The editor of the New York Times is in a quandary. Being of a philosophical turn of mind, and scientific withal, he has been endeavoring to harmonize all the facts with if mind, and scientific withal, he has been and avoring to harmonize all the facts with the modern theory which teaches that man is an orolution from the lower orders of being. The particularsproblem which puzzles this sprightly philosopher is, whence comes the joke? He finds that the sense of the tadicrous and the propensity to joke is one of the most common traits of human nature as we know it, but that, judging from the sense is absolutely unknown among the lower animals. Many the sense give evidence of possessing intelligence and reason, some indeed, as for example, the elephant among the wild animals and the horse and dog among the domestics, performing actions that can be accounted for only by granting them a liberal share of intelligence. The same may be said of the simian family from which an is declared to have more directly despended. Many things they appear to know but as the Times remarks, in none of the ways in which they put their knowledge to practical use is there the slightest trace of what we will call wit and humor. All is wisdom and the application of it in various circumstances. In none of their antics and what we will call wit and humor. All is wisdom and the application of it in various circumstances. In none of their antics and pseudo sports is there any trace of a sense even of the ludicrous, of the incongruous, or of the merely absurd. That the lower animals possess the faculty and deem it beneath them to use it, or that they "take their pleasures sadly" is exceedingly improbable, inasmuch as this would indicate a degree of intelligence of which no other hint is given. In view of these facts the Times concludes:

"If then—and it seems impossible to escape the conclusion—none of man's ancestors or

the conclusion—none of man's ancestors or cousins, or distant relatives of any sort, and in any degree, show any sense even of the ludicrous, which is one of the commonest traits of human beings from philosophers to Hottentots, how, on the lines of evolution, are we to account for the presence in man of the highest forms of wit, for the mot, for the brilliant repartee, for the epigram? Intellect itself is easy enough to account for in the evolution was given in the evolution was given. the brilliant repartee, for the epigram? Intellect itself is easy enough to account for in the evolution way, since its germs are everywhere and scattered all through the lower, though perhaps not through the lowest, forms of life. But when and how did wit slip into intellect, and when did the sense of humor creep into a place where once all was either dreadful stupidity or fearful and abounding wisdom? What in a word, is the genesis of the joke?"

Will the materialistic evolutionist rise and explain?

### Her One Pleasure.

Fair Visitor—" Dear Mrs. Bearuppe, I am delighted to see you so cheerful, in spite of your husband's failure."

Mrs. B.—"I go to all the funerals I can."

### A Happy Reply.

Miss Wryface, who is cross-eyed, stubbnosed and has large red freckles—"I met
you two years ago, Mr. Readywit, but of
course you have forgotten me."
Mr. Readywit—"On the contrary, Miss
Wryface, though I am forced to admit that
your name has escaped me, I remember your
face most distinctly."

## Sad Deception.

"Have you parted from that grass "Yes. We have said farewell forever."

" How did she take it?" 'She said I would be always green 'in

her memory.'"
"Well, but you won't."

Why?

"Because there's nothing green about grass widows."

## CANADA TO THE FRONT.

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Lady—"Well, there's one in the barn you lady—"the ice from that path."

can use to clear the ice from that path."

Tramp—"It isn't the right kind, lady."
Lady—"Why, what kind of a pick do

Tramp-" A toothpick."

A Youthful Question. Bobby-"Pa, was Eve made from Adam's

Pa—"Yes, Bobby."
Bobby—"Say, pa, is that the reason why women are so fond of ribbons?"

## Two Professions.

'You ne'er can object to my arm round

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And the reason you'll readily guess I'm an editor, dear, and I always insist On the 'liberty of the press.'"

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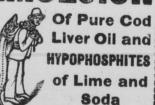
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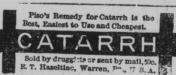
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