an umbrella, and said if I refused him he would let the rain

Mrs. Bingley—How is your daughter get-ting along with her new music teacher? Mrs. Pinkerley—Splendidly. She has only known him three weeks and he has already proposed three times.

proposed three times.

Cholly—Why don't you dischawge youah man if he gets dwunk? Chappie—He nevah gets dwunk except on English holidays. Cholly—The dooce you say! Then I shall dischawge my man foh not getting dwunk in the same wew.

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She—Your parents had always objected, eh? He—Yes. She—But when you came to ask her parents for their consent you found that the shoe was on the other foot, eh? He (simply)—I didn't stop to see which foot it was.

which foot it was.

"I judge that you have not written much poetry," said the editor to his caller after examining his manuscript. "No, sir; but how did you know?" "In these verses you speak of a maiden as sitting at her window. Now, in poems maidens never sit at anything so common as windows. They invariably use casements."

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The Doctor's Daughters is a new organization of women in San Francisco, whose object is to relieve the need of poor people who are in distress on account of illness in the family. The "daughters" number about forty and there are 200 associate members who devote themselves to the work of raising funds and distributing them personally among the deserving sick poor.

Much damage is done by brushing off dried mud from thin calf and kid boots with hard bristle brushes, and still more by the use of common blacking. In the case of ladies' boots, made of fine and soft leather, ladies' boots, made of fine and soft leather, both treatments are ruinous. When boots are very muddy remove the dirt with a damp sponge or a painter's sash tool and a little water. Glace kid boots, etc., should be sponged, allowed to dry and then thoroughly polished with a soft rag or hand-kerchiet which is slightly oiled occasionally.

If a woman's hair shows much care, being glossy, well kept and every pin in its place, you may rely upon it that she is a lady, born and bred, whether her own or the deft fingers of a maid arranged it. Coarse hair shows humble birth. Brown hair as a rule, if of the peculiarly fine character that it seem very thin, will indicate a good disposition. Hair that splits in the ends is a representation of the owner's tendency to

In the halcyon days before the conquest of the industrial world by the hustler a carpenter who had occasion to screw two pieces of wood together never thought of hammering in the screw nearly up to the head and breaking and destroying the tenacity of the wood around it, and then sending it home with a half turn or so; but he first carefully bored a hole a size smaller than the screw,

then countersunk the opening and screwed the screw in all the waythrough solid wood. Careful provision was also made for the undoing of the work without damage in case it should become necessary. In fact, with some workmen these things were religious duties. An old English carpenter, on his deathbed, when asked if he wore prepared to die, answered: "Why not? I've worked at my trade fifty year, and never druv a screw without greasin' it."

The fad of the Summer girl is whitechame in

The fad of the Summer girl is whitechamois gloves. They are worn to travel, to row, to ride, to dance in, and are very useful but not pretty. In the first place, they are too thick, and they do not fit with the nicety that gives a woman's hand a certain aristocratic air. Yet they are very cheap, are washed cazily and are therefore popular; but down in the heart of every essentially womanly woman there is a longing for the delicate grays, pale tans or the higher class of white suedes that are as perishable as they are expensive. No matter whether shoes or gloves be high priced or not, let them be free from holes; let shoelaces be of silk and in good condition. If varnish is needed do not let an hour go by before the shoes are polished up, and when the gloves are soiled wash, clean or discard them, as you see fit, for otherwise they spoil the prettiest costume.

A promising journalist having capitu-The fad of the Summer girl is whitechamois

A promising journalist having capitu-lated to the fascinations of a bright Boston girl, that cruel creature now alludes to him as her papier mache.

The eruption of Mount Etna is steadily growing worse. What ails the crater?

He—What an engaging girl she is! She—Yes, engaged to every other man in the

Employer—You are not worth your salt to-day. What is the matter? Clerk sleepily)—I got here on time. Evidently the Caucasian is playing out. An organ grinder's monkey the other day whipped an American newsboy.

whipped an American newsboy.

Wool—When I go to a summer resort I leave all the money I have in the hotel safe. Van Pelt—On arriving or departing?

The right side of the body perspires more than the left, and the palm of the hand four times more than the skin of the cheet.

During a long run over a rough road a bioyclist and his wheel gradually exchanged conditions. He grew tired, while the wheel

Miss Ora Kelle—Do you believe in signs, Mr. Taylor? Mr. R. E. Taylor—Um—yes, but I've found that printer's ink brings

A KINDLY BANANA.

How it Helped Blinkers to Catch Mis

Blinkers is one of the luckiest men that was ever created. He must have been born with a silver spoon in his mouth and a golden bowl of bread and milk right at his elbow. Everything seems to come his way. If he were to go into the geese-raising business right in the middle of the Sahara desert it wouldn't be ten days till a fine lake would surround his house. All he has to do is to seat himself anywhere on a milking stool and a cow immediately hunts him up.

If Blinkers should take out an accident insurance policy for only 38 minutes he would be sure to secure the full amount of it in that time. A few years ago he was about to lose his property because of a mortgage there was on it, when he was run down by a street car, and in a suit for damages got money enough to pay off the mort-

All Blinkers has to do is to turn his goblet up and the gods fill it with wine. Yesterday he started out of town for a vacation trip. He was late in starting for the train, and he tried to catch a street car, but missed it, and, while waiting for another, a man came along who had been trying for weeks to dodge him and paid him a bill of \$50. The car he missed was run into by a freight train, and a lot of folks were injured. But he was sure he could not catch his train. Hovever, he ran like everything, and reached the top of a leng flight of steps that lead down to the train shed just as the train was starting. "If I were only at the bottom of the stairs," thought he, "I might yet catch the train."

All Blinkers has to do is to turn his goblet up all beside Roxana, when a tiny bell rang, and the following flashed into view:

Let those love now who never loved before, and those who always loved now love the more.

The young people laughed at the happy arrangement which the father's mind had devised, and drew nearer together. Presently the bell rang again, and "Gas bills are getting higher" met their gaze. They tried to laugh again, but it was almost a failure. However, they looked into each other's eyes with a seriousness they had never exhibited before. The next placard pleased them much more. It read as follows:

A sorrow shared is a half a trouble. a freight train, and a lot of folks were injured. But he was sure he could not catch his train. Hovever, he ran like everything, and reached the top of a leng flight of steps that lead down to the train shed just as the train was starting. "If I were only at the bottom of the stairs," thought he, "I might yet catch the train." Right on the top of the step lay a banana peeling, on which he hastily set his foot. The banana peeling did the rest, landing him at the bottom in time to catch his train all right.

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But he is the only man in the world for whom a banana peeling would do a friendly turn.—Chicago Times.

To the Poerhouse.

The county house waggon drew up at the old farm-house door in the early morning light, and the poor overseer got out and knocked on the door with the butt end of his whip. "Hey," quavered a thin voice within, "who's there?" "We've come for ye', mother?" asked the tremulous voice, and then the door was opened by a shaky hand, and an old woman, dressed in shawl and hood, stood in the doorway. "I' member," she said slowly, nodding toward the waggon, "it's the select-men, an' I s'pose they know best, but if Jim knew—if—Jim knew—that his poor mother was goin' to the poorhouse it 'ud break his heart." "Ar' ye' ready, mother?" asked the man, gently. "Yes, I be. I ain't slept sence I heerd ye were comin' for for. It's all right, an' I don't blame ye, but it's hard to hey worked all way life. "I standard to do, but, until then, had never mustered to do, but, until then, had never mustered to do, but, until then, had never mustered up sufficient courage to undertake. The next motto that came into view was less poetic, but more to the point: "Long Courtships Cost Money and are a Great Waste of Time." Had some one been list-ening at the door a moment later he would have heard a noise that sounded very much like the parting of something clinging. It might have been a kiss. Again the bell rang, and the following appeared:

Let us then be up and doing.

With a heart for any fate;

Let us then be up and doing.

With a heart for any fate;

Let us then be up and be dong.

And propose or emigrate.

In five minutes more the pledge had been made, and Roxana led her accepted lover frem the room to make way for her next younger sister and beau. At the end of two weeks the seven daughters wer During a long run over a rough road able policy of the points. "Long to built have been a been all the policy of the points." To the Forenteese.

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In a lecture on fire prevention, Professor Goodman again called attention to the value of wooden joists for building purposes as compared with iron and steel. He explained that the two latter materials lose their strength at a not very high temperature, whereas wood will sustain a heavy stain for a much longer period when exposed to great the old graveyard where the sentinel stones heat. a much longer period when exposed to great heat.

Ardent Republican—So your men are striking against a reduction of wages? Protected manufacturer—Yes. Ardent Republican—But I thought the McKinley Bill was passed that you should pay higher wages than are paid to the pauper labor of Europe. Protected manufacturer—Oh, no! only that we should be able to pay higher wages than are paid to the pauper labor of Europe.

An English magazine has recently propounded a prize question which has agitated ti seem very thin, will indicate a good disposition. Hair that splits in the ends is a representation of the owner's tendency to quarrel and have bickerings and differences on all occasions. Black, glossy hair shows on all occasions. Black, glossy hair shows of the control of the paules of the control of the policy of the publishment of the publ

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WHY HE WHISTLES.

How Alonzo Stubbs Got Seven Marriage

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Many a man fails to act simply because nothing suggests the right thing at the right time. Alonzo Stubbs was a poor, but worthy man, with seven grown-up daughters. He tried to dress them well, but, despite the fact that they made over their dresses and retrimmed their hats, he felt that he could, without any special sacrifice on his part, spare a few of them as wives for promising but seemingly hesitating young men. One time Alonzo saw an advertising clock that presented a new placard to the observer every five minutes. It struck Alonzo with a forcible suggestiveness. He bought one, and on the next Sunday evening had it placed against the parlor wall, opposite to the place where the sofa stood. Reginald was just seating himself beside Roxans, when a tiny bell rang, and the following flashed into view:

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A quartof milk in which the juice of three mandarin oranges have been squeezed is said to be a refreshing lotion for the complexion. Eating quantities of oranges is an exceilent remedy for c'earing a muddy skin; before breakfast is the best time, and one may indulge in as many as is agreeable.

"Why, Indeed?

"Why does a dog run sidewise or diagonally?" inquired the purchaser of a fine black Newfoundland pup of a dog fancier the other day. "Well, sir, that's a question I've been asked frequently, and, after some investigation, I have concluded the reason is that the animal has been brought up that way. Why does a chicken roost on one foot or an owl keep its eyes wide open all night long, or a rooster crow vigorously at the break of early dawn, or a pig run homeward with straws in its mouth before approaching rain? These are questions that are as difficult to solve as some of the astronomical problems." — Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Pennigon—Did you ever bet on the races, Mrs. Holdfast: Mrs. H.—Yes. Once when Charley ate two mince pies I bet on a nightmare.

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