

Sparkles.

MARRIAGE is ever a mister-y; but any-thing is better than perpetual mis-ery.

We grow broader, not by seeing error, but by seeing more and more of truth.

The first step toward spillin' a child is ter laugh an' call him smart when he sasses yer.

NOTHING except what flows from the heart can render even external manners pleasing.

AN old agricultural correspondent writes us to know "whether hogs pay." Some hogs pay and some do not.

THE old gentleman who got tripped up while trying to cross the ball-room remarked, as he slowly crawled to a perpendicular, that it was always pleasant to be thrown in the company of young people.

WHAT a beautiful example of simplicity is set by that useful animal, the domestic cat, which rises at three o'clock a.m., washes its face with its right hand, gives its tail three jerks, and is ready dressed for the day?

LIZZIE: "Aunt, do you like to eat chocolate drops?" Aunt: "Yes, very much." Lizzie (after much thought): "Then I think I'd rather give my paper of chocolate drops to grandmamma to keep."

"MAMMA, where's papa gone to?" asked a little girl one day. "He's gone to town to earn more bread and butter for you, darling!" "Oh, mamma, I wish he would sometimes earn buns!" sighed the child.

SCENE: An Irish cabin. Pat is ill. Doctor has just called: "Well, Pat, have you taken the box of pills I sent you?" "Yes, sir, be jabers, I have, but I don't feel any better yet; may be the lid hasn't come off yet!"

WHEN a man's wife comes in and sees him razor in hand, and with his face all lather, and asks him, "Are you shaving?" it is a provoking thing for him to answer, "No; I am blacking the stove." But it is in human nature so to reply, when women will do such things.

MINISTER—"Well, John, I've nae doot, frae your long experience, ye cood occupy the poopit for an afternoone yersel', should an emergency occur." Beadle: "Hoots, ay, sir, there's nae difficulty in that; but then where in the hael parish wad ye get enybody qualified to act as beadle?"

A MAN rushed up to a woman looking in a show-window, and grasping her by the arm angrily exclaimed, "Come on; I'm tired of waiting for you." Then noticing he had made a mistake he drew back with. "O I beg your pardon, madam; I mistook you for my wife." "I thought so," she answered, and passed on.

"MR. SMITH, do you know the character of Mr. Jones?" "Well, I rather guess I do, Jedge." "Well; what do you say about it?" "Well, he ain't so had a man after all." "Well, Mr. Smith, what we want to know is, is Mr. Jones of a quarrelsome and dangerous disposition?" "Well, Jedge, I should say that Tom Jones is very vivid in verbal exercise, but when it comes to personal adjustment, he hain't eager for the contest."

A BOSTON paper tells us that once in the course of an argument for a man tried for manslaughter, based on the assumption of self-defence, General Butler informed the jury that "we have it on the highest authority that all that a man hath he will give for his life." Judge Hoar, council on the other side, rose and retorted by quickly saying that he had "long wondered what General Butler considered the highest authority, and was very glad to have the question settled," and proceeded to read to the court from the Book of Job, "And Satan answered the Lord and said, All that a man hath will he give for his life."

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