

In Lighter Vein

Sufficient.—A sad-faced little girl with a fistful of mud was standing in a sheltered corner of a grocery store, and was from time to time peering around down the street. "Who are you waiting for, little girl?" asked the man. "Henrietta." "What's Henrietta done?" asked the man, with a significant glance at the mud in the child's hand. "Nothin'. Don't you know she's queen of the May?"

A Little Different.—"I got my start in life through picking up a pin on the street. I had been refused employment by a banker, and on my way out I saw a pin, and—" "Oh, thunder! What a chestnut! I've heard of that boy so often. The banker was impressed by your carefulness, and called you back and made you head of the firm." "No. I saw the pin and picked it up, and sold it for five hundred dollars. It was a diamond pin."—Bazar.

It Came High.—"That must have required considerable preliminary practice," said the tenderfoot, as Blizzard Bill shot the ashes from the cigar his partner was smoking at a distance of forty feet. "Practice," said William; "I should twitter. I guess I spiled more'n two dozen Chinamen learnin' that there trick."—Indianapolis Journal.

Might Play Like the Deuce.—The rector of a country parish in Texas, who was revising his sermon one Sunday morning, was waited upon in his study by his organist, who asked what he should play. "I don't know," said the rector, absent-mindedly; "what kind of a hand have you got?"

Would Maintain Its Status.—Sentimental Young Lady—"Ah, professor, what would this old oak say if it could talk?"

Professor—"It would say, 'I am an elm!'"—Fliegende Blatter.

His Limit.—A farmer in great need of extra hands at having time finally asked Si Warren, who was accounted the town fool, if he could help him out. "What'll ye pay?" asked Si.

"I'll pay what you're worth," answered the farmer.

Si scratched his head a minute, then announced decisively:

"I'll be durned if I'll work fer that!"—Everybody's.

Modern Version.
"WHERE are you going, my pretty maid?"

"I'm going parading, you mutt," she said.

"And what is the axe for, my pretty maid?"

"Why, to bust the shop windows, of course," she said.

"Then I won't delay you, my pretty maid!"

"You'd better not try to, old boy," she said.

—Life.

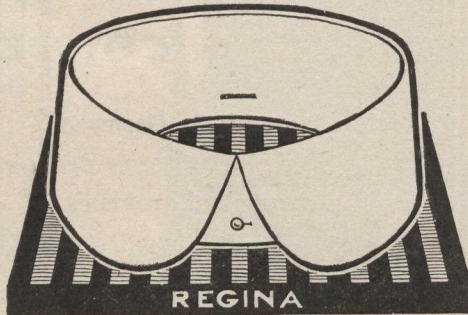
His Kind.—A traveller who believed himself to be sole survivor of a shipwreck upon a cannibal isle hid for three days, in terror of his life. Driven out by hunger, he discovered a thin wisp of smoke rising from a clump of bushes inland, and crawled carefully to study the type of savages about it. Just as he reached the clump he heard a voice say: "Why in — did you play that card?" He dropped on his knees and, devoutly raising his hands, cried:

"Thank God, they are Christians!"—Everybody's.

His Devotional Attitude.—Eight-year-old Donald was usually restless in church, so his mother was doubly gratified one Sunday morning to see him sitting with clasped hands and bowed head throughout a lengthy prayer. When, later, she expressed appreciation of his attentive manner, the boy's face softened with a pleasant memory. "That fly," he chuckled, "walked in and out of my hands exactly two hundred and seventy times!"—Harper's Magazine.

Fooker Collars

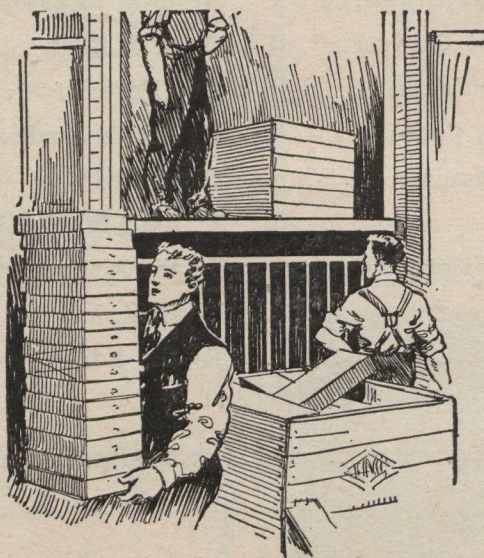
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