

FUNNY MEN'S SAYINGS

WHAT THE SAD-EYED SCRIBES OF THE HUMOROUS PRESS WRITE.

Paragraphs from a Great Number of Places and About a Great Number of Subjects.

AN UNKIND CUT. "I hear that you are engaged, Manie!" "It is true."

THE DIFFERENCE. Dealer—Package of cigarettes, sir? Yes, sir. For a lady or a gentleman?

A MODIST WISH. I am not covetous, not I. And never was I. For one thing only I sigh.

SHE WAS PLEASED. "I hope I don't disturb you, madame," he said as he was squeezing past her to go out between the acts.

JUNE LIES HIS. "I see a buttonless shirt advertised here, John," said a wife looking up from the paper.

SOMETHING TO AMUSE THE DIBBERS. "Is this your complete report, Mr. Smith?" said the railroad superintendent to the assistant superintendent.

A CASE OF ABSENT MINDS. Merchant (buying a bill of goods of Chicago drummer): "What is your usual time, thirty days?"

A BORN MURDERER. Miss Breezy who has had a little quarrel with her bottom friend: "Well, you must admit, Clara, that I play the piano more skillfully than you do."

SCARCITY OF INTERESTING MATTER. Husband (at breakfast): "Anything interesting in the paper, my dear?"

GIVE HIM A SUGGESTION. Tramp to citizen, who has donated a nickel for a night's lodging: "If you could give me one more nickel, sir, I can get a bed all to myself."

A FATAL DELAY. Messenger boy (to servant): "Here's a medicine for Mrs. Smith. Do doctor says she is to take it every half-hour."

THE LONELY POOR LETTER. As the last note of that touching little ballad, "The letter that he longed for never came," vibrated on the evening air, she turned to find a tear trickling slowly down his cheek.

STAY SHOT. The poor who itches for fame should use a pen that scratches.

There is living in Pictou a gentleman named James McKnight, who is 101 years old, who has several brothers in Jersey City, New Jersey.

TO CARVE A TURKEY. Rules to be Observed when Practising that Most Rare and Elegant Accomplishment.

Put the fork in firmly as far as it will go across the middle of the breast bone, and if the whole bird is to be carved, do not remove it until the breast is separated from the back.

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Mrs. Ivory was knitting—it is stich by stich that characters are made—and her needles clicked against each other in good fellowship.

"Why do you ask such a question?" answered, after the manner of our friends across the border.

"Well," said Mrs. Ivory, "according to Mr. Ellis, Mr. Scott is a villain; according to Mr. Scott, Mr. McCready is the greatest villain unhung according to Mr. McCready, Mr. Ellis is the greatest villain hung or unhung. Is it true?"

I saw that in her first question Mrs. Ivory did not refer to her Absalon, and recovered from my trepidation. Then I answered: "My dear Mrs. Ivory, news paper men live luxuriously, and fare sumptuously every day. They have no cares, no annoyances, the bore and the crank never afflict them with their presence; consequently the editorial liver to perform their functions; the editorial digestion grows bestly. Then, in a friendly way, the Globe hustles about the Sun's liver, and the Sun operates on the Globe's kidneys, and both of them occasionally hit the Telegraph a thwack in the stomach; and the Telegraph strikes back and defies them both. It is all done in a friendly way, just to keep the editorial brain from growing muddy and monthly like the editorial brain of Halifax."

I think that was a pretty neat reply. "No," editors are no worse than common people, lawyers, doctors and members of parliament; and I am inclined to think that the average of human goodness is larger than is generally supposed. Few men contract debts that they know they can never discharge, or go out of an evening intending to get intoxicated. Crime is in most cases the fruit of uncontrolled passion, and not of an evil heart. But there is one crime that is, perhaps unthinkingly, committed by thousands, which the indulgence in gossip that smirches the character of our friends and neighbors. The man who murders another murders the body only; the man who slanders my money steals my money only; but the man who destroys the character of another destroys body and soul and, most likely, the bodies and souls of others as well. He may have an India rubber conscience, but some day it will contract and crush his heart."

I was growing eloquent, but Mrs. Ivory interrupted me: "Have you ever visited THE AMERICAN RUBBER STORE, ON CHARLOTTE STREET?"

the questioned. I answered in the affirmative, and Mrs. Ivory continued: "Talk about millinery stores! a woman's heart is elastic enough to take them all in and the Messrs. Mullin as well. I was at the American Rubber Store, at 65 Charlotte street, yesterday, and I was delighted with their exhibit."

Said Mrs. Ivory, "I was especially pleased with their waterproof circulars Newmarkets, and Laundry and Malvern garments, some of which are reversible and are made of silk or tweed in checks and stripes on one side and rubber on the other, and are very beautiful and unique. One of the Newmarkets which costs \$3.50 fits Mrs. Ivory admirably. Then they have ladies' face lined leggings which are very nice; their perfection shoe is perfection itself, with its Jersey top and fleece lining the Pearl shoe, which is similar to the perfection, but cut lower; ladies' rubber gloves for gardening and dishwashing; rubber aprons and every variety of foot wear in rubber that has been invented or could be described. That Newmarket which fits my form so admirably, is just lovely."

Then I told Mrs. Ivory of what had attracted my attention in the American Rubber Store. There was the Cavalier coat with double fly front, the best waterproof coat ever made; the Professional, similar to the Cavalier, but shade lighter, for the use of professional men; the gentlemen's light coat, with linings in a variety of patterns; the firemen's coat, of which 25 have been ordered for

the use of the Salvage Corps; boots and shoes of every pattern, hats, carriage boots, camp blankets, for sportsmen, tanners aprons, men's rubber leggings and sporting, hip, knee, short, and pebble leg boots, dull and pure gum finished, and all net or wool lined, storm hats that protect the neck and shoulders of the wearer, horse covers with and without hoods, folding pails for sportsmen, boys and missies coats and circulars, rubber floor mats and caps, picher and lamp mats, very beautifully inlaid, and

"And that beautiful Newmarket that fits me so nicely," put in Mrs. Ivory, "and rubber chest expanders, and hot water bottles, and sponge bags, and bibs, and diapers, and atomizers, and syringes, and nursing bottles, and rubber bands and surgical bandages, and combs in immense variety, and dress shields, and tobacco pouches, and flower sprays, for house plants, and pen holders and ink bottles, and tumblers, and crib sheeting, and toys and curycombs and a splendid Newmarket that fits me beautifully."

Then I told Mrs. Ivory how, as agents for the American Rubber Co., the Messrs. Mullin had sold at wholesale during the past season 8,000 cases of American rubber goods, or seven eighths of these goods that had been disposed of in the Maritime Provinces during the time, and how they had just executed large orders from Halifax and Kentville. It is not to be wondered at that their trade is large for they are the only firm this side of Boston, it is said, acting exclusively as agents for an American Rubber Co.

Well spoken of. "I can recommend Hagyard's Yellow Oil very highly, it cured me of rheumatism in my fingers when I could not bend them," said Mrs. Ivory. "Ila Strathroy, Ont. medicine for external and internal use in all painful complaints."

The Right to be Kissed. The abominable habit of promiscuous kissing should be abandoned. Likewise the habit of allowing every Tap, Dick, and Harry to kiss your helpless little babe, and not only chance giving it some contagious disease, but in time contracting it yourself (an example of which I saw in my office this very day) should be strenuously guarded against. On the other hand, how do you know but the very babe you fly at and kiss has some contagious disease it might convey to you?—(Dr. R. H. Harvey, Read.)

Another Item. Mrs. J. Thompson, of Elma, Ont., writes that she suffered from general weakness and was so reduced that at times she became almost unconscious. Three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters, not only cured her, and she now recommends B. B. to her friends and neighbors.

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