

In Lighter Vein

Golden Tears.—A number of married men were recently dining together at their club. The question was asked: "What trait in your wife do you consider the most expensive one?"

The answers were as numerous as the men in the party. With one it was vanity, another religion, or charity, or love of dress.

The last man to whom the question was put answered oracularly: "Her tears."

There was a sudden burst of assent from every man in the party.

Quite as Bad.—"D'ye ken Mac fell in the river on his way home last night?" "You don't mean to say he was drowned?"

"Not drowned, mon, but badly diluted." —London Opinion.

Safety First.—Finklestein—"Vy do you wear all your jewelry whenever I takes you sailing?"

Mrs. F.—"Vell, if der boat should capsize I want to be sure of being saved." —Life.

Too Well Prepared.—"My dear old fellow! What's the matter? The sea's like a duck-pond!"

"I know, old boy—but I've taken six—different—remedies." —Punch.

A Good Start.—Proprietor of a Concert Party (engaging a soprano)—"Now I want you to understand, Miss Deerly, that I like my boys and girls to be like one big family—no quarreling, no jealousy."

Miss Deerly—"Oh, that's quite all right. I've never heard anything in the work of any other singer to give me the slightest cause for jealousy." —Musical America.

What Next.

What of the styles for next season?

What sort of hats shall we wear?

What modes will show signs of reason?

What shall we do with our hair?

What startling dance will enthral us?

What game of cards shall we play?

What new disease must befall us?

What sort of clubs will hold sway?

What brand-new microbes will hurt us?

What former faiths go adrift?

What new reforms will divert us?

What shall we try to uplift?

—The Club-Fellow.

A Matter of Eyesight.—Uplifter—"I can see good in all things."

Pat—"Can you see good in a fog?" —Judge.

Parallel Case.—"Oh, doctor, I have sent for you, certainly; still, I must confess that I have not the slightest faith in modern medical science."

"Well," said the doctor, "that doesn't matter in the least. You see, a mule has no faith in the veterinary surgeon, and yet he cures him all the same." —Sacred Heart Review.

Worked Both Ways.—Many years ago, when the late Chief Justice Beatty was a young lawyer in Sacramento, a client came in for advice. He said he had hired a horse to go to a neighbouring town, for a dollar, but when he had returned the liveryman asked for a dollar more. "What for?" the client had asked. "For the ride back." The young lawyer gave some instructions, which the client followed. A little later he went to the liveryman and asked how much it would cost to hire a horse to go to Woodland. "Five dollars," was the reply. The client hired the team and went to Woodland. When he returned he rode home with a friend. He went to the stable and paid the keeper five dollars. "Where is my horse and carriage?" asked the owner. "In Woodland," was the unconcerned reply.

Such Luck.—Mrs. Golightly—"What do you think, my dear? Such luck! We leave for Paris in an hour."

Chappie—"Really?"

Mrs. Golightly—"Yes, we're going to Pasteur's. My husband has just been bitten by a mad dog." —The Club-Fellow.

Easy to Answer.—"I wonder how many men will be made unhappy when I marry?" said the flirt. "How many do you expect to marry?" answered her dearest friend.—Man Lacht.



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