

WIT, HUMOR AND FUN

LIFE'S COMIC SIDE TREATED BY CLEVER PENS

The Lone Fisherman.

Settin' in a leaky boat,
Jest a-watchin' line an' float;
Waitin' fur a bite, oh, gee!
That is fun enough fur me.
Settin' out here on the crick,
Where the perch is bitin' slick,
An' the punkin'-seeds—well, say!
You can't coax me off ter-day.

Ol' pipe's drawin' like a fue,
An' the smoke is risin' blue;
Water's calm an' weather's fine,
An' they's somethin' on my line.
Wouldn't leave ol' "Lizard" now
Fur a house an' farm, I vow!
Jest go 'way an' let me be—
This is good enough fur me.

—Joe Cone, in Judge.

Marjorie—Daddy, it's raining.

Daddy—Well, let it rain.

Marjorie—I was going to, daddy.

You get near the real valuation of a man when you see him put a penny in the offering while he sings, "Take My Life."

We have seen many a woman iron a man's shirt as if she were wishing she was using the iron on him instead.

Grace—Teacher says we must always do our duty. What is duty?

Bobbie—It's the thing we ought to do when we want to do something else.

While a woman likes to have a man tell her that he knows her like a book, she is apt to get furious if he says he can read her face between the lines.

"I wonder who invented the phrase, 'Silence is golden?'" "Probably some poor beggar who had a wife, a parrot, a ten-year-old boy, a phonograph and a barber."

Minister—"Are you sure you know your catechism, my boy?" Boy—"Sure! Dere's four ink-spots on de front cover an' de back's tore off. I'd know it anywhere."

Mrs. Kratchett—"Bridget, I don't like the looks of that man who called to see you last night." Bridget—"Well, well, ain't it funny, ma'am? He said the same about you."

"Why is Harkins rushing around so excitedly?" "Why, he says his baby is financially embarrassed." "Get out! How could a baby be financially embarrassed?" "Oh, he swallowed a cent, you know."

New Englander (visiting in Kansas)—"Why don't you raise punkins out here?" Kansan—"We tried it, but the soil is too rich for 'em. The vines grew so fast that the punkins got all skinned up dragging over the ground."

The Spinster—"How many lodges did you say your husband belonged to?" The Wife—"Fifteen." The Spinster—"My goodness! just think of a man being out fifteen nights a week! Well, I'm glad that I'm an old maid."

He fell at her feet. "My sweet and precious one!" he cried, "life in your presence is as a rose tinged with the glorious crimson fretting of a soul which knoweth no love so—" "Oh, Harry," she said, "how you do smell of tobacco!"

"Is your mistress at home?" inquired Mrs. Borem, standing in the shadow of the doorway. "I don't know, ma'am," replied the servant. "Can't tell whether she's at home or not till I git a look at ye. If ye hov a wart on the side o' yer nose, ma'am, she ain't."

The best banks are in heaven; but the receiving tellers are likely to be in some back alleys here.

Waiter—"Do you wish soup?"
Guest—"Is it free with a dinner?"
Waiter—"Yes, sir."
Guest—"No, thank you."

She—So these are the china bargains you advertised?
Dealer—Yes, ma'am, and they're going for little or nothing.
She—All right. I'll take that blue going for little or nothing.

This is not only important, but it is true: If a husband and wife are good to each other, the children are more sure to grow up good and honorable citizens than if the parents wrangle.

Teacher—Here's a little sum in addition for you. If your father gave you 10 cents and your mother gave you five, what would you then have?
Jimmy—I'd have a fit.

Sly Sam smoked a ton of Perique, And he didn't feel right for a wique; If he'd smoked any more, There'd be crape on our door— And the cause wouldn't be far to sique!

Mrs. Destyle—"Husband, I just must have a new gown."
Mr. Destyle—"And for what?"
Mrs. Destyle—"The new cook is coming to-morrow and I have nothing to receive her in."

Mrs. Josh—"I know these rooms are very small, George, but we can get along, at least for a time. There is no use in complaining. Can't you see the funny side of it, and make a joke?"

Mr. John—"I don't see where I could put it if I did."

"I'd like to pay a fitting tribute to your husband's memory," said a minister to a woman whose husband had recently died.

"He didn't have any memory," was the unexpected reply. "He couldn't even remember to mail a letter."

"Whatever the weather may be," says he—

"Whatever the weather may be, It's the songs ye sing an' the smiles ye wear
That's amaking the sun shine everywhere."
—James Whitcomb Riley.

He (on his knees)—Darling, I love you with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all the strength of my being.

She—Are you in earnest, Clarence? He (reproachfully)—In earnest? Do you think I am bagging my trousers in this way for fun?

Mrs. M.'s patience was much tried by a servant who had a habit of standing around with her mouth open. One day, as the maid waited upon table, her mouth was open as usual, and her mistress, giving her a severe look, said: "Mary, your mouth is open." "Yessum," replied Mary, "I opened it."

A city young lady, on a visit to a country town, was impressed by the variety and extent of the stock kept at the village store. One day, to satisfy her curiosity, she asked the clerk if they had Browning. He stared at her a second, then went off and looked under the counters and on the shelves. Presently he came back and said: "No, miss, we ain't got none. We got blackin' an' we got bluin', an' we got whitin', but we ain't got a bit o' brownin' in the store."

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