

What are you Laughing at?



Baby choked in his sleep one day,
Only a harmless choke, 'twould seem,
But Marjorie settled it, in her way.
"I 'spect," she said, "he swallowed a dream."
—Annie Hamilton Donnell.

Some young men, bantering a fat man, said: "If all flesh is grass, you must be a load of hay." "I suspect I am," replied he, "from the way the asses are nibbling at me."

Wee Dorothy was not feeling well, and mamma took her to the doctor to learn what the trouble was. After they came home a neighbor asked Dorothy what the doctor said. "Oh," said Dorothy, "he said I had the chicken-pies."

A capital pun may arise by pure accident, as recorded in Bucke's "Book of Fable Talk." A Mr. Alexander Gun was dismissed from a post in the Customs at Edinburgh, for circulating some rumor. The dismissal is said to have been thus noted in the Customs books at the time: "A. Gun discharged for making a false report."

Edgeworth relates the story of an English shopkeeper who did pretty well in the direction of the bull proper, when, to recommend the durability of some fabric for a lady's dress, he said: "Madam, it will wear forever, and make you a petticoat afterward." This is quite equal to the Irishman's rope which had only one end, because the other had been cut away.

A gentleman married a wealthy widow who had a four-year-old daughter. Shortly after the wedding, when they

had settled down in the old home of the wife, the stepfather attempted to correct the child for misbehavior at the table. She rebelled, and said with flashing eyes:

"This isn't your house anyways."

"No," he said, gently, "it is our house."

"No, it is not," she replied, "it's just your step-house."

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"Doctor, how am I coming on? Do you think there is any hope?" said a very sick man to Dr. Blister.

"Your chances are the best in the world. The statistics show that one person in ten recovers," replied the doctor.

"Then there is not much hope for me?"

"Oh, yes, there is. You are the tenth case that I have treated, and the other nine are dead. I don't see how you can help getting well if the statistics are to be relied on."

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