

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

If you think too little you will be sure to talk too much.

The man who is "driven to drink" usually has to walk back.

Tommy (with pride): My pa's a banker. Willie: An' my pa's receiver for his bank.

"There is always one man who can raise something even in hard times." "Who is he?" "The baker."

A Western paper says that brandy is good for a toothache. But it is difficult for a man to "smile" who has a toothache.

He: Will you think of me when I'm gone? She (yawning): "Yes, Mr. Stay-late, if you will give me an opportunity."

Lawyer: But you don't regard money as in any way taking the place of a wife. Complainant (breach of promise): I don't know. Money talks.

She: The happiest marriages are said to be those of people of opposite characteristics.

He: That is why I am looking for a girl with money.

"These girls that marry foreigners ought to be very careful." "Well, as a general rule, they do examine the titles pretty closely."

Ned: What sort of a girl is she, anyway?

Harry: Man alive, haven't you lived long enough to know that it is impossible to classify any living girl?

Young Housekeeper: Are there plenty of closets in the house?

Owner of Modern Flat (enthusiastically): Madame, there isn't anything else.

"I see your hired man is an octoroon."

"Oh, no. He's a white man. He's been eating some of my daughter's cooking school experiments this week and he's bilious."

It hardly pays wasting your time telling a boy what you did when you were of his age. He would rather pass the time telling you what he is going to do when he becomes a man.

"I'm an unlucky devil," cried the editor.

"What's up now?" "Nothing; only I was thinking that if money grew on trees, I'd be sure to catch the rheumatism, and wouldn't be able to climb."

Mamma: Robbie, why didn't you speak to Mrs. Bangle when you met her just now?"

Robbie: You said I must always think twice before I speak, and I couldn't think of anything to think.

In South America. Tourist: Could not some of these disputes be settled by arbitration?

Native: Mere waste of time. We could finish ten revolutions in the time required for one arbitration.

Tourist: One advantage of living in Florida is that you don't have to buy any sealskin sacks for your growing family. Native: But you got to buy sacks of corn sometimes, if you want 'em to grow.

Mildred (still blushing): Am I the first girl you ever kissed, Gordon? Gordon: No, my love; but you are the last. Mildred: Am I, really? Oh, Gordon, it makes me so happy to think of that.

This is the season of the year when the small boy passes by ripe, luscious grapes in his own yard to "hook" green grapes, not nearly so good, that grow on the trellis just across his neighbors fence.

"Good-night," he whispered passionately at the front door, "good-night, good-night, good-night, good"—"Excuse me," said an elderly bass voice over the baluster, "but it's been good morning for the last two hours. I thought you would like to know."

"Now, my little children," said the Sunday school teacher, "all of you be very still while I tell you about it—so still that you can hear a pin drop." All was silence till a little boy shrieked out, "Let her drop."

Unsophisticated Cook: If you please, mum, the butcher says I shall get 5 per cent of all the orders I give him. What does that mean? Mistress: It means, Mary, that we shall have a new butcher.

He: I heard the other day that ice cream and soda water were injurious to the complexion. What do you think of it? She: I don't believe a word of it. Married women don't have any better complexions than girls.

Reporter: There's a story just come to the office that your daughter has eloped with your footman. Is it true? Banker: Yes, sir, it is true. And you may add that the rascal has taken with him a brand new suit of my livery.

The Rival: Did young Cubleigh propose to you last night? Miss Budd: Yes, and I refused him. How did you know? The Rival: He told me he was going to propose to the prettiest girl in town, and of course I couldn't help knowing.

The Chicago Tribune is responsible for the following: "Mr. Spriggs, said the law school professor, "how many different forms of judgment are there?" "Two, answered Mr. Spriggs, promptly, "Judgment for plaintiff, and judgment for defendant."

A correspondent sends us a German word, copied from a German periodical, which is longer than the word of forty-two letters printed recently in the *Companion*. It is as follows: Napolitanernduelsackspfeifergesellschaftunterstutzungsverein. This word contains sixty letters. It means, approximately speaking, "The Neapolitan aid association of bagpipe players." They ought to be a long-winded set.

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