

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

He (exhibiting sketch): It's the best thing I ever did. She (sympathetically): Oh, well, you mustn't let me discourage you.

"It is a beautiful ring, my dear; what did you give for it?" enquired practical Mary. "Myself," replied Eleanor, poetically.

Stationmaster (to suspicious-looking old lady in saloon carriage): Are you first-class, mum? Old Lady: I am, thank you. And how's yourself?

Thoughts come and go, some never to return. What some of us would have given at the time for an Esterbrook pen to jot down a fleeting inspiration!

Samson: He is not rich, and yet he makes a great deal more money than he spends. Rodd: How can that be? Samson: He works in the Mint.

Jack—Who are the people in the lower boxes? Claire (indifferently)—Oh, they are nobody much. They don't disturb the audience by laughing and talking.

He: Remember that you have promised solemnly to be a sister to me. She: Yes, but you mustn't act as if you thought you were the only relative of that kind I have in the world.

The handwriting of the famous Dr. Chalmers was so very illegible that his fond mother used to say to her husband when a letter arrived from her son, "Juist lay it aside, and Tammas will read it to us himsel' when he comes hame!"

FACTS ABOUT DYSPEPSIA.

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The crowded street car flew the track unexpectedly and the conductor went for the driver: Here, he exclaimed angrily, "what made that car go off?" "Cause it was loaded, I guess," responded the driver, with a grin,

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GENTLEMEN,—Last summer my baby was so bad with summer complaint that he looked like a skeleton. Although I had not much faith in it, I took a friend's advice and tried Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. He soon got better. I truly believe it saved his life.

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Wife (looking over bill): Do you remember, my dear, how many trout you caught when fishing last Saturday? Husband: There were just twelve of them, all beauties—why? Wife: The fishmonger has made a mistake. He only charges for half-a-dozen."

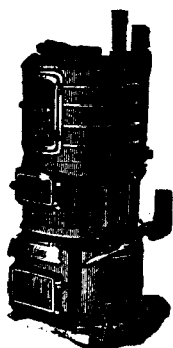
Some fancy the charms of the lily-white maid, Of ethereal form and languishing eye, Who faints in the sunshine and droops in the shade, And is always "just ready to die."

But give me the girl of the sunshiny face. The blood in whose veins courses healthy and free, With the vigor of youth in her movements of grace, Oh, that is the maiden for me!

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