

In Lighter Vein

None Needed.—Tourist—"You have an unusually large acreage of corn under cultivation; don't the crows annoy you a great deal?"

Farmer—"Oh, not to any extent."

Tourist—"That's peculiar, considering you have no scarecrows."

Farmer—"Oh, well, you see, I'm out here a good part of the time myself."
—New York Mail.

A Useful Loan.—They were discussing Brown, his charming manners, and his lack of moral responsibility in all matters connected with money. "He means to be honest as the sun," said one of his friends, "but he doesn't make much headway paying his debts."

"He ought not to have any debts," said another man. "He ought to have what my boy in college wrote me for the other day—'Kathleen Mavourneen' loans."

"What are they?" asked one of the party.

"A 'Kathleen Mavourneen' loan 'may be for years and it may be forever,'" said the father.

One Stretch Enough.—"Going to get out here and stretch your legs?" asked the travelling man of his companion, as the train stopped.

"What place is it?" inquired the other.

"St. Louis."

"No, I had a leg stretched here once before."

And Echo Answered.—"Where?"—Stories are still cropping up about "Billy" Travers, the New York wit, who stammered so delightfully. Travers, it appears, was a guest at a yacht regatta at Newport.

The waters of the beautiful harbour were covered with magnificent pleasure craft. Travers, deeply interested, asked his friend who were the owners of one and another of them. Practically every one belonged to some well-known banker or broker.

Travers considered the matter a moment, and then turned blandly to his host.

"W-w-w-where are the c-c-c-customers' yachts?" he inquired.

The Invasion.—Tired Tim—"See them suffragettes? They're walking to Washington."

Dusty Dick—"Yep. After invadin' all the other lines of trade, women are puttin' the tramp business on the bum!"

Extinct.—English Tourist (in Bloody Gulch Hotel)—"By the way, old top, is the grizzly bear common around here?"

Landlord—"Used to be, but it's extinct, now. Why, even Three-Fingered Ike won't allow it in his dance hall!"

Self-Admiration.—Mr. Hoyle—"I admire a good liar!"

Mrs. Hoyle—"You egotist!"—Town Topics.

Biting.—What happened to his order couldn't be understood outside the peculiar convolutions of a restaurant kitchen, but he spent half an hour sitting there staring ahead of him. At last it came. As the waitress put the order before him he started from his deep study, as if he had forgotten he had an order coming. Then, looking up at the fair transporter of edibles, he said: "You don't look a day older!"
—The Argonaut.

The Effect of Moonlight.—It was at the seashore and they were sitting on the beach, while the moon shone beautifully on the surging waves.

"What effect does full moon have upon the tide?" she asked, looking sweetly up into his face.

"None," he replied, as he drew closer to her; "but it has considerable effect upon the untied." — Ladies' Home Journal.



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