



Preparation

Our Bill's a goin' to naval school
A sailor for to be;
He's out a huntin' sassafras
An' calamus f'r tea.
He's studied up on bones an' things,
To fit himself for sea.

He's goin' to be a sailor man
An' plow th' ragin' main;
He's studied up on antidotes
F'r every ache an' pain;
His knowledge of pillology
High rank for him will gain.

Definite

"What will be the length of the Panama canal?"
"Time or distance?" queried the cautious man who always made sure before answering a question.

Mr. Heinze

It seems that F. Augustus Heinze
Got in a pickle here of late.
This added to fifty-seven kinds
Makes fifty-eight.

Same Here

"It's all your own fault," said the man petitioned for help. "Opportunity has knocked at your door."
"I ain't doubtin' it," whimpered Dusty Rhodes. "But all I got to say is that if she did she had mighty soft boxin' gloves on th' hand she done th' knockin' with."

Educational

"I see that Comptroller of the Currency Ridgeley says that panics are inevitable. What do you think of that?"
"Well, the only startling thing about that is the admission that there can be a panic under a republican administration."

Correct

"He jests at wounds who never felt a scar," remarked the fiend with a penchant for quotations.
"Well, that explains why there is so little jesting around here."
"How's that?"
"The safety razor habit has struck this burg, and struck it hard."

The Pessimist

"I see that a hundred and forty-nine actors have been arrested in Kansas City for violation of the law against acting on Sunday."
"Well, if they are like the average that strike this town the law and order people will have an awful hard time proving that they acted."

Literary

"Has Scribberly ever made any money with his pen?"
"O, yes; he's been earning quite a bit of late."
"I haven't seen anything of his in print."
"Well, you see, he's addressing envelopes for me now. I pay him by the thousand."

Resourceful

"Ah, the inspiration I had was beautiful," sighed the poet as he re-read the verses he had just completed.
"But somehow or other I do not seem to have grasped the inspiration fully. The lines do not appear to mean anything, so my effort is worse than wasted."
Turning the lampwick a little higher in order to get some more

heat in the chilly room, the poet wrapped himself in a bedquilt and shivered. Suddenly he jumped to his feet with an exclamation of joy: "Saved! I'll send 'em to a literary magazine. They like that kind."

The Difference

The physician took the witness stand and was asked a question. "Am I asked that as an ordinary witness or as an expert witness?" he asked.
"What difference does that make?" queried the lawyer.
"About \$251.50," replied the physician.
After a moment's reflection the lawyer recalled that the ordinary witness fee is but \$1.50.

A Louder Call

"My country calls me," exclaimed Mr. Amby Shuss, "and I must offer myself for the good of my country."
"That's all right, Amby," exclaimed the wife of his bosom, "but here is a louder and a more important lot of calls. Here's the call for a ton of coal, another for a sack of flour, another for shoes and clothing and another for a cloak for yours truly. Now you just forget that call from your country that you think you hear, and answer a few of these calls that have been deafening me for some time."

Another One

"Speaking of nature fakirs," remarked the Old Grouch, "there is my butcher for example."
"What has he done?"
"Enough," growled the Old Grouch. "I call it nature faking when he charges me 25 cents a pound for veal cutlets and sends me over a few hunks off one of the oxen that crawled along on the old Overland trail."
The full force of this argument struck us when we sat down to the supper table that evening and carved the meat.

The Latest

"Mr. Bildad," remarked the wife of Mr. Bildad's bosom, "did you mail those letters I gave you this morning?"
"Why my dear, to tell the plain truth I did forget to mail—"
"Now, look here, Mr. Bildad, you knew very well one of those letters was to mamma asking her to come and visit us, and—"
"Yes, I know, dear. And that may explain it. I saw the address, guessed the contents, and I suppose it superinduced stuporous melancholia."

Different

The delegation, dressed stylishly and wearing an air of comfort, waited upon the prominent citizen and jurist.
"We have come," said the spokesman, "to speak to you concerning the action of the Amalgamated Order of Workingmen, which body, made up of the various trades engaged in the building trades, recently took action—"
"Aha!" exclaimed the prominent citizen and jurist. "Aha! So the labor unions have again endeavored to interfere in the matter of the conduct of affairs. It is high time that these agitators be made to un-

derstand that they can not interfere—"

"I beg your pardon," coldly remarked the spokesman. "You misunderstand our object. What I was about to say was that the Amalgamated Order of Workingmen, representing the membership of these allied trades unions, realizing your ability and general worth, have endorsed you for the high office of president. However, if you—"

"Ah, this is indeed a proud moment for me," exclaimed the prominent citizen and jurist. "Labor is both dignified and noble. It is not only right but necessary that men who toil should organize for mutual help and protection. The trades unions are performing a noble work. I rejoice in the onward and upward trend of the labor movement, impelled as it is by organization. We owe much to the labor union movement, and I am sincerely thankful that I am made the recipient of this flattering attention at the hands of your great and noble body."

After the committee had retired the eminent citizen and jurist wiped the perspiration from his noble brow and muttered:

"Gracious, but that was a narrow escape. A little more and I would have revealed my real feelings. It's getting so one can scarcely tell a common workingman from one of our captains of industry or a Napoleon of finance."

Brain Leaks

The "skeletons" in some family closets are real flesh and blood.

The man who takes no interest in politics may be lacking in principle.

When a woman gives you "a piece of her mind" she usually unrolls the whole bolt.

A whole lot of men do just what they want to do and then blame it on "destiny."

It will be pretty hard for a man to purchase heaven with charity, if that is his reason for it.

"Every man is the architect of his own fortunes," the trouble being that so many of us draw bum plans.

We can see the finish of a man who courts temptation merely to exhibit his strength to the world.

Speaking of "night riders," among those who should be suppressed are those who have to be taken home in hacks.

"Whisky is best kept in a jug," remarks an exchange. Yes, jug, or bottle, or barrel—just so it is kept there.

A woman can bear a lot of tribulations without worrying, provided one of them is not being out of fashion.

About the easiest mark we know of is the father who is always threatening to take drastic measures with his children.

It's amusing to watch the almost grown son sneaking around to admire the latest arrival, hoping all the while that nobody sees him at it.

Santa Claus is all right, all right, but now and then he makes a mistake. He sent two sleds to our house, and there hasn't been a flake of snow this winter.

Colonel John Barleycorn is the world's champion gladiator, but when he gets an opponent in a corner he pays no attention to the turning down of the spectators' thumbs.

Some people are naturally mean. The other day the littlest baby smiled in her sleep and we quoted the old saying to the effect that the angels were whispering to her. And the naturally mean person said: "That's colic."

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