

Wit and Humor.

UNFORTUNATE LITERAL SUGGESTIVENESS.
Dobbs Pottwell (reaching for his pocket case).—"Your case is serious, sir. The first necessity will be a little antimony; and while I get the drop."
Lovell Lobb.—"Hands up, thar, Doc! I've got th' drop, an' yer don't git no 'ante-mony' out'er me till yer finishes yer dit-amnos an' I gets yer perscription. Savvy?"

WHERE NO PRESSING IS WANTED.
Hoop.—"Hello, Charlie! your trousers bag at the knees."
Baldwin.—"I wish they bagged at the pocket-book!"

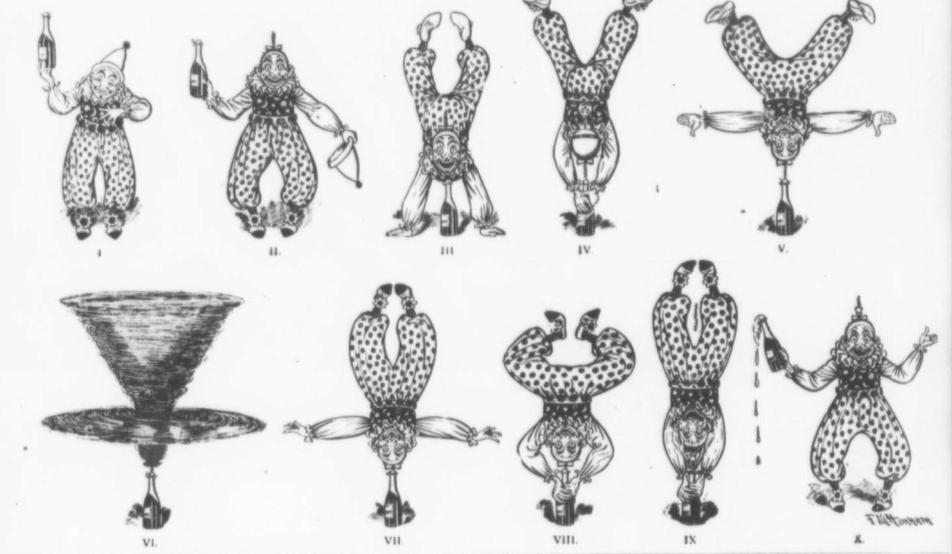
IN DARKEST TORONTO.
Blocker.—"Heavens! Old man, this town's dull. Here it's not eleven o'clock, and the streets are like a graveyard."
Baldie B. Baldie (proudly).—"Well, you just come with me; I can take you around to Chestnut Street and show you a restaurant that keeps open all night!"

INCOMPATIBLES.
She.—"She is the irrepressible conflict the papers sometimes refer to—something about the negro?"
He.—"Yes; especially after he drinks buttermilk and eats watermelon."
Madras.—"This floor doesn't look very clean, Bridget. Have you swept it to-day?"
Bridget.—"No mum; Oi didn't swape it to-day or yesterday. But Oi swept it 'twee times th' day befor."

A TALE OF THE SEA.
Parker.—"Weren't you on the 'City of Hoboken' when she rased the 'Calisthenic'?"
Barker.—"Yes; and we'd have beaten her if the captain had had a little more nerve."
Parker.—"What could he have done?"
Barker.—"Why, we all wanted him to throw some of the cargo overboard."
OBEYING INSTRUCTIONS.
Stranger.—"Is the editor at home?"
Servant.—"Yes, sir, but he is engaged."
Stranger.—"Will you please tell him that his house is on fire?"
Servant.—"Impossible! He gave strict orders that he was not to be disturbed."
 The man who gets as large a salary as he thinks he deserves, is generally overpaid.

NO CHOICE.
MARIA called the odd gentleman, "have you seen anything of my new umbrella?"
 "Yes, papa," stammered Maria; "I—I lent it to Mr. Barlow last night; he promised to return it at once."
 "He did, did he?" snorted the enraged parent. "Well, that umbrella cost me ten dollars."
 "But Mr. Barlow 'll be sure to return it at once—he is going away in a day or two, so you're sure of getting it."
 "Sure of getting it!" echoed her father, "and he going away? Maria, my child, say good-bye to Mr. Barlow, if he isn't smart enough to know a good umbrella when he sees it I could never consent to allow such a blockhead in my house."
 TRUTH is mighty; but it will not prevail in a horse trade.

A CURTAIN RAISER.



A NEW BRAND OF ANIMAL.
 "Thi' doctor says I must get sterilized milk for the baby."
 "I didn't have sterilized milk when I was young."
 "I know, John; but probably they didn't have sterilized cows then."
WHAT LITTLE FREDDY SAID.
 "If I were a fish I would wiser be. I'd live in the ground instead of the sea; Then I needn't look When a bite I took. But have plenty of worms without any hook."
NO DEFENSE REQUIRED.
 "PARSON DODD!" said a parishioner with concentration in his voice, "there's an infidel going to speak in the town hall to-night. He's agin religion and he says they isn't any God."
 "Well," replied the parson with a placid twinkle in his eye, "I guess God can stand it."

THE REASON WHY.
Dawson Skinner (severely).—"My boy, for whom are you procuring that accursed drink?"
Chimney O'Hearn.—"For me Fadier."
Dawson Skinner (still more severely).—"And why does your Fadier send you to such a dreadful place?"
Chimney O'Hearn.—"Aw, wotcher givin' us? 'Cause Casey gives the biggest pint; wot else?"
UNPROFESSIONAL.
Wood.—"They have old Marks, the lawyer, indicted for robbing a client."
Van Pell.—"I should think that was legitimate enough, for a lawyer."
Wood.—"But, you see, he did it out of his hours."
 "THAT was a bad serape," as a man in the audience said to a friend when the violinist stopped playing.

UNCONQUERABLE.
 "CHARLES has an unconquerable spirit."
 "How does he show it?"
 "He was two hours unlocking the front door early this morning."
Teacher.—"Why was Lat's wife turned into a pillar of salt?"
Boy.—"For looking back."
 "Yes, but why did she look back?"
 "I—I guess some other woman passed her."
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