



OUR MR. FOSTER IN THE WEST INDIES.

WEST INDIAN MERCHANT—"Yes; we have goods the Canadians want, and they have the goods that we want. The thing seems perfectly simple. What you propose, of course, is Free Trade between us."

OUR MR. FOSTER—"Well—er—scarcely. You don't quite catch my meaning, my dear sir. You see, the Red Parlor won't allow us to think of that sort of an arrangement. What I propose is a compromise, if you understand; that is to say you, admit our stuff into your country free, and permit us to keep a high tariff on your stuff coming into Canada."

RIVALS.

HE—"Maud is very young and ingenuous in her ways, isn't she?"

SHE—"Yes. Her second childhood rests very gracefully upon her, doesn't it?"

A STAB.

HE—"Well, even if I am poor I thank Heaven I have some brains."

SHE—"How cheerful you are. Now, most people in your position would feel dissatisfied that they hadn't more."

CERTAINLY.

PROFESSOR—"Thought is the only brain food. Whatever cannot be grasped and accepted without the faculties being strained to their utmost capacity, stimulates and increases the power of the brain."

STUDENT—"Then you consider fish stories to be better for the brain than a fish diet?"

HE LL MAKE A JOKE OF EACH ONE.

EDITOR—"Newpen will soon get over such extravagance as this."

ASSISTANT—"What has he been doing?"

EDITOR—"He has actually crowded three puns into one joke."

THE REASON.

TOWNLY—"Why is Jackson talking so loud to night? He doesn't do so usually."

CLUBLY—"He is talking about himself."

NOT SURPRISING.

GADDY—"Do you know, the ocean sometimes reminds me of a woman when it is stormy."

CADDY—"At what time?"

GADDY—"When the waters pout."

THE WORD'S ALL RIGHT.

CUMSO—"I don't understand why a storm should be said to brew."

BANKS—"Why not?"

CUMSO—"It never has anything but water in it."

BANKS—"Well, has the average beer?"

A SURE SIGN.

MANUFACTURER—"We must stop advertising in that paper."

SECRETARY—"Why?"

MANUFACTURER—"Because its constituency is evidently narrowing. It has commenced publishing its sworn circulation."