



## Laugh Time Tales

**"Life without Laughing is a Dreary Blank"**

A RETAIL shoe dealer wrote to a jobber ordering a quantity of rubbers. The jobber wired him, "Cannot ship your order until past due account is paid." The merchant promptly telegraphed "Unable to wait that long. Cancel order."

### Unlucky Thirteen

"WAITER," he said indulgently but firmly, "I ordered one dozen oysters. Why, then, do you bring me only eleven?"



The waiter adjusted his serviette to the required position on his forearm and bowed elegantly. "Sir," he said calmly, none of our patrons cares to sit thirteen at table."

### Tough Ones

LISTEN to this, Maria," said Mr. Stubb, as he unfolded his scientific paper: "This article states that in some of the old Roman prisons that have been unearthed they found the petrified remains of the prisoners." "Gracious John," exclaimed Mrs. Stubb in horror, "those are what they call hardened criminals, I expect."

### Amusing the Baby

"HAVE you amused your baby brother, Willie, and kept him quiet while I was gone?" "Yes ma, and he hasn't opened his mouth since you went away." "What did you do to amuse him, Willie?" "I gave him the mucilage bottle to suck."

### Not Dead

THE new clergyman was sent for by an elderly lady. "Oh, sir," she said, "I hope you will excuse my asking you to call, but when I heard you preach last Sunday you did so remind me of my poor brother who was took from me." "And how long ago did your brother die?" asked the clergyman sympathetically. "Oh, sir, he isn't dead," was the reply. "He was took to the asylum."

### The Retort Courteous



THE first Tommy was ruddy of countenance, with a huge beard of the hue politely known as auburn. The second was smooth-shaven. "I useter have a beard like that till I saw meself in the glass. Then I cut it off." But the bearded man was not dismayed. "Much better 'ave left it on, mate," he returned gently. "I useter have a face like yours till I saw it in the glass. Then I grewed this beard."

### Father's Friends

"ARE the people who are coming this evening of any social prominence, mother?" "Dear me, no, child. They are all your father's friends."

### Only Natural

HE had ordered lobster. She felt that she ought to be entertaining, so she remarked: "Isn't it queer that lobsters are always green until they get into hot water?" "Nothing queer about it," he came back. "If they weren't green they wouldn't get into hot water."

### Trouble for Pa

CALLER—"So the doctor brought you a baby sister last night, eh?" Tommy—"Yes, I guess it was the doctor done it. Anyway, I heard him telling pa if he didn't pay his bill he'd make trouble for him."

A YOUNG Cambridge man who has not long been married usually confides his troubles to a friend whose matrimonial experience covers a period of twenty years. One day the former remarked very despondently, "I said something to my wife she didn't like and she hasn't spoken to me for two days." The eyes of the old married man brightened. "Say, old man," he exclaimed eagerly, "can you remember what it was you said?"

### Not Quite the Same

"DO you know the nature of an oath, madam? "Well, I ought to, sir. We've just moved and my husband has been laying the carpets."

### Canny Sandy

SANDY had just met his girl at the end of the street, where she was waiting for him. She was looking into a confectioner's window when Sandy made his presence known by remarking: "Weel, Jennie, what are ye gaun to have the night?" She, not inclined to ask too much, replied: "Oh, I'll just tak what you'll tak, Sandy." "O, then, we'll tak a walk," said Sandy, as he led her away.

### His Right Hand Pocket



A NEGRO was recently brought into a Virginia Court on a charge of larceny. After hearing the evidence, the Judge pondered for a moment before passing sentence and said: "Rastus, you are fined ten dollars." Whereupon the negro replied: "Boss, dat's a small skimpion. Ah got dat ten dollars right down in mah left-hand vest pocket." "Well," continued the Judge, "just dig down in your right-hand vest pocket and see if you can find thirty days."

### A Human Centipede

AN Irish housekeeper was showing to some visitors the family portraits in the picture gallery. "That officer there in uniform," she said, "was the great-great-grandfather of the present owner of the property. He was as brave as a lion, but one of the most unfortunate of men. He never fought a battle in which he did not have a leg or arm carried away." Then she proudly added: "He took part in 24 engagements."

### Not in the Street Car

BOBBY," said the lady in the street car severely, "why don't you get up and give your seat to your father? Doesn't it pain you to see him reaching for the strap?" "Not in the street car," grinned Bobby.

### Recreation

WHAT constitutes recreation depends, of course, on the point of view. Here is that of a certain small citizen in a school for dependent children. He wrote to his father thus:



"We are having a good time here now. Mr. Jones broke his leg and can't work. We went on a picnic and it rained and we all got wet. Many children here are sick with mumps. Mr. Smith fell off of the wagon and broke his rib, but he can work a little. The man that is digging the deep well whipped us boys with a buggy-whip because we threw sand in his machine, and made black and blue marks on us. Harry cut his finger badly. We are all very happy."



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