

A Sure Cure.

Mother: "I wish you would rake up the dead leaves in the yard."

Small Sammy: "I've got a sprain in my wrist, an' the rheumatism in my back, an' growing pains in my right leg, an'—an' cramp in my left one, an' headache, an' toothache."

Mother: "After you have raked the leaves into a pile, you may set it on fire and jump over it."

Sammy: "Whoopee! where's the rake?"

His Humble Beginning.

There is a story told of a certain great man who hates nothing quite so much as answering personal questions. He dined out on one recent occasion, and the guest of honor was an English woman, who is filled with the keenest and most ingeniously expressed interest in America and Americans.

"I find you perfectly wonderful over here," said she, between the salad and the desert. "The lives of your prominent men read like romances. Your poor boys grow up to be millionaires, and your great men have had the most extraordinary beginnings. One of your Presidents, I am told, was actually a butcher, and the father of a newly-made French princess was a tailor. Now, you, Mr. Blank," turning smilingly to the great man at her elbow, "I'm sure your history must be most interesting. Do please tell me, at what did you begin life?"

The great man stared at her in disapproval. "Madam," he said, "I began life as a baby."

A Joke on the Lawyer.

While Judge Walton was at work in his chamber at Portland, one day many years ago, drawing an opinion in a knotty case, a certain lawyer came in. This lawyer (he is now deceased) was a thin, lawyerly, dandish sort of man, whom the judge did not like very well, and than whom he had rather have seen Daniel Pratt himself walking into his chamber.

"Well, Brother Lightweight, what can I do for you this morning?" asked Judge Walton, hoping to get rid of the fellow.

"Nothing," he replied; "I only came in to make you a call."

After a disagreeable silence, the Judge looked up again and asked:

"Brother Lightweight, why don't you get married?"

"Because I can't afford it; how much do you suppose it costs me to live now?"

The Judge said he wouldn't guess.

"Well, it costs me \$6,000 a year for just my own living."

An expression of surprise came on the Judge's face.

"Lightweight," said he, "I wouldn't pay it; it isn't worth it!"

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