

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

Nedders: What's a bon mot? Slowitz: Something you always think of after it's too late to say it.

"Is it true that your bride is very hard of hearing?" "It is. Why, when I proposed to her I had to shout so loud that all the neighbors ran out and congratulated me."

Mr. Kilbradage (a visiting Englishman): By the way, Boston is within a few hours of New York, isn't it? Miss Vinton (of New York): Oh, dear, no; it isn't within twenty years of it!

Isaacs: Vell, I hear Goldberg failed. He made a big fight before he went under. Cohen: Yes. For three months he adfestified for a partner mit capital to share der profits of der business.

A Scotchman was recently asked what he thought of the new minister, and replied "I dinna think muckle o' him. Six days he's envious, and the seventh day he's incomprehensible."

Magistrate: The address you gave the police was a wrong one; there is nothing in that locality but a building in process of erection. Prisoner: Exactly, that's where I usually sleep at nights.

Tommy Sharp (laying down twopence farthing): A loaf of bread, please. Baker: It's dearer, my boy; its riz. Tommy: When? Baker: This morning. Tommy: All right, mister; give me one of yesterday's

She: You profess to think a great deal of me. That is all right so long as everything is going pleasantly. But would you make any great sacrifice for my sake. He: You know I would. Haven't I offered to marry you?

"After all, what is a kiss?" said young Mr. Warren, reflectively, after pressing the lips of his Boston fiancée. "A kiss," replied Miss South Church, "is the anatomical juxtaposition of orbicularis muscles in a state of contraction."

Lord Tuffnut: You have nothing to grumble at; you were a rich American girl, I an impoverished English nobleman with a proud title. You bought me with your wealth. I was what you would call, in shopping, a bargain! Lady Tuffnut: Pardon me! Not a bargain—a remnant.

"James," said the milkman to his new boy, "d'ye see what I'm a doin' of?" "Yes, sir," replied James, "you're a pourin' water into the milk." "No, I'm not, James. I'm pourin' milk into the water. So if anybody asks you if I put water in my milk you tell them no. Allers stick to the truth, James, cheatin' is bad enough but lyin' is wuss."

Pat was an Irishman who never would admit that there was any subject that he did not know about. One day a gentleman said to him: "Well, Pat, do you know anything about the Wilson Bill?" "Oi do, sor; Oi know all about it." "Well, what do you think of it?" "Well, Oi'll tell ye," said Pat, with an air of profound wisdom, "Oi think that if thot man Wilson is anything av a gentleman, he'll pay thot bill."

A woman of no particular creed engaged a cook not long ago. Taking it for granted that the servant was a Catholic, she inquired the first Sunday after the maid's arrival: Bridget, at what time do you wish to go to church this morning? The answer came with a lofty superiority that would have done credit to the disciples of any new dispensation: I'll not be goin' to church at all, ma'am. Feth, it's meself that's what they calls an egawastic!

Not long ago a Church of England Bishop and a private gentleman were travelling together in a railway carriage in England when the gentleman asked the bishop what was the difference between an ass and a bishop. "I don't know," said the bishop. "Well," said he, "an ass carries its cross on its back, and

a bishop on his breast." "Now," said the bishop, "can you tell me the difference between an ass and a private gentleman." "No, I could not," said the gentleman. "Neither could I," said the bishop, "nor anybody else." The gentleman was silent the rest of the journey.

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