

JULY 27th, 1894.]

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

Too many people have pneumatic tires on their consciences.

It never cools a man off when the street-sprinkler throws water on him.

Didst thou never hear that things ill got had ever bad success?—*Shakespeare*.

There is often close relationship between crooked actions and desperate straits.

It is true that doctors disagree, but then they don't disagree half as bad as their medicines do.

The man who builds and wants wherewith to pay provides himself a home from which to run away.

The New Parlor Maid: Miss Allen says she's not at home, sir. He: Oh—er—really! Then tell her I didn't call.

Grandpa's Birthday—"Many happy returns of the day, grandpa; and mamma says if you give us each fifty cents, we mustn't lose it."

"Didn't the ladies who called leave cards?" Bridget: They wanted to, ma'am, but I told them that you had plenty of your own, and better, too.

After the Spanking—Mother: Now, Johnnie, I don't want to ever catch you in that jam closet again. Johnnie (sobbing): An' I don't want you to, nuther.

Some of the New York policemen have not been in a hurry to clean out the saloons; but they have done their best, it would seem, to clean out the proprietors.

Fans are smaller this year than heretofore, in graceful acknowledgment of the fact, doubtless, that it is harder to raise the wind than it used to be.—*Chicago Tribune*.

Bride: Are you going to leave this early, Alonzo? Alonzo: I'd give ten years of my life to remain longer, darling, but I'd be fined a dollar if I missed my lodge meeting.

Frances and her papa had a few squares to go, and the latter asked: "Frances, shall we walk or take the street cars?" "Well papa," replied the little girl, "I'll walk if you'll carry me."

Papa: Are you sure that you and mamma thought of me while you were away? Little Grace: Yes; we heard a man just scolding awful about his breakfast, and mamma said: "That's just like papa."

It is very much easier for a girl to stand before an audience in a white silk dress and the consciousness that she is looking well, and talk of the nobility and courage that meet life boldly, than it is to be patient while washing dishes.

"I think I will take a holiday the next three weeks," remarked the secretary and treasurer of a private company to the chairman thereof. "But you returned from one only two weeks ago." "True: that was my holiday as secretary. I wish to go now as treasurer."

A clergyman walked into the store of a merchant, wet to the skin by a thunderstorm. The merchant had some exquisite old brandy, of which he was very proud. He offered the dominie some, as a joke, not dreaming that his guest would accept. The minister not only took a big drink, but put the bottle in his pocket.

"Papa," said little Katie, "do you know how high those clouds are?" "No, child," answered her father with an indulgent smile. "Well," said Katie, regarding them with critical eye, "I do. They're cirrus clouds, and they're about three miles and a half high. You didn't have very good schools when you was little, did you, papa?"—*Chicago Tribune*.

An idol may be undefied by many accidental causes. Marriage, in particular, is a kind of counter apotheosis, as a deification inverted. When a man becomes familiar with his goddess, she quickly sinks into a woman.—*Addison*.

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