

Fun and Fancy.

What are the natural products of Kentucky? asked the teacher. "Tombacker," yelled Tommy. "What else?" "Whiskey," yelled Tommy. "What else?" "Karnals!" yelled Johnnie.

Lady—"Why, how do you do, Master Eugene?" You didn't forget me, did you?" Master Eugene—"Oh, no; I cause my sisters told me to be sure and call on you, for you'd not have any one else.

Young man from the country at a fashionable city hotel: Young man—"My room is in the sixth story. I cannot climb away up there. Clerk—"Take an elevator. Young man—"No, thank you. I don't drink.

School Teacher—"Define the word excavate." Scholar—"It means to help out." Teacher—"Construct a sentence in which the word is properly used." Scholar—"The baby excavates when it gets hurt."

Just when the English dandy is learning the American formula of "Give me a horse with my overcoat, bub!" the New York dude is practicing the discarded Englishism of "Give me a lift of me top-coat, me dear fellah."

The scholarly people give a philosophical reason for speaking of steamboats, fire engines, etc., as ships. The Lowell Office says the fire engine is called a ship because all the men turn and look at it when it passes along the street.

Physician—"You do not need medicine at all. Take plenty of exercise and a mild tonic—say a bottle of claret every day." Patient—"Oh, no! I am a temperance man." "Oh, no! But the fact is I was the wise business myself once, and I know how it made."

What is that butter made of? asked a boarder. "Don't you think it is good?" mildly responded the landlady, in Yankee style. "I should say not." "Well, you don't know what you are talking about." "I admit it," calmly replied the boarder.

Hits from Bob Burdette.

When the boy gets his first tail coat he finds he has a superabundance of hands. He never knew before he had so many, and there are not half enough pockets in his clothes to store them away. He examines them, counts them, only two; a pair, and he had to draw it. That's right; I like to talk to a crowd that "stays in."

Boys have a world of their own in the open air, the rippling streams, the sweep of the green hillside and the shady woods. They have a marvellous instinct for the woods. You can no more lose a boy in the woods than you can lose a squirrel; in fact, not so easily. I have known a squirrel in the woods, but never a boy.

No wonder Cain grew up a bad boy. I always said he would. He had two of the most inexperienced people in the world to take care of him, and not a mother-in-law in the world to watch him. Only one man to keep track of him, and one boy—that is, your neighbor's boy; your boy is all right. Cain had no other boy in the world to teach him to smoke and swear and lie and steal and thus develop his latent talents for statesmanship.

If there is a peg on the rack about eight feet above the boy's head, that is where he must hang his hat, and he is not particular if he drives the peg through the crown of the hat. Only he must have it, and he will try to keep a boy in a new disposition as in a new hat.

When my moustache appeared my relations took great interest. They used to be allowed to come to the house and see it. Some of them said, "Oh, Bob, you'll never make it." But I did. I brought it up by hand. A good many moustaches are raised that way—they are raised on the bottle.

Adam could not tell Cain any fairy stories when young Cain came in fifty times a day and asked questions about things that nobody had ever heard of before. He could not begin "Once upon a time," because Cain could pin him straight against the dead wall of creation, only half a dozen years back. That was before the scientists had begun to ring in the theory of thousand year periods on us.

Those at the rear of the house may not be able to see my moustache, but the people in the front seats can. That is why an extra charge for front seats is made at my lectures.

Save your kindest words and best humor for home. Don't let your children be so much afraid of you that when you come home in the evening the noise and fun and pumping cease because "Father has come home and he has a headache again." I have come home and I have a headache again. I sometimes seem to do nothing down town but rather my headaches.

Encourage the ambition of your son. I know he looks on you with pity and thinks how much more he knows than you do. But if he says he will rise to the stars and even light his torch at the sun, tell him to go right ahead and light his torch there—only he must be careful not to get out the sun.

When Tom asks Laura's father for his daughter, and sees the tender misty light in his eyes, and the thin lips quiver and the gray moustache, he feels something like remorse, and would almost like to tell the old man to take the girl back and cherish her and grieve her with a father's tender care. But he doesn't; oh, no, he doesn't—not then.

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At long intervals the wedding morning with all the beautiful wedding presents from guests—wh have been rarely invited for that purpose.

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A plate has been discovered on which a pie can be baked without burning while the mistress of the house is finishing her novel, and the cook is having a few last words with the policeman.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox asks in one of her poems, "O, what shall make me laugh again?" Her husband might make her smile by telling her that her pies are as perfect as her poetry.

The "Course of True Love," traced by letters in a beach of promise suit, read in this manner: "Dear Mr. Smith, 'My dear John,' 'My Darling John,' 'My own Darling Jack,' 'My Darling John,' 'Dear John,' 'Dear Sir,' 'Sir,' and all was over.

Handwriting. We have a right handed writing to be written with a centrifugal motion in one direction, across the page from left to right, a writing which taxes the weak muscles of the hand, and which takes four or five times as long as is necessary for the representation of a word as is shown by stenographers, who write as fast as a person can speak. In view of the increase of writer's cramps due to the extraordinary amount of writing to be done by book keepers, book writers, teachers and savants, it was suggested that a new method of writing should be intelligently discussed, and one inaugurated that should be less elaborate, less taxing upon the small and weak muscles of the hand; a handwriting in which the letters can be formed as in phonography, disconnected, not requiring such precise and complicated motions to make them legible, and which can be written from above downward, from right to left or left to right, as one may choose.

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