

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

Give me neither poverty nor riches; but if I must have one of them, give me riches.—Galveston News.

Luck is a fancy name for being always at our duty, and therefore sure to be ready when the good time comes.—Anon.

Tourist (in Ireland): I should like a room with an iron bedstead. Hotel Proprietor: Sorr, Oi haven't an iron bedstead in the place; they're all soft wood. But you'll foind the mattress noice and hard, sorr.—Tit-Bits.

She: You mustn't try to kiss me at the station, for there are so many people there. He (protestingly): But every one will think we are brother and sister. She: And we will be, too, if you attempt it.—Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Nouveau-Riche: What a handsome house your father has built! Such beautiful balconies! Miss Juliet (with a sigh): Yes, plenty of balcony, but alas, no Romeo! Mrs. Nouveau-Riche: Is Romeo the name of that material the Tomkineses have their new awnings made of?—Boston Transcript.

Tastes differ, we admit. When an evangelist is advertised as possessing the fervor of Moody, the characteristics of speech of Sam Jones, and the nervous energy of Harrison, the boy preacher; and when it is said that "while gentle as a lamb in his private life, he is a son of thunder in the pulpit," we, for our part, are inclined to keep on the other side of the street.—Congregationalist.

Police Justice: The policeman says you were found going along the street wearing three suits of clothes, from which the price-mark had not been removed. What have you got to say for yourself? Baryl Howes: Seems to me, ledge, dat a cop wot will pinch a man jist fer bein' a little overdressed is too much of a dood to be allowed to stay on de force.—Washington Star.

At the trial of a breach-of-promise case in New York City, a police-constable was the defendant. During the impanelling of the jury defendant's counsel examined each of the jurymen to ascertain if he had any prejudice against policemen as such. He pressed his examination closely, and brought forth a protest and objection from the plaintiff's counsel. "Many people look upon policemen as Ishmaelites," explained the defendant's counsel. "Have you not made a mistake in the tribe?" quickly interposed the plaintiff's counsel; "you probably mean Hittites."

An English paper tells a story of a well-known bishop who suffers from impaired vision. He recently held a levee. At length a guest approached and said: "How do you do, my lord! My mother wishes to be kindly remembered to you." "Ah," said the bishop, "that is very good of her. And how is the dear old soul?" Nothing like a good old mother! Be sure to take care of your old mother. Good morning." The bishop did not in the least know who his visitor was and said to his footman: "Who was that?" The servant replied: "The last gentleman who left your lordship's reception is the Duke of Connaught."

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