

come to buildings, the whole of Italy, particularly Rome, has seen her best days, in my opinion, and seen 'em a good while ago, what's more."

Expectant.—"Curious episode, this. Seems a young fellow got excited at the ball game and hugged the young lady next to him, a perfect stranger. She had him arrested, but he told the judge that any man might do the same thing, and his claim was upheld by expert testimony."

"And what was the sequel?"
"Well, the sequel is rather interesting. The next day there were 5,000 girls at the ball game."—Washington Herald.

Ghost-Proof.—A plan was formed to scare a certain Tim Casey, living in a village near Belfast, on his returning from market by night past the churchyard. As he went by the usual turnip, white sheet, and lantern of the conventional ghost were submitted to his gaze, with the customary weird howls. Tim, however, simply looked fixedly at the apparition for a moment, and remarked: "Arrah, now, and is it a general resurrection, or are ye just taking a walk by yer self?"

The Fickle Fan.—The year the Chicago Cubs won their first world's championship a crazy mob of enthusiasts pursued Frank Chance, trying to raise him on their shoulders. Chance struggled to free himself. A big, red-faced man, purple from rooting, beat the manager on the back and yelled: "Don't you know me, Frank?"
"Yep," replied Chance coolly.
"You're the fellow who hit me on the head with a lemon last fall when the Sox beat us."

Religious Distinctions.—It was Sunday morning at a certain small country inn. The one guest, a commercial traveller, who had been unexpectedly detained over the week-end, had finished his breakfast, and had walked over to the proprietor's desk to make some inquiries.

"And another thing I want to know," he said, in conclusion, "please tell me what denominations have churches here."

"We ain't very well fixed here," said the other, reflectively. "We've got three churches, countin' 'em all, an' ye can take yer own choice. They's a Reformed Presbyterian, an' a United Presbyterian, an' one that ain't either Reformed or United."

Ignorant Defender.—The recruit was being put through an examination in geography, wherein he proved himself astonishingly ignorant. At last, after a failure on his part of unusual flagrance, the examiner scowled at him and thundered: "Idiot, you want to defend your country and you don't know where it is!"

Real Friendship.—Orator—"I thought your paper was friendly to me?"

Editor—"So it is. What's the matter?"

"I made a speech at the Oddfellows' dinner last night, and you didn't print a line of it."

"Well, what further proof do you want?"

Only Sure Place.—"Want to go to the ball game to-morrow?"

"No; I'd rather go to the matinee. I'm sure of a happy ending there."—Pittsburg Post.

A Sure Shot.—Smythe—"Yes, we had a good day's sport yesterday. Juggins got a big bag and sent it to the hospital."

Browne—"Oh, yes; what did he get?"

Smythe—"A gamekeeper.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Deception.—He—"How is this? I come back unexpectedly from my trip and find you flirting with another man. You have deceived me."

She—"Not any more than you. You told me you would be away eight days, and here you are back again the next day. Have you not also deceived me?"—Fliegende Blätter.



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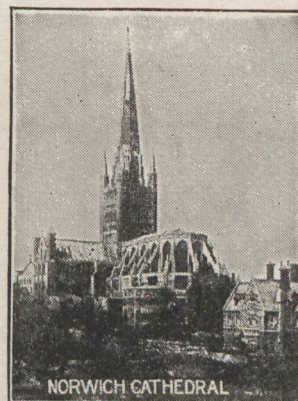
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