

# With the World's Great Humorists

Selections from the Writings of the Best Known Makers of Mirth.

## Open Letter to Female Book Agents

By Charles Battersby.

My Dear Young Woman: If you are contemplating selling books from house to house in order to make enough money to buy for yourself a sealskin coat do not waste any time with "the lady of the house."

If you ask to see her this is what will happen:

"I would like to show you—"

"I was not born in Missouri, myself, and do not need to be shown."

"But I think I might interest you in—"

"I am very much interested in a dressmaker upstairs, so I'll have to ask you to excuse me."

"Certainly I'll excuse you, but if you'll just look at our great offer—"

"I have no time to read books and no money to buy them. You are simply wasting my time and your own by talking to me."

My dear young woman—light out!

If you talked till doomsday you would never sell your book to the mistress. Find out when "the master" is at home. See him alone if you can.

He is as faithful a husband as ever took his wife to the theater, but he does like pretty faces, and yours appeals to him. He feels sorry that you have to work at so distasteful an occupation as selling books, and while he has not the remotest idea of buying anything, as he has not yet finished paying for the piano, he asks you in. It is a cold morning, and a minute or two in an overheated house won't do you any harm.

"I would like to show you a little work that we are putting out."



"Won't you be seated?"

## Facts About Father

By Richard S. Graves.

It is not true that everybody works but father. He is not as bad as he has been painted, as we will find if we look into his case and weigh the evidence with judicial care. Some excuse can always be found for his shortcomings. He can find them himself. He also will tell you that the jury is prejudiced, so many things having been said against him.

It is true that there are fathers who are only false alarms. At the club or in a political convention they are the whole works, but frequently they fall down when it comes to trying a job to the fence and putting a saddle



"Wearing Regalia, While Their Wives Dress in Calico."

garnish frequently in the effort to keep pace with the moderns. Father used to have the idea that there could be nothing doing until he arrived on the scene and gave directions about how to proceed. He is all right when he gets rid of that belief and realizes that time has laid under the sod a long line of his predecessors who knew it all before he was born.

Some fathers are coming to understand these things. They have a lucid interval and look into the future

## The Jarring of Jinx

By Judd Mortimer Lewis.

Jinx had never been at a meeting of the club since he was married, but this was the night of the annual election of officers and, as he told Mrs. Jinx, a big dub was trying to be elected to the president's chair who was no way fitted for the position, and he considered it a duty that he owed his old associates to be present and lend his influence and his vote toward the election of a better man.

At the club that night there was a considerable uncorking of oratory preceding the casting of the ballot. Jinx' man was defeated, but it was only 9:35 when the election was concluded and as a sort of consolation for his disappointment he permitted himself to be inveigled into a little round of roudies before going home. So when he finally used his latch-key on the front door it was going on one o'clock and he was nervous and conscience-stricken, which means the same as being ashamed of one's self, and he thought he would creep to her bedside and would kiss her unconscious cheek and promise not to do it again. As Jinx tiptoed into the room he discovered her seated upon the upholstered shoe-box with the family Bible on her knees and tears on her cheeks.

"Well, you see, Happy," began he as his eyes followed her eyes to the clock, "I just got to playing roudies after the election and did not notice the flight of time."

"It was more interesting than the thought of your poor frightened little wife at home here all alone, I suppose!"

"Oh, dearest, were you frightened? I never dreamed that—"

"Yes, I am, too! And I guess you would be frightened in a house all by yourself till midnight!"

"Men don't get frightened; but it shall not happen again, dearest; I'll get some one to stay with you the next time."

"There ain't going to be no next time! I'm nervous; you read to me

## STOPPED HER SONG OF JOY.

Slight Forgetfulness That Marred the Full Appreciation of the Welcome Rain.

"Isn't that a lovely shower?" exclaimed Mrs. Randall to her friend in the parlor as they gazed out on the sudden downpour.

"Yes, we need it so badly."

"Need it? I should say we did. It's a God-send! Why, our goldenrods, hyacinths and roses out in the back yard are shrinking for the want of rain. The sprinkler can't take the place of rain, you know."

"Indeed not."

"Oh, I tell you this is just lovely! See how it pours! And to think that just now everything threatens to dry up and every one is praying for rain, nature answers these appeals and sends us beautiful— Good heavens!"

"What's the matter?"

"I've left the baby out in the yard!"

—The Circle.

## TIRED ALL THE TIME.

Languor, listlessness, dullness of spirits are often due to kidney disorders. Pain and weakness in the back, sides and hips, headaches, dizziness, urinary disorders are sure signs that the kidneys need immediate attention. Delay is dangerous.

Alonzo Adams, Osceola, Iowa, says: "My kidneys failed me. I suffered awful pain and was so weak I could not work, and often had to take to bed. I was dull and exhausted nearly all the time. I consulted doctors and used medicines, but only Doan's Kidney Pills helped me. Soon I was permanently cured."

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## DREADFUL DANDRUFF.

Girl's Head Encrusted—Feared Loss of All Her Hair—Baby Had Milk-Crust—Missionary's Wife Made Two Perfect Cures by Cuticura.

"For several years my husband was a missionary in the Southwest. Every one in that high and dry atmosphere has more or less trouble with dandruff and my daughter's scalp became so encrusted with it that I was alarmed for fear she would lose all her hair. After trying various remedies, in desperation I bought a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. They left the scalp beautifully clean and free from dandruff, and I am happy to say that the Cuticura Remedies were a complete success. I have also used them successfully the Cuticura Remedies for so-called 'milk-crust' on baby's head. Cuticura is a blessing. Mrs. J. A. Darling, 310 Fifth St., Carthage, Ohio, Jan. 20, 1908."

Peter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

## Had to Hear Evidence.

Some ladies were visiting at Blanche's home one day. During the conversation, while the visitors were there, one of the ladies was describing how the blowflies laid eggs and they hatched out as maggots. Four-year-old Blanche did not seem to be interested in the conversation nor pay any attention to what they had been talking about. After the visitors had gone, Blanche said:

"Mamma, I don't believe flies lay eggs."

"Why?" asked the surprised mother.

"Because I never heard one cackle," explained the doubting Blanche.

## Sex in Cromwells.

Of course with the sexes on a footing of equality as regarded opportunity, it would not be long until a female Cromwell made her appearance, and having made her appearance, was getting her portrait painted.

The painter, once more a fawning, courtly fellow, would have the picture a fatter; but she rebuked him in words that became historic!

"Paint in the hips!" she commanded, sternly, showing that she could be more rigidly devoted to the truth than Oliver himself.—Puck.

## Caste Below Stairs.

"Are there degrees of rank in the servants' hall?"

"To be sure, Maids who have charge of dogs won't associate with maids who take care of children."—Pittsburg Post.

## Dr. Biggers Huckleberry Cordial

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## TRUE RESIGNATION.



Old Maid—Is it really true that marriages are made in heaven?

Doctor—Yes, I believe so.

Old Maid (resignedly)—O, then, doctor, you needn't call again.

## The Happiest.

In the smoking-room of the Finland, discussing a June wedding, Andrew Carnegie said:

"And thank goodness it wasn't an international marriage, though the bride did have 18 millions."

"Not," appended Mr. Carnegie, "that I object to international marriages wherein the two parties are good and honorable and well matched. But so many of these marriages are like one that a Boston cynic described to me."

"Was it a happy marriage?" I asked this Bostonian.

"Oh, quite," said he. "The bride was happy, her mother was overjoyed. Lord Lacland was in ecstasies, and his creditors, I understand, were in a state of absolutely endless and uncontrollable bliss."

## Time to Change Subject.

The Courier-Journal tells of this embarrassing statement made by a well-known Louisville woman who is known as "saying things without thinking." Her daughter was entertaining a young man on the front porch and the mother was standing at the fence talking to the neighbors next door. In the yard of the latter was a baby a little over a year old, and it was trying to walk. "You shouldn't let it walk so young," advised the thoughtless matron. "Wait until it's a little older. I let my daughter walk when she was about that age, and it made her bow-legged." The young man began to talk energetically about the weather.

## Hospitals a Benefit to Property.

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis has recently concluded an investigation, which shows that 67.5 per cent. of the tuberculosis sanatoria and hospitals of the United States have been a benefit to the property and health of the communities in which they are located. In the case of more than 62 per cent. of the sanatoria the presence of the institutions has helped to increase the assessed value of surrounding property.

## Mother Bird Drove Boy Away.

People on Main street, Dallas, Tex., witnessed an amusing sight the other morning when a curious small boy who climbed into a maple tree for a closer inspection of a nest of young robins was put to flight by an angry mother bird. Discovered by the old bird after he had clambered into the tree the youngster was savagely attacked. The bird pecked viciously at his bare hands and face, causing him to retreat to the ground, and then driving him home.

## Wanted to Defer the Petition.

A Los Angeles mother tells the following:

"One summer's eve my little son of six years was sent to bed at his usual time; but he could not sleep. Upon my inquiry what troubled him, he replied: 'I can't finish my prayer. I've got as far as 'Forgive us our trespasses as'—but I can't get any further, for Howard licked me to-day and I want to lick him to-morrow.'

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## Decollete.

Wu Ting Fang, at a dance in Washington, criticized the modern ballroom belle.

"Like the ancient Briton, who dressed in blue woad," he said, "the belle's idea of a magnificent toilet seems to be plenty of paint and very little clothing."

## The Ins and Outs of It.

"What is all that racket going on down in the lot?"

"Jim was breaking in the little mare."

"Well?"

"And the little mare has broken out."—Baltimore American.

## Fine Crops.

"Do you raise anything worth while in your garden?" said the visitor from the city.

"I should say so," answered Mr. Crosslots; "it's the best place for fishing worms in the entire village."

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## MAKING UP RIGHT QUANTITY.

President Taft's Willful Misinterpretation of Little Girl's Intended Haughty Rebuke.

President Taft is fond of children, with whom he is a favorite. A charming story on this head comes from Cincinnati.

Once, when a pretty Cincinnati girl was a child of six or seven, Mr. Taft, calling at her house, found nobody home excepting herself. She entertained him a little while, and when he rose to go, he stooped down and kissed her.

"Here's one," he said, "for the baby. Here is another for little Jim. And here is a third for Billie-boy."

The little girl, drawing herself up, said haughtily—she had been reading a novel:

"Mr Taft, you forget yourself!"

He bent down again.

"So I did," he laughed. "Well, here's one for myself!"

## PLAIN TALK.

"I think she's double-faced!"

"Oh, don't say that! One face like hers is bad enough!"



The Same Old John L.

Old John L. Sullivan always had a fine Irish wit, and it remains with him in his advanced age. Not long ago he was appearing in a Baltimore theater and the manager, for business reasons, introduced him to a wealthy youth of the town. The youth was a typical chollyboy, the sort of a specimen that old John abhors. Sullivan was washing his face in the theater dressing room when the two arrived, and they waited patiently until he had finished his ablutions. When John had dried his countenance he gave the dude one look, and then said to the manager: "Well, I congratulate you, Jack, is it a boy or a girl?"

## Teach Care of Home and Family.

An interesting experiment is being made in the higher education of women at King's college, London. The idea is that there is just as much educational value in a careful study of the principles of managing the home and young children as in the course usually read for the taking of a degree.

## Hard to Convince Him.

"So you're going to marry old Goro's daughter, eh? Well, you know two can live cheaper than one."

"I know, but I can't convince her father of that fact."

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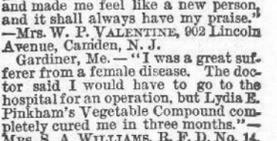
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## Merely a Permit.

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