



Laugh Time Tales

"Life Without Laughing is a Dreary Blank"

SMART!

Hotel Clerk: "I found the 'not to be used except in case of fire' placard those college boys stole out of the corridor."

Manager: "Where?"

Clerk: "They had nailed it over the coal-bin."



WAITING



In a fire in a tenement building an Irishman was caught by the flames in a second story room. Looking out of the window he spied a friend, who called out to him, "Jump, Pat, jump an' I'll catch you."

Pat jumped, but his friend instead of catching him, moved aside and poor Pat fell to the ground breaking his leg.

"Why didn't ye catch me as ye said ye would, Mike?" he groaned, as they lifted him, to which Mike replied, "Sure, I was waiting for you to bounce."

THREE APHASIACS

The day was drawing to a close. Judge, jurors, witnesses and lawyers—all were growing weary. Counsel for the prosecution was cross-examining the defendant.

"Exactly how far is it between the two towns?" he asked at length.

For some time the man stood thinking; then:

"About four miles as the crow flows," came the answer.

"You mean as the flow cries!" retorted the man of law.

The Judge leaned forward. "No," he remarked, suavely, "he means as the fly crows."

And they all looked at one another, feeling that something was wrong somewhere.



STRANGE!



Edward was the proud owner of his first pair of trousers. On the occasion of his first wearing them a neighbor happened in and was chatting with his father, but, much to Edward's disgust, the all-important subject was not mentioned. The little fellow stood it as long as he could, then, in a very indifferent manner, remarked: "There are three pairs of pants in this room."

CRUSHED

A bachelor of considerable wealth was much sought after by many of the most charming young women of the town. A very pretty maiden was sure she had brought him almost to the point of a proposal.

"What was the happiest moment of your life?" she asked, while they were taking a stroll one evening.

"The happiest moment of my life," answered the bachelor, with a reminiscent smile, "was when the jeweller took back an engagement ring and gave me some cuff-links in exchange."

LIMIT TO ENDURANCE

A Scottish minister in the course of a wet harvest prayed "that the floodgates of heaven might be shut for a season." The weather had never been worse than on this particular Sabbath and just as he concluded his petition a fierce gust of wind and rain bore the roof window of the church down with a crash, which was succeeded by a terrific clatter of broken glass. "Oh," he exclaimed, assuming an attitude of despair, "O Lord, this is perfectly ridiculous."



CRITICS



"Good-morning! I came to tune your piano."

"Piano? But I didn't send for you."

"No, ma'am, but the neighbors said I ought to call."

NOT INCLUDED

Robert Bridges, Great Britain's Poet Laureate, relates what he heard at an old English toll-gate when two old ladies with suffragist leanings came up. "How much is the toll?" asked one of the keeper.

"One shilling for a man and a horse." "Get out of the way then, we're two old women and a mare. Get up, Bessie!"

SEASIDE AFFECTION

He: "Darling, I love you." She: "Good gracious! Why, we've only just become acquainted." He: "Yes, I know, but I'm only down here for the week-end."

NEVER TALKS ABOUT IT

"You never talk about our baseball club." "No," replied Miss Cayenne. "Aren't you interested in it?" "Yes. But I make it a rule never to speak unkindly about anybody."



DUBIOUS



Lawyer: "Now, sir, tell me, are you well acquainted with the prisoner?"

Witness: "I've known him for twenty years."

Lawyer: "Have you? I must now ask, ever known him to be a disturber of the public peace?"

Witness: "Well—er—he used to belong to a band."

IMPOSSIBLE

The physician was giving good advice to the layman.

"Don't let the little things pass unnoticed," said the doctor. "It's these little things that often turn out to be serious, if allowed to run on without attention. Even if you have a simple ailment keep your eye on it."

"But how can I, doctor?" cried the patient. "I have a boil on the back of my neck."

THE VERY SAME

A Scotch blacksmith being asked the meaning of *metaphysics* replied as follows: "Weel, Geordie, ye see its just like this. When the party that listens disna ken what the party that speaks means, and when the party that speaks disna ken what he means himself, that's metaphysics."

OF COURSE

The mother of the family had been away from home and her eldest daughter had been holding the reins of the household. Upon her mother's return she resolved to greet her with festivities, so she telephoned to the butcher for a steak.

"Round steak?" enquired the butcher, whereupon the answer came back to him in indignant tones, "Why no. I want a flat one, of course."



WHY ASK?



Mr. Saphead: "On my army application there is a place to tell the condition of my mind. What would you advise me to answer?"

Miss Kutting: "Leave it blank."

A LITTLE PROBLEM

Smith: "Say, Jones, there's three of my neighbors living next door to each other. Now, the two outer ones keep hens, but the one in the middle does not, but each morning he has a newly-laid egg for breakfast. Can you tell me how he manages it?"

Jones: "Robs the hen's nest, I suppose."

Smith: "No."

Jones: "Well, perhaps he buys them."

Smith: "No."

Jones: "Are his neighbors generous?"

Smith: "No."

Jones: "Well, how does he do it?"

Smith: "Well, you see, Jones, it's this way; he keeps ducks."



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