

A SCOTCHMAN'S REVUE One Practical Joker Who is to Pay Daily for His Sp

REGRETS ATTEMPTED LIES.

There is a building in the street, east of Broadway, and it is the headquarters of one of the most practical jokers in the city. It is a place where the most hilarious and less highly colored practical jokes are taken for their motto which is "What fools these mortals be." The managing editor of this publication is William H. Gibbons, and those who have seen him in the role of a practical joker in the city are well acquainted with him. He is the originator of the "Practical Joker" series, and is associated with him by L. Wilson and C. E. Taylor, two members of the ancient order of practical jokers of all the world. Jokes submitted by outside correspondents are given the most careful attention of the gentleman, and those which are too new for publication are promptly tried on their associates.

NEW THINGS IN JOKE.

This year Mr. Gibbons invents a new joke. In his private office he has a beautiful speaking tube, and an elaborate and ornate affair, and makes direct connection with the room of fine powdered glass. Overtly it leads to the stereotyping department or to a lithographing-room, or an odd job shop. Mr. Gibbons' purpose is to give the kind of tube which is supposed to have a whistle at the other end, and when you want to talk through it you blow first to summon attention. This fellow, just underneath the mouthpiece are several fine holes, and when you want to talk to the fellow who is in the room, you blow into the speaking tube, and the words are blown into the room of the fellow. Just underneath the mouthpiece are several fine holes, and when you want to talk to the fellow who is in the room, you blow into the speaking tube, and the words are blown into the room of the fellow.

Mr. Gibbons plays his joke with all the proper accompaniment of theatrical "business." Just give the speaking tube hangs a beautiful note. It is superbly done, and every fellow who sees it becomes so interested that he sees only vaguely the speaking tube below it, and entirely overlooks the little holes below the mouthpiece, through which he is to be peeped with magnifying glass. The other day there came into Mr. Gibbons' office a fine, big, good-natured Scotchman, whose bushy red beard was parted equally in the middle and brushed back well toward his shoulders. Gibbons was at his desk, apparently looking over the first copy of the number of his publication just issuing. Suddenly he saw a glaring blunder.

"Thunder!" he shouted, "I corrected that thing in the proof. I didn't see it in the revise. Where the devil is that revise?" He began to claw around his desk like a madman, pulling out the drawers, banging around all the time, and constantly anathematizing the negligent compositor. Then he began to shut over the partition to an imaginary person in the next room to stop the presses. The Scotchman looked on in sympathetic amazement.

"Where the devil is that revise?" Gibbons exclaimed. "There, as if I had just occurred to him. I saw it all right, just whistle down that tube to the stereotypers for me. Blow three times."

A RIDICULOUS SCENE.

The Scotchman leaned to the tube and blew. Mr. Gibbons heard the noise, but he did not feel it. Not until he turned from the answering tube did he see what had happened. Gibbons was rolling under his desk in an agony of laughter. "It was so thick in his beard," said Gibbons, telling his associate jokers about it, "that if I had a spray nozzle to sprinkle him with I could have given him a fair shake."

The Scotchman thought it was a rare good joke, and went away laughing to a barber's. That night Gibbons got a telegram from the Scotchman. It was a long family message, giving a list of unmentionable advice about the wheat market. Gibbons paid for it cheerfully and thought the incident closed. But it wasn't.

On Thursday morning, soon after Mr. Gibbons reached the office, a very business-like young man called to see him. "I represent the John Doe Pump Company, Mr. Gibbons," he said. "I called to see you in response to this letter."

"I presented a letter written on a correctly engraved note head of the Elk Park Land and Development Company. W. C. Gibbons, President; C. E. Taylor, Treasurer; L. H. Wilson, Secretary." The letter was typewritten, with the customary "dictated" at one side. It was signed "W. C. Gibbons, President, per Wilson," and addressed to the John Doe Pump Company, and said:

"Dear Sirs,—Please send me estimate and specifications for a pump that will raise 1000 gallons per minute. "You see, Mr. Gibbons," said the pump man, "I've not given you sufficient data on which to furnish a satisfactory estimate. For a pump of that power it is necessary that we should know several details which you have entirely omitted. Now, if you—

"Yes, yes! I see, I see," replied Mr. Gibbons, starting at the letter. "But the fact is, I'm very busy just now, and if you can call again day after tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, I shall be at liberty."

As the John Doe pump man went out the door, he met a Richard Roe pump man coming in. Mr. Gibbons met the Roe man cheerfully and endeavored to explain to him what had happened with the Doe company. Thereupon the Roe man was into the history of pumps and the uses and developed a fine mathematical demonstration of the general uselessness of the Doe pumps as compared with the Roe pumps. Gibbons finally got rid of him and turned the morning mail. The first letter was:

"Dear Sirs,—In response to your advertisement placing of these devices in favor of the 9th Inst., we beg to state that we do not handle the line of pumps you mention. We have, however, the fine line of beer pumps on the market and shall take pleasure in exhibiting them to you at your earliest convenience. Yours truly, The Doe Pump Co., Registered, Lancaster, Pa. No postpaid stamps required. Every agent has a list of agents, Hamlet, Ontario.

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and we satisfied that he can suit you. Before could try another the office boys in to tell him that seven pumps were waiting outside to see him each said he had come in answer to a personal letter from Mr. Gibbons. "I've bought a pump, I don't want a pump. I have second-hand pumps to sell. I never want a pump, I don't know a pump if I should see it in the street, or in a special car Mr. Gibbons. It was filled with catalogues and pamphlets describing pumps. There were circulars to call all about all kinds of pumps—for patterns, compound, pressure, service fire, mine, marine, brackish water, air, circulating, auto pattern, Lehigh pattern, wrecking, drilling, boring, low steam pressure, automatic, independent condenser, and the rest, with special treatises on valves, meters and condensers. A particular book on side pipes and flues, with long telegraphic code books for facility in ordering.

"The pump camp in. "Good morning, Gibbons. Interested in pumps, interesting subject, but common?" "Complicated Gibbons. "If I had the machine I'd compound him." A special carrier came, bringing Mr. 167 special requests for more to facilitate the making of more. What was the steam pump? Mr. Gibbons was prepared to. How far must he lift the water? What was the angle of elevation? Hot or cold water? Was it muddy? Any gravel in it? The liquid to be pumped? Was it acid, salt, fresh, or gritty? What height was to be lifted? What was the diameter of the suction pipe? Of the discharge pipe? What was the material of the suction pipe? Did the water run into it? From what source? The supply to be taken? Against what pressure must the pump work? Mr. Gibbons kindly say which pump he desired would explain the atmosphere, into a condenser against back pressure? Did he want it? Did Mr. Gibbons want? Did he want to be wanted? Gibbons thought he wanted well enough to rest, but he couldn't get it. A pump concern in the United States (Canada sent a person) to call on him or more details, and with their catalogues they sent about valve motion, auxiliary smoke cocks, grates, boilers, columns, water, and steam engine and safety valves, blow-off and exhaust cocks, and other connection and fittings, diagrams showing the delicate patterns intended for underwear and children's clothing.

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WOMAN HER FADS.

Transparencs of chiffon or lace are worn under coats, which are extremely in style. White, black, and blue, both standing and tucked, are seen on colored shirts, and the cuffs are colored like the shirt.

The little saw Lady Campbell visit to be a shoot of the old Newport. It is hardly any more of difference, with a fringe of their own threads, are making it a more secure reign of lace and chiffon cushions.

Portulaca is a favorite, handle for handkerchiefs, and is usually mounted in silver, with the monogram initials. The woman's movement has penetrated to the heart of the White Mountain and there is a very flourishing industry in North Conway. The new lace is really considered on the 5 with tiny flowers of various kinds with clocks up the side, and worked patterns as well. The idea is considered to unite the women in Kentucky in a stock company for the erection of a handsome building in Lexington.

There is no more paper craze, and flowers, brooch frames, lamp shades and lightest possibilities of the fibrelite in the designs of fingers of man. Yests to be in with tailor gowns are made of silk, and various kinds of silk, fancy and plain, they are pleated and buttoned over the front horn buttons. Black and red velvet waists are worn with black satin course and wood-kinor skirt gowns as on as they are enough to discard the cape. There made in blouse style.

According to Cross in his memoir to the reason she took to a name like Ellet was as she explained to her George was Mr. Eves' Christian name, and Ellet was good old name, easily pronounced. The date of the dress is made of muslin or silk in white or pale colors and halonely trimmed with their narrow lace and insertion of ribbon and Venice lace, with much embroidery for variety. It is interesting to note that Castile's more disapproved entirely of her a resignation. Although over years old, this brilliant French was not look so set as a lace policeman than many of the prominent in France today.

A woman, M. Henry D. Gram, of Boston, with the Paris exposition of 1889, in 75 dresses, 12 in pumps. Gibbons finally got rid of him and turned the morning mail. The first letter was:

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SUMMER ITEMS.

Bright Colored Swings—Elbow Sleeves. Nainsook Embroidery. The hammock season has opened, and the picturesque, tropical looking nets are offered for sale in great variety. There are gayly colored ones of stout cotton cord, fringed and cushioned until they look like the housings of a knight's horse in the days of chivalry; delicate silk ones, more for ornament than use, and last and least expensive, but most suitable, grass mats in coherent lines that suggest the dyes used by aboriginal Indians.

There are various modes of hanging a hammock, as well as various modes of falling out of it after it is hung. The most suitable arrangement of the unstable couch is said to be one which, is to be 6-1/4 feet from the ground at the head and 3-1/2 above it at the foot. The rope at the head must be 1 foot long, that at the foot 4 feet. It is necessary to employ a footstool to mount into the hammock at this elevation, but the skirts are left free to swing picturesquely. An outfit of cushions and striped blankets is considered necessary for fashionable effect.



Lace beading is much used on nainsook and dimity gowns, and a narrow ribbon matching the figure printed on the goods. Elbow sleeves are an almost invariable feature of these gowns, which implies an impetus in the long glove trade. Nainsook embroidery is curiously combined with silk and even wool goods this summer, which does not seem very appropriate except when the embroidery is in the shape of adjustable collars, cuffs and vests which may be changed at will. Lace-making is a favorite industry with Parisian ladies just now, and many elaborate designs are supplied to furnish them with a pretty pretense of fancy work. Napkin borders, dollies, and traycloths in renaisance style vie with more delicate patterns intended for underwear and children's clothing.

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FASHIONABLE FANCIES.

The Newest Thing in Veils—Rose Leaves For Drying. It is a headgear year, a time when the hat or bonnet is the keynote and the dress supplies the harmonies. Dress is ever in subdued hues, although there is every prospect that soon they will blossom out into more bright and varied color.

Veils are now playing an important part among the accessories to the toilet of a woman of fashion. Double veils, net, either chenille spotted or in plain white or colors, is the fashionable style of veil, drawn in filmy folds under the chin and over the broad brim of the hat, and is more consistent with its name than the small strip drawn tightly over the eyes and nose that was formerly worn. Brown net with black chenille spots is the most recent idea.



The inside of the parasol or sunshade is the object of particular attention this year. Chiffon and lace are pressed into the service to make it beautiful, even the wires being hidden from view by soft shirtings, while the outside may be of plain satin or mother of pearl moire. This new idea is rather a good one, however, for it is the back of the sunshade which makes a background for the head and shoulders and receives little wear, while the outside bears the brunt of service and has a far less close relation to the face. Large tassels are seen on parasol handles, while the handles themselves are of Dresden china or mother of pearl inlaid with gold or are in the likeness of birds, flowers or fruit. Sequins are also employed as a sunshade decoration.

Now is the time to gather rose petals in the garden, which, put in large jars with the flowers of the linden tree and leaves of mint will serve to perfume the atmosphere of the house during the winter. The leaves and flowers should be dried quickly, in the shade, each being taken not to gather them when they are wet with dew.

An illustration is given of a gown for a girl 14 years old. It is of rose crepon trimmed with plaid silk. The bodice skirt has two bias bands of silk for the foot, while the blouse bodice is confined at the waist by a belt of the same goods. A high collar of batiste turns down over a four-hand tie of silk which extends to the waist. The elbow sleeve has two balloon puffs. The white straw hat is adorned with rose ribbon. JUDIE CHOLLET.

The latest edition of woman can hardly be called the edition de la mode.

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