

Afraid of Such Penance.

A priest asked a young man who had come to confess how he earned his living. "I'm an acrobat, your reverence." The priest was nonplussed.

"I'll show ye what I mean in a brace of shakes," said the penitent, and in a moment was turning himself in the most approved acrobatic fashion.

An old woman, who had followed him to confession, looked on horrified. "When it comes my turn, father," she gasped, "for the love of heaven don't put a penance on me like that; it'd be the death of me!"

Followed Instructions.

"Bridget," asked the lady of the house, some days after her advent, "do you know how to stone cherries?" The cook reluctantly confessed her ignorance on the subject. "It is very simple," said her mistress. "Press the cherry so, and out comes the stone." She thoughtlessly put the cherry into her mouth and left the kitchen. When Bridget's work was inspected a dish of stones was all that remained of the luscious fruit, the faithful maid having faithfully followed the example set her, and industriously eaten all the cherries.

Inquisitive.

As old Robinson was walking along the principal street of his native town something new struck his eye in the window of the watchmaker's shop. It was a large, handsome clock, and from it was suspended a card bearing the words: "Goes 300 days without winding!"

Suddenly an idea struck him, and he went into the shop.

"That's an interesting clock of yours," he said; "but there's one thing I should like to know."

"What's that?"

"How long it would go if it was wound up?"

The Fault of His Boots.

A sergeant, watching the line of feet as the new recruits endeavored to obey the word of command, found, to his astonishment, that one pair of feet never turned. Without taking his eyes off those feet, the sergeant, so says The Epworth Herald, called out a second order: "About face!"

He could see that all the feet except those he watched turned in obedience.

Rushing up to the owner—a little fellow—she seized him by the shoulder, shouting:

"Why don't you turn with the rest?"

"I did," replied the trembling recruit.

"You did, eh? Well, I watched your feet, and they never moved."

"It's the boots they gave me, sir," said the poor fellow. "They're so large that when I turn my feet turn inside of them."

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