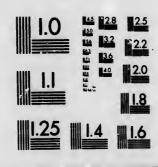


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If the individual members of an audience would stop to think for just an instant, they would undoubtedly appreciate the fact that the habit of rising from their seat and leaving the theatre before the curtain falls, is a most annoying one, and one that should be stopped. We therefore beg our audiences to kindly remain in their seats until the close of the performance.

Electric Cars will be waiting on Richmond St. for all parts of the City, at the close of each performance.

Carriages can be ordered at the Box Office or of the Chief Usher.

For all lost articles, apply at Box Office.

It is strange, but there is a class of people that seem to take an intense delight in bespattering the floor with tobacco juice, and in being boisterous and using profane language. These people should know at once that the courts authorize their immediate expulsion, should the management see fit to exercise its rights.

#### A LUMINOUS ROMANCE.

The brilliant career of two Western girls, with its rather lurid termination, has been outlined as follows :-

An Iowa woman has named her twin daughters Gasoline and Kerosene. The old man's name is probably Pete-Roleum.

We hope the babies will grow up a par-afine girls.

The man who marries into that family will strike oil, but we fear sparking in the im-mediate neighborhood of the girls would be a very dangerous pastime.

Later:-A man named Naphtha popped to one of the girls, and he hasn't benzine since.

#### HIS "BRAWSES."

The convenience and safety incident to the American system of checking baggage is not at once appreciated by all foreigners. The Englishman told about in the Chicago Tribune, however, meant to have kept his checks safe, at all hazards.

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"Me bawxes."

"Eh! Oh, your trunks. Front, find the gentleman's trunks!"

They were not to be found, and their owner decided to go to the station for them himself.

"Have you me bawxes here?" he said to the agent. "Huh?"

" Me bawxes."

"Trunks, d'ye mean? Let's see yer checks."

"Me checks! checks!" was the puzzled answer. "Bless me stars! Cawn't understand! I-"

"I want your trunk checks. Here, these

things," explained the agent, showing a check.
"Oh, it's me brawses you want? I locked them in me bawxes. I'll have to get me bawxes first."

"Well, that beats my time!" ejaculated the baggageman. "Oh yes, certairly, I'll find 'em," and he did.

#### A REMARKABLE CHANCE.

MORTIFICATION usually follows so closely upon the heels of deception, one would think that men would hesitate much more than they seem to before bringing down upon themselves such an uncomfortable reward. But many are still courting humiliation by much the same methods as those of the artist in this instance:-

A Hungarian peasant went to a Munich painter and asked him to paint the portrait of his mother.

"Certainly," said the painter; "send her

to me."
"But she is dead; if she was alive I wouldn't want her portrait."

"Well, have you any picture of her?"
"No; if I had I wouldn't want one."
"Well, my friend, describe her to me; what sort of eyes, hair, etc.?"

He secured that, and appealing to his artist friends who had some Hungarian studies, he painted a head. Secreting his friends about the room, he sent for the peasant. The man came, looked at the picture, his eyes filled with tears; he put up his hand to wipe them

"Poor fellow," said the artist, patting him on the back. "It is a good likeness, then, it affects you so much?"
"No," said the man. "Poor mother! to

think she has only been dead six months, and, looks like that!"

#### NO USE WISHING.

Some waste their time longing for the unattainable, and others waste theirs longing for that which might easily be attained with a very slight effort on their part. Both classes of "longers" are foolish. What's the use in wishing in either case? Here is a girl who understood this perfectly :-

"You see," he explained to the ingenuous young thing as he showed her the wishbone, "you take hold here and I'll take hold here. Then we must both make a wish and pull, and when it breaks, the one who has the biggest piece of it will have his or her wish sometime."

"But I don't know what to wish for," she protested.
"Oh, you can think of something," he

said.

"No, I can't," she replied, "I can't think

of anything I want very much,"
"But we mustn't spoil the fun that way," he exclaimed, "I'll wish for you."

"Will you, really?" she asked.

"Why, yes, if you can't"—
"Well, then, there's no use fooling with the old wishbone," she interrupted, with a glad smile. "You can have me."

Walking Delegate: "Yez must shtop doin' thot work unless yez hov a card signed by th' Supreme Exalted Grand Master av th' Union.

Mulcahey: "But it's me wife's wood, wiether.'

Walking Delegate: "I can't help that. Lave off!

Muleahey: "Faith, Oi'll not. Oi'm ready to tackle yure Suprame Exalted Grand Masther, but when it comes to a t'ree-hundredpound woman wid rid hair, Oi'm not in it!"

Little Nell: "What's the matter?"

Little Dick: "Pop caught me smoking an' he's going to lick me."
"When?"

"Quick as he gets through smoking."

THE majority of advertisers fail chiefly because they are timid.

GOODS advertised with posters are half sold--any salesman can finish the deal.

DR. BEEMAN, proprietor of the pepsin chewing gum bearing his name, has gone beyond the point of theory in poster advertising to such an extent that he is spending \$150,000 in putting up great, big, overpowering, convincing arguments—arguments that are rur against whenever one turns about.

THE NEW YORK JOURNAL is spending about \$2,000 a month in poster and other out-door advertising. As a result, it is stated on good authority, that they have been unable to print the number of copies ordered.

""MONEY TALKS' never more forcibly nor more profitably than when properly invested in the right kind of posters. The poster speaks to everyone—to prince and pauper, to banker and laborer. The poet and peasant, the gay and sad, the ignorant and educated, the high and low, the rich and poor, all without distinction of race, class or condition, individually and collectively, are brought under its magic sway."—Alf. Ringling, in the American Bill Poster.

THE CENTURY, New York, offers three prizes of \$125, \$75 and \$50 for the three best designs for a poster advertising the mid-summer number. Why don't some of our Canadian artists make an effort to capture the coin?

THE NEW YORK WORLD offers \$100.00 for the best poster design, advertising their Sunday issue.

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The value of the displayed poster for advertising purposes to-day is so thoroughly recognized in all kinds of business that not to use them is to lose trade.

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PLAIN, pertinent, prominent posters properly posted, publicly proclaim princely possibilities. If plain, they quickly catch the eye; if pertinent, they make an impression; if prominent, they attract attention. The positive proof of the princely possibilities is best evidenced by those who have made a success of their business.—H. L. Pierce, in American Bill Poster.

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#### NEEDED IN EITHER CASE, PERHAPS.

"A sailor going to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety." Such was the message as given to the parson. It was read out in church like this:—"A sailor going to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

#### DILUTED AFFECTION.

"When you say I do not love you as much as I did," explained the young husband, "you do me an injustice. You must remember, my dear, that the amount of love I used to condense into a once-a-week visit now has to do for the whole seven days."

#### INCULCATING HEROISM.

"There, there?" said Mrs. Blue-Myrrh, picking up her little boy, who had "stubbed" his toe. "Don't cry. Be a man, like mamma."

Miss Coygirl—"Jack Softleigh told me last night that I ought to accept him, because he was willing to prove his love for me." Her Friend—"What did you say?" Miss Coygirl—"I said I couldn't see it in that light." Her Friend—"Then what did he say?" Miss Coygirl—"Nothing. He just turned the light out."

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#### CAST OF CHARACTERS.

| Prince Perovsky                 |
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| Sir Alexander Shendryn, Bart    |
| Angus McAlister                 |
| Sergeant Jones                  |
| Captain Lamprey                 |
| Hugh Chalcot                    |
| Lady Shendryn                   |
| Blanche Haye                    |
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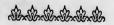
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HEADQUARTERS FOR STRONG'S BAKING POWDER.

#### SCIENTIFIC ITEM.

Hicks-The firefly strikes a spark by rubbing its wings together.
Dickson-Um! What you might call a fire

caused by a defective flew.

#### WHY THEY WERE THERE.

An interesting conversation in a certain judicial house of detention is given as follows in Kate Field's Washington:—

"I am here, gentlemen," explained the pickpocket to his follow-prisoners. "as the

result of a moment of abstraction."
"And I," said the incendiary, "because of an unfortunate habit of making light of

"And I," chimed in the forger, "on account of a simple desire to make a name for myself."

"And I," added the burglar, "through nothing but taking advantage of an opening which offered in a large mercantile establish-ment uptown." But here the warden But here the warden separated them.

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#### SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—The Park of an English Gentleman's Mansion.

ACT II.—Drawing Room in Colonel Shendryn's Mansion. Departure of Troops for the Crimea.

ACT III.—Hut on the Battle Field at the Crimea.

Between ACTS I. and II.—A fine exhibition of bayonet exercise will be given by E Co'y 7th Fusiliers.

Tableau—"Oath at the Well."

BETWEEN ACTS II. AND III.—Tableau—"Rorke's Drift."

Bayonet Exercise by Sixteen Members of E Co. 7th Fusiliers, under the direction Color-Sergeant A. Galbraith.

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"So you are having your house redecorated, Mr. Hawkins?" "Yes; the work.nen began last week." "Are you making radical changes?" "Yes—very." "What is to be the main feature of the new house?" "You—if you'll consent."

#### ON THE BOWERY.

Customer (in a restaurant)-Bring one Welsh rarebit and an order of pig's feet.
Waiter (through slide)—One Taffy on a doorstep, one Trilby from the rooter!

#### SHE HAD REVENGE.

As soon as closed the final scene Of each act he withdrew-In brief, went out the act between To see a man he knew. No tears adown her fair cheeks ran; She donned her sweetest smile. And flirted with another man Who sat across the aisle.

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#### NOT NEEDED THEN.

Mrs. Dovey—Can you let me have \$25, dear? I want to spend a quiet afternoon out with Ethel.

Mr. Dovey—Can't do it, darling. Money is awfully tight.

Mrs. Dovey (disappointedly)—Then I suppose I'll have to put in the whole day shopping.

Miss Model—"Do you need a model, sir?"
Old Persimmons—"No; I only paint flowers
and fruit." Miss M.—"Well I'm a peach,
see?"—Truth.

#### THEIR GREAT AMBITION.

Citicus—How do you account for this craze among women for riding bicycles? Witticus—It gives them another chance for wearing the pants.

Miss Oldun (playfully) —"I'm older than you think I am." Miss Caustique—"I doubt it."—Chicago Record.

Wakely: "Why, at one time I could have bought the most valuable property in the city for a mere song." The Crowd: "Why didn't you buy it?" Wakely: "I couldn't sing."

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ON'T put off for to-morrow the Coal you ought to order to-day.

It may snow—the cold snap's coming!

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(From Puck.)

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Week before last. I don't care!
Never liked it, anyhow—
Wasn't any fun down there.

Teacher asked who Samson was— S'pose I made a bad mistake— But I told her what I thought: Samson was a bloomin' fake

Judge—Name? Prisoner—Smith. Judge
—Occupation? Prisoner—Locksmith. Judge
—Officer, locksmith up.

#### SHE OUGHT TO.

Tagleigh—That girl dresses out of sight, doesn't she?

Wagleigh—Of course she does. Where would you have her dress?

Flostie Mamma, tan I have a new dollie? Mamma—No! Your doll is just as good as new.

Flossie—Well I'se dest as dood as new, but Dod dave 'oo another little dirl.

First horse—"Well they took poor old Dobbin to the slaughter-house to-day" Second horse— That's too bad." First horse—"It is ba'l, but worse remains. They mean to make his hide into bicycle-saddles."

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