

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

It is a trying ordeal to be drawn on a jury and quartered in a fourth-rate hotel.

He: My income is small, and it is cruel of me to take you from your father's roof. She (anxiously): I don't live on the roof.

Little Girl: Oh! give me another apple. Nurse: No, miss! it will give you the stomach ache. Little Girl: Oh! I have it already.

Clara: Do you know, people are actually beginning to call me an old maid. Maude: You mean that you are just beginning to hear them.

Lady: A gentleman called, you say. Did he leave any name? Parlor Maid: Yes'm: I asked him his name, and he said it was Immaterial.

"Are the eggs fresh?" asked the guest, suspiciously. "Just laid, sir," said the waiter, and then he added, under his breath, "On the table."

Old Lady (severely): Why don't you newsboys keep yourselves clean? Newsboy: Huh! Wot's the good of a feller feeling above his occupation?

Cora: Was it a love match? Merritt: Well, as her money paid his debts, and kept him out of jail, I should say it was rather a safety match.

"I am like a tree," he observed, as the clock struck eleven. "I am rooted at your side." "Yes, but you never leave, do you?" And then he "put forth."

What word is that in the English language, the first two letters of which signify a man, the first three a woman, the first four a great man and the whole a great woman? Heroine.

"My friends," said the solemn old gentleman, "to what end has your life-work been directed?" "To the head end," murmured the barber, and then silence fairly poured. It didn't merely reign.

What are you reading, Johnny? inquired the boy's father. A sea story about a man who was wrecked on a cape. Read it aloud, Johnny. I can sympathize with him. I have just been wrecked on a sealskin cape myself.

She: Which do you prefer—pretty or clever women? He: Ah!—in which category are you classified? She: You are in doubt then— He: Oh—of course, I mean—I mean— Wonders what he is to say he meant.

"I engaged you as my private secretary, naturally presuming that you possessed an average education; and you now tell me that you are not only totally unacquainted with the Chinese language, but cannot even translate this simple Persian manuscript! And yet you expect me to pay you 15s a week!"

Eminent lawyer (just arrived home from the criminal court): My dear, you had better lock up everything in the house, and put the silver in the safe. Wife: Why? Eminent lawyer: Well, the notorious burglar I got off to-day may be coming round to thank me for my successful speech for his defence.

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