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FUN TO GUESS THEM.

How a Scrapbook of Celebrities Can Be Made Most Amusing.

"I have invented a new diversion which has proven a huge success," said a bright young woman of this city. "To begin with, I pasted several dozen photographs of prominent men, politicians, writers, actors and so on, in a large scrapbook. The photographs were all full face and the subjects all smooth shaven. Then I took a brush and painted in one-half of a mustache with Payne's gray watercolor, on each face, usually selecting the shadow side. The gray matched the photographic tint exactly, and the work looks surprisingly natural. As a finishing touch I glued paper over the pictures. The flaps could be raised from the bottom and were divided like doors, so as to reveal half of the face at a time. That was the whole machine and it has caused no end of fun. When the mustache side is hidden every portrait is recognizable at a glance, but vice versa, hardly a single one of them can be identified. You would be astonished at the change it makes. President McKinley, Richard Mansfield, Senator Hanna, Henry Irving, Captain Bob Evers, General Von Moltke, Dr. Talmage, Thomas Edison, Stuart Robinson, Constant Coquelin and Richard Harding Davis are apparently total strangers. They have a slight air of familiarity, but that is all—a sort of I know your face but I can't recall your name look. The best guessing record up to date was made by a professor of Tulane university, who picked out three, but disgraced himself on the wind-up by declaring that Frederick Remington was John Wanamaker. The scheme might be varied by making a collection of mustached celebrities and painting out instead of painting in, but I'm not enough of an artist for the trick. Anybody can do the other."

The Irishman's Answer.
An inferior sort of a man was appointed to a judgeship in a county in one of the Western States, says the Lewiston Journal. Before that he had been a man among men, but when he got his appointment to the bench all things were changed. He suddenly became very pompous. It so happened that his first term of court was held in a town where the county fair was in progress. There was only one hotel in the place. The judge had neglected to make arrangements in advance, and when he went to the hotel the landlord told him that every room in the house was engaged. He was sorry, but he couldn't help it. The judge was considerably worked up over the situation.

"I'll tell you the very best I can do for you," spoke up the landlord, after looking over the well-filled pages of his register. "I've got an Irishman in one of the rooms up in the L, and if you care to you can bunk with him."

"An Irishman!" exclaimed the judge. "Never. Besides, I want a room to myself. I don't want a room mate of whatever nationality."

The landlord restated the situation. To accept was the only alternative and he finally humbled himself. In the room that night he had put on no end of dignity, strutting around like a gobbler.

"Well, my man," said he, "I understand you're lately from Ireland."
"Faith, my man," continued the judge, "I congratulate you on coming to so great a country—a country so democratic in its manners, and of such republican simplicity. My good man I dare say you would have lived in Ireland a life without once having occupied a room with a judge. And here you are doing it and only just over."

"Yes," replied the Irishman, "and you'd a lived in Ireland all your life and never been made a judge!"

They Really Were.
THE FOX—By gum—they are sour!

Something Wrong.
"I can't see why they persist in calling General Swimmerton, the brilliant Philippine campaigner, young?" remarked Mr. Hopp, looking up from his newspaper.

"Why, because he is only 26 or 27 years old, of course!" returned Mrs. Hopp.

"Yes, I know they give that as his age but don't you believe it! I have been keeping tab on him lately, and I have figured that if he went to school at seventeen different places and remained from four to ten years in each place, as has been proudly stated by his former schoolmates, and was also in love with something like forty-seven different girls—we'll say, a month with each—all of whom had the honor of rejecting him; and had spent as much time exploring Alaska, Mexico, Honduras and other places, and in fighting in Cuba, as the papers claim, and visited his multitudinous relatives only one day apiece, and devoted the usual and necessary amount of time to being an infant, he must now be at least 279 years old!"

SOME ANTIQUE RINGS.

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One Titled Lady Married With a Curtain Ring—A Searf Pin Which Was Used in an Emergency—An Instance in Which a Quoit Was Turned into Service.

Incidents in which the marriage service has to be temporarily suspended while bridegroom and best man tumble over one another and murmur strange nothings as they vainly search for a missing ring are by no means so uncommon as one might imagine. This fasco is usually brought about through an excess of caution.

The groom, being afraid perhaps to trust to his own memory upon such a momentous occasion, hands over the precious circlet to the best man for safe custody. The latter, who, by the way, is no more in the habit of carrying loose wedding rings about than is the groom himself, places the ring for safety in an out-of-the-way place as he can possibly think of in the brief time at his disposal. Before he has had time to properly commit the hiding place to memory he is seized by half a dozen importunate small fry and hurried off to attend to something else.

The consequence is that the admonitory stage whisper of the officiating minister to "have the ring ready," falls upon him like a bolt from the blue. Where the dickens did he put it? It was somewhere close handy, he is sure of that. But where, oh, where?—and a cold perspiration breaks out all over him as he realizes that the service has stopped, and the reproachful glances of the whole company are turned upon him, the rascally culprit who has mislaid the ring.

It is useless to pursue the scene further. Any one possessed of the slightest fund of imagination will readily picture to himself the frantic scene of flurry which inevitably follows, more especially if the contracting parties are sufficiently well known to secure a large and fashionable attendance at

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At that time Chubb was famous all over England and in Europe as a lockmaker. The Bank of England indorsed Chubb and used his locks exclusively. Hobbs examined the workmanship of the locks and offered to not only enter the outer doors of the Bank of England, but to open also the seven doors leading to the treasure safes inside of two hours, if permission was given. This was too much for the Britishers to stand and they gave the necessary consent.

Hobbs was on hand two hours before the time of opening the doors of the bank arrived and announced himself ready to go to work. All the tools he had he carried in his vest pocket, consisting of about twenty picks. He opened the front door in seven minutes and entered the bank triumphantly. He next approached the outer door of the treasure safe. In six minutes the door opened, and before one hour had passed, half of the time he asked for, he had his hands in the treasure of the bank, much to the amazement of the directors of the bank and to the intense disgust of Chubb.

He took his defeat gamely, however, and soon set to work to improve his locks. This he did by taking Hobbs into his employ as an adviser. For the

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