

Sparkles.

NIAGARA rapids are now very appropriately called the whirlpool.

SPEECH is silver, silence is golden, giggling is brazen, and laughter is often ironical.

WHAT'S this, waiter? Railroad soup, sir. Queer name for soup. Yes, sir; stock's been watered so often, sir.

FIRST BOSTONIAN: Do you speak any foreign language? Second Bostonian, Yes One. What is it? English.

WIGGINS predicts a number of earthquakes for the present summer; but then Wiggins' predictions are no great shakes.

DID your son take the valedictory in college? said a gentleman to a lady who was enthusiastically praising the ability of her offspring. No, indeed, he didn't, she replied, with pride. He didn't take anything. He is the healthiest boy you ever saw.

WHAT did your daughter graduate in? asked a friend of another. White silk, with a satin corsage and elbow sleeves, was the prompt answer. I mean what branches, said the startled guest. Oh! her—her—why, the usual studies, I suppose, answered the perplexed mother.

IF you had turned your steps in the right direction, my friend, he said solemnly to the convict, you would not be in this place to-day. Ah, no, sir, responded the convict with sad retrospection. If I had turned my steps in the right direction I would be in Canada to-day.

MAMMA, said Albert, "do you believe in the faith cure? Yes, dear, and I practise it too. Mamma continued the boy, feeling his damp hair uneasily, if a boy goes a-swimming and then lies about it, can you cure him of lying by faith? No dear, said mamma sweetly, that vice is cured by lying on of hands. And in ten minutes thereafter Albert was the best cured boy on the island.

ONE Sunday, as a certain minister was returning homeward, he was accosted by an old woman, who said O sir, well do I like the day that you preach! The minister was aware that he was not very popular, and he answered: My good woman, I am glad to hear it. There are too few like you. And why do you like when I preach? O sir, she replied, when you preach, I always get a good seat.

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HAVE you read any of the late poems, Miss Howjames, said the young man, brightening up, written by Walt Whitman for the New York Her—I am not in the habit of reading anything written by the person you mention, replied the Boston young lady, with freezing dignity. Well, to tell you the truth, stammered the young man from St. Louis, I am not dead stuck on him myself. He can't rhyme for shucks. He makes anxiety rhyme with nitro-glycerine.

PETER FAUCETT, the New South Wales Supreme Court Judge, was somewhat shortsighted, and one day a very diminutive barrister appeared before him to move something or other. When the short man stood up alongside "Jumbo," a very tall barrister, who was sitting down, their heads were about on a level, and as soon as the small man began: If your honour please, I—e must stand up when ye address the court, interrupted old Peter,, irascibly. I am standing up, said the small man, with with dignity. Then tell the gentleman alongside ye to sit down.

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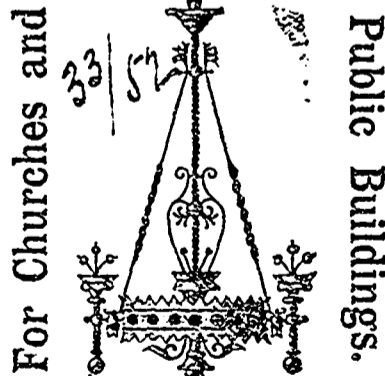
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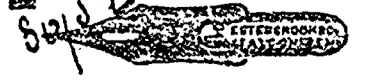
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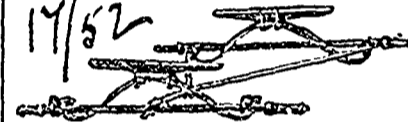
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