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LIFE'S COMIC SIDE TREATED BY CLEVER PENS

Aunt Mandy's Bule for Batter Bread.

"De way I mek's my batte' braid— Laws me! Miss May, is dat er fac', You wants my jes perzackly rule Ter tell de folks w'en you goes back!

"Suah, Honey! Dis de way—it jes De painest kin' ob t'ing ter mek. Efen you do like w'at Mandy says, 'Tain' no sech chence es er mistek.

"Fust sif" yo' meal en drap in salt,

Den beat yo algs—how many? Sho!

Dat 'pends depletely on de hens,

En you's de pusson ought ter know.

"Efen aigs is sca'ce, I uses one,
"Tain' bes', but I kin mek it do;
But efen de hens is layin' peart—
Laws! chile, I nebber stops at two!

"Den melt you' sho'tnin'—mos' ob times Er spoonful be ernough ob dat. Some folks likes mo'—ole marsteh he Say good t'ings teks er heap ob fat.

*Mos' ways I uses sweet milk, but
Efen you has butte'-milk ter spar',
'Tain' nuffin' hef es good es dat.
Jes spill yo' soda in wid car'.

"How much ob soda en ob milk?
You sho'ly ain' no cook, Miss May,
Ter need ter ask 'bout t'ings like dat.
Whar has you lived erfore ter-day?

"Dat's easy es ole Moses' shoes.

I tek's er spoonful, mo' or less,

Efen so's de milk am right sma't sour;

Efen 'tain', I puts er smaller guess.

"I mos' fergit de oben, chile— De mostes' 'tickier t'ing ob all! Be suah it jes perzackly right, Er else de batte' braid mought fall.

"Real hot? Ob co'se; jes hot ernough.
You'll hab ter be de jedge ob dat.
Onless it suit, de braid won' riz.
Too col,' be suah ter sond it flat.

"En now, Miss May, you knows it all.
I's proud ter see you writ it down
Ter show de folks how Mandy cooks
W'en you gits back ter Bostin town."

The Younger Man: "Strange that wo-men can't throw straight." The Older Man: "Yes—er—my wife tells me she threw herself at another fellow—missed and caught me."

"Can't you find any work at all?"
"Plenty, sir; but everybody wants references from me last employer." "Can't you get them?" "No, sir. He's been dead twenty-eight years!"

"When I was coming home last night," said Miss Skeery, "I saw a man skulking along in the shadow. Oh, how I ran!" "An' couldn't you catch him?" inquired her little brother, innocently.

Pretty Chorus Girl: "That new chap I have on a string is heir to a million!" Other Girl Friend: "Don't marry him for that; there's a big difference be-tween an heir to a million and a mil-lionaire."

"I suppose," remarked the dear girl,
"that you do not believe in love at first
sight?" "Oh, yes, I do," rejoined the
old bachelor. "If men were gifted with
second sight they would never fall in
love."

"What would you do ef you found yo'se'f 'twixt de devil en de deep sea?" "That's a close question; but I'll tell you right now; I'd wish ter de Lawd dat I wuz a new Jonah, wid a friendly whale loafin' 'foun."

The Prince Charles Spaniel: "That new chaffeur doesn't know his place." The French Poodle: "He looks vulgaire, How did ze upstart offend?" The Prince Charles Spaniel: "Why, the vulgarlan had the audacity to address me by my first name!"

Mr. Stubb (reading): "Down South there is a bank that has a woman teller." Mrs. Stubbs (innocently A woman teller? I wonder what she tells, John?" Mr. Stubbs: "Well, if she's like the rest of her sex, I guess she tells everything she knows."

"De Georgy mule," said Brother Dickey, "is de one creetur in a thousan' what don't enjoy de spring season. De furrow looks ez long ter him ez de time betwixt meals, en de high price er cotton gives him dat tired feelin'kase he well know he got des dat much mo' er it ter plow."

Manager: "I can't do a thing with Smith, the new clerk. I've had him in three departments, and he sleeps all day long." Proprietor: "Put him at the pajama counter and fasten this card on him: 'Our night clothes are of such a superior quality that even the assistant who sells them cannot keep awake."

Old Friend: Hello! So you are in trade now, eh? Why did you retire from literature?"

De Writer: Got hungry.

A Winnipeg spinster owns a dog One of those high-bred "towsers," (That's so well bred and nice, 'tis said, He never pants—he "trousers."

"Bridget, did you mould the bread as I told you?" "No, mum, I put it in that damp cupboard. Last week's bread moulded itself in there, an' what's the use of takin' extra trouble?"

Stranger. Is the cashier of the local bank a tall man?
Native: Physically speaking, yes.
Stranger: Physically speaking!
Native: Yes; otherwise he is short something like \$50,000. That's why he has taken a trip abroad.

"What a comfort the exchange system is," exclaimed one woman shopper to a friend she met in the elevator of a big department store. "Yesterday I bought a hat which I didn't like after I got it home, so today I brought it back and got three pounds of butter and a mouse-trap for it."

The day was warm, the children restless, the teacher impatient. One curly-haired boy was moving his jaws faster with chewing-gum than his brain had ever been known to work. His feet were in the aisle. A smile was on the face of more than one pupil, when the teacher said: "Take that gum out of your mouth and put your feet in."

William Dean Howells at a Lenten dinner in New York said: "I heard a striking simile the other day. A lady was doing some Lenten marketing—buying eggs, fish, fruit. Pausing before a fruit stand, she examined a heap of pears. 'Are these juicy?' she asked. 'Juicy?' said the dealer, warmly. 'Why, ma'am, they're as juicy as my old pipe."

A Baltimore man interested in the education of the young recently visited a kindergarten in that city. After the first exercises, the visitor was asked to put a few questions to the pupils. To a boy of five the caller said: "Have you ever seen a lion's skin?" "Yes, sir," came in ringing tones from the youngster. "And where?" asked the visitor, impressed with the child's earnestness. "On the lion," answered the boy.

Miss Ascum. Jack Hanson isn't fat, Miss Ascum. Jack Hanson isn't fat, is he?
Miss Newitt: Not at all; he's quite graceful and muscular. Why?
Miss Ascum: I happened to mention him to Miss Jilter and she said: "Oh, isn't he disgustingly stout?"
Miss Newitt: Ah, yes. She rejected him some weeks ago, and she's mad because he didn't pine away.

I heard a couple of negro women talking on a car in an amusing man-

ner.

"hahbouts is yo' son, Albert,
now?" asked one.

"'He's doin' fine,' was the reply.

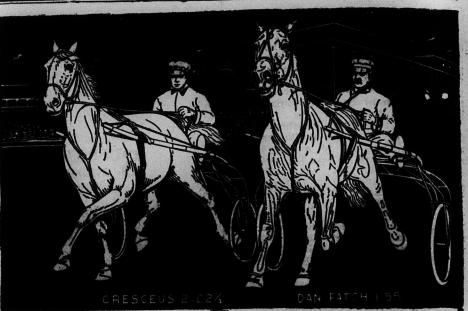
"'Is he still preachin'?"

"'No, indeedy,' replied the other. 'He done quit preachin' en went to bahtendin.' Dey's mo' money in it.'"

The irrepressible May Irwin tells of a little New Yorker who had a bath so seldom and wore such dirty clothes that it was more than the teacher and children could stand. So she was sent home to be made more bearable but returned as dirty as ever, accompanied by a sister who inquired what she was sent home for. The teacher explained. Then the sister burst out. "Well, say, me mudder says does our Rosie come here to git smelt or to git learnt?"

Sir John Kirk was once the British consul-general at Constantinople. The suitan had a very savage lion, and he offered it to Sir John, reminding him that as the lion was one of the supporters of the royal arms above the consulate gate, therefore the real brute. Should be very appropriate. But the Briton escaped the necessity of accepting the unpleasant gift. "I am sure that your highness would never make an incomplete present." he replied, "and when you are able to accompany the lion with a unicorn. I shall be delighted to receive your munificent offer."

Moses Ezekiel, the Roman sculptor, says: "Whenever I see a toothpick, I think of a differ that was given in Rome in honor of two Turkish noblemen. I sat beside the younger of them. He glittered with gold embroidery and great diamonds; but I pitted him sincerely, for he was strange at our table manners, and some of his errors were both ludicrous and painful. Toward the dinner's end a servant extended to the young man a plate of toothpicks. He waved the plate away, saying in a low and bitter voice: No, thank you. I have already eaten two of the accursed things, and I want no more."



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have been alar: sped smoothly long, apparentl plain. The you wheel relingu grip a little an his eyes to sc cloud-banks to

"Looks nasty out there," hed, as he might have said: "F "Sure," rejoined the other "Bet you a dollar we're in

Sundry houses scattered along their way shot by in startling way, indicating m on. A white church spire i

tance came rapidly to meet
"We must be getting on.
have you, Kit?"
"Four-twenty. Where are
on the bills to light, anyhow
"Lord knows, I don't. Contain I'm not going to ha certain, I'm not going to have

Girl get a wetting."

"Never!" agreed the other thusiasm. They might have ing of a pet child of delicat

"Think it's going to rai cricky, it's raining now! I'l ahead—look for an open she Kit. Both sides o' the road,
"Sure. I've got two eyes,
When I say 'Ready,' pull her
The two of them—Georg

and Christopher Dill-were lows out on a vacation jahad left the beaten paths knew and were "discoverin as Kit said. Kit claimed to descendant of the Christoph toric renown. He was fond o trait may or may not have

"Here we have it!" he the machine sped on unched "Aren't you going to run found a place!" he roared ab

"Oh, back there a mile or "Wouldn't trouble to go back