

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.

A TRIPER OVERLOOKED. Farmer (returned from town): "There's the terbacker, an' the molasses, an' the condition powders for the sick brindle heifer, an' the..."

THOUGHTFUL TO THE LAST. Minister (to sick man): "You realize, my dear brother, that you must die?"

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BUSINESS SECRETS. Teacher (to Tommy, whose father is a milk-man): "Tommy, how many pints make a quart?"

NO TIME TO LOSE. Covalescent (to physician): "I see your bill, doctor, calls for ten dollars, calls for ten dollars. How much do you charge a visit?"

KILLED BY COMPETITION. Friend (to young post): "How is your book of poems going off, Charley?"

FURIOUS TO THINK IT. Customer (to barber): "That is not the razor you usually shave me with, Rastus?"

OF THE SAME OPINION. Old Mr. Bentley (to his son home on a visit from college): "I see by the college paper, George, that you are one of the leaders in the German."

A VALUABLE CURIOSITY. Countryman (in absurdum): "Did that stick belong to George Washington, mister?"

IN THE WRONG BUSINESS. Customer (to barber): "How is business, Hans?"

WOMEN SOLDIERS. Wife—I see by this book that some of the African Kings have women soldiers.

IT IS HERE FOR THE ASKING. Jogg—There is a good deal said about woman's sphere. What is it in your opinion?

TAKE IT TO THE BARBERS. Hotel Patron—Waiter, is that butter or lard?

Patron (examining the dish closely)—Ah, yes, you're right, it is butter. Bring me a razor, for I needs shaving.—(Hotel Mail)

FOR MUSICIANS.

Odd Items in the Musical Line From Different Parts of the Country.

Our readers must excuse us for not giving the usual budget of musical notes last week; but the fault was not ours, and consequently beyond our control.

Our Moncton correspondent sent the following contributions last week, but too late for publication: St. George church school room, Moncton, was well filled one evening last week—in fact it was quite too full for comfort—the occasion being a concert given by the children.

The same correspondent writes. The Moncton Cornet Band, which suspended practice last fall, have re-organized and last week they commenced practice with a membership of 22 active members and half a dozen recruits.

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THE WHIRL OF TRADE.

ABSALOM IVORY DISCUSSES SOME THINGS HE SAW THIS WEEK.

A Personal Explanation and a Word About Messrs. Lee & Logan.

There are those who have taken the trouble to enquire if Absalom and Mrs. Ivory, and young Absalom and the lady to whom the latter is believed to be devoted, have a tangible existence, or are they the creatures of the writer's fancy.

People who are somewhat of their character undoubtedly exist, and are sometimes met by newspaper readers. These have grown upon me to such an extent that they often occupy my empty chairs, and converse with each other unobserved by everybody except myself.

Absalom, pere, is not a handsome man; Mrs. Ivory must have been a beauty in her youth, and time has dealt kindly with her; Absalom, fils, is well endowed with physical and mental strength, and the young lady is tall and slight, with great masses of brown hair, eyes that are fathomless and lips that I can compare to nothing else but rose leaves.

It is very easy for one to surround himself with people who have no existence save in his own imagination. And he can make them just as lovable as he prefers. He can make them people who will never ask him for a loan, or to step around the corner to see a man who will sympathize with him in his trials, rejoice with him when he is glad, and cheer and comfort his solitude by their vivacity.

Who shall tell me that the author of Waverley was not in daily communications with the children of his brain? Who shall tell me that Little Nell and Oliver Twist were not the companions of Dickens, and more agreeable companions than most of those of a grosser sort with whom he came in contact?

Did Hawthorne love and pity Hester Prynne and her little daughter? Of course he did, and their forms were just as familiar to him as his own. I think there are few novels written to-day that will live, because it is evident that their writers do not make their characters living and thinking men and women.

Judith Shakespeare is one of the most vital of the novelist's creations during the present generation, and the story will be read when all the rest of the writer's stories are forgotten. Rider Haggard and De Quincey are just not very popular with novel readers, but neither of them have put forward a single character that takes a seat by one's fire-side or walks with one in the fields.

The inference is that the popularity of those writers will be of brief duration. The author, as well as the preacher, the lawyer and the physician, ultimately finds his own level. Everything that is good is permanent; everything that is bad is subject to decay and death. When the crops have ripened the snow falls; when the season of planting arrives the snow departs.

As nature resumes activity, business in city as well as in country receives a powerful impetus. All our manufacturers and merchants are full of activity, and soon Dock street, North and South wharves, and Prince William and Water and King streets will be as busy as so many hives of bees.

Mr. Ivory had occasion to call at the store of MESSRS. LEE AND LOGAN, on DOCK STREET, yesterday and found them fully prepared for the business that is sure to flow in to them with the opening of navigation. This is one of the oldest and best known grocery and wine and spirit establishments in the city. They are direct importers and keep an extensive stock of teas, coffees, spices, canned goods, pickles and saucers; everything in fact, that is required by the country grocer, and their terms, I believe, are quite as favorable as those offered by any other house in the city.

In today's GAZETTE they advertise some recent importations of Champagne, Old Ports and Sherries, Porters and Palo Ales, Brandies and Whiskies, Jamaica Rum, Lime Juice, Assorted Syrups, etc., all of which I commend to dealers in and consumers of such articles.

He Did the Square Thing. He was a rising young lawyer of Augusta and had been given the authority to perform the marriage ceremony. The first couple that came to be married arrived after he had left his office for the evening. Nothing deterred, the would-be bridegroom hunted him out and brought him back and the ceremony was performed. The young couple expressed the desire for a nice marriage certificate. Feeling confident that the newly-made bridegroom would be delighted to squander his last farthing on so propitious an occasion, the young disciple of Blackstone sallied forth to Mr. Pierce's book store and there bought a gilt-edged certificate, paying him a dollar therefor. The bridegroom beamed with gratitude and remarked as he drew forth his pocket-book and handed him a dollar: "I'll do the square thing by ye, boss."—Keenebec Journal.

Men seldom improve when they have no other models than themselves to copy after.—Goldsmit.

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