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When deeply in love Miss Emily Pryne, I vowed if the maiden would only be mine, I would always endeavor to please her. She blushed, her eyes, the stammering lass Said favor a word, except "You're an ass—An ass—an assiduous lover!"

But when we were married I found to my ruth The stammering lady had spoken the truth, For often, in obvious duddog, She'd say, "I ventured to give her a jog In the way of reproof, "You're a dog—you're a dog—A dog—a dog-mastic curmudgeon!"

And once when I said, "We can hardly afford This extravagant style, with our moderate board," And hinted we ought to be wiser, She looked, I assure you, exceedingly blue, And fretfully cried, "You're a Jew—you're a Jew—A very judicious adviser!"

Again, when it happened that, wishing to shirk Some rather unpleasant and arduous work, I begged her to go to a neighbor, She wanted to know why I made such a fuss, And saucily said, "You're a cross—You're a cross—You were always accustomed to labor!"

Out of temper at last with the insolent dame, And feeling that Madam was greatly to blame, To scold me instead of censuring, I nimbly let slip, like a little change, And angrily said, "You're a dam—dam—dam—A dam-ge instead of a blessing!"

HUMOROUS.

Farmers gather what they sow, while seamstresses sew what they gather.

A competing hotel near the monument says generously of another that "it stands without rival."

Mrs. Smith, as the summer came on, said she would so much like a little change. Smith offered her one hundred pennies for a dollar bill.

The window of a Paris wine merchant's shop where "English is spoken" bears this inscription, "Genuine and authentic wine merchants in casks or bottles in Castles.

He was inclined to be facetious. "What quantities of dried grasses you keep here, Miss Stubbins! Nice stuff for a donkey to get into!" "Make yourself at home," she responded with sweet gravity.

A townsman mother can't understand how it is that her girls can get croquet for half a day and not feel tired, and yet if one of them is asked to wash the dishes she reaches for the camphor bottle.

The pig's answer—A goat browsing on a green yard approached a pig-pen, and said to its occupant, "Why do you stay in that horrid place, when there's such a lovely spot as this handy?" "The pen is mightier than the sward," grunted the pig.

As a party of gentlemen and ladies were climbing to the top of a high church tower one hot day a gentleman remarked, "This is rather a spiral flight of steps." To which a lady rejoined, "Yes, persipal," and she wiped her brow as she spoke.

A store was broken into one night; but, strange to say, nothing was carried off. The proprietor was making his boast of it, at the same time expressing his surprise at losing nothing. "Not at all surprising," said his neighbor. "The robbers lighted a lamp, didn't they?" "Yes, was the reply. "Well," continued the neighbor, "they found your goods marked up so high they couldn't afford to take them."

"Omeo," said a reverend narrator, the superintendent asked me to take charge of a Sunday school class. "You'll find 'em rather a hard lot," said he; "they all went fishing last Sunday but little Johnny Rand. He is really a good boy, and I hope his example may yet reform others. I wish I could talk to 'em a little." I told him I would. They were rather a hard-looking set. I don't think I ever witnessed a more beautiful set of black eyes in my life. Little Johnny Rand, the good boy, was in his place, and I smiled on him approvingly. As soon as all the lessons were over, I said, "Boys, your superintendent tells me you were fishing last Sunday—all but little Johnny here, though this boy is the youngest amongst you." I continued, good counsel, which I hope you will profit by. I lifted him up on the seat beside me, and smoothed his sabbath ringlets. "Now, Johnny, I want you to tell these wicked boys why you didn't go fishing with them last Sunday. Speak wickled, and you would rather go to Sunday school, wasn't it?" "No, sir, it was because I couldn't find the worms for bait."

"Sarsaparilla."

Yesterday forenoon a red-faced young man belonging to an excursion party called into a Woodward Avenue drug store, and softly asked the soda-fountain boy if he was out of any particular kind of syrup. The boy made an investigation, and replied:

"We are out of sarsaparilla, but—" "That's all right—all right—you wait a minute," interrupted the young man, and away he went.

The boy took the empty reservoir from the fountain and replaced it, and it, and in about two minutes the young man returned in company with his girl and four other people, evidently all friends. Walking up to the fountain, he said:

"I'm going to take sarsaparilla in mine, for the doctors all recommended it, and if he hasn't any sarsaparilla I won't take nothing. What do you say?" "Oh, we'll take the same," they replied.

The young man began to smile, and his left eye began to draw down, but what was his horror to see the boy draw off six glasses in succession and push them to the front, where they were eagerly drained of their contents! He tried to give the boy a look of mingled hate and murderous intent, but the lad was too busy to see it. He felt in all his pockets, brought up watch-keys, pennies and peanuts, and finally laid down twenty-seven cents, and whispered to the boy:

"That takes my pile, and if I ever catch you outside the town I'll lick you to death!"—Detroit Free Press.

A Stranger's Nose.

Some of those chaps who wear their elbows down thin leaning on saloon counters, have an artificial fly with a fine thread attached to the back, and sometimes

these toys can be handled to the amusement of a small crowd. When an unknown man yesterday fell asleep in a saloon on Michigan Avenue the young man with an artificial fly was there. He took position behind his victim, who was lying back on his chair, and presently the fly alighted on the stranger's nose, walked up the bridge and down, and settled for a moment on the tip end. The sleeper never moved a finger. The fly went over the old route, dove into the corner of the left eye, galloped over to the right, and came down to the grand stand on the dead run, but the sleeper slept on. It began to appear that as he was used to flies, and so the game changed. By sticking a pin through one of these toys you can make quite a bee of it, the pin being the stinger.

When the "bee" descended on the stranger's nose everybody expected to see a sudden start, but it did not come. After a job at the tip end the "bee" crawled along up, waiting for developments and getting in an occasional sting, but not even a sigh escaped the sleeper. The young man with the insect was getting tired, when the stranger lazily opened his eyes, slowly rose up from his chair, and coolly remarked:

"Now, then, if you have got through fooling with my nose, I'll fool with yours for awhile!"

It isn't likely that particular young man will ever dangle artificial flies any more. He was doubled up, straightened out, choked, mopped and damped so thoroughly that his appetite will run to chicken-broth and amica for some days to come. When the cyclone has passed, the stranger called for gin, drank it, and said to the white-faced crowd on the bench:

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