

A Cheeky Midshipman.

On board of a man-of-war bound home from China was a young midshipman named Jones. The midshipmen on board stood their watch forward, and every hour it was their duty to come aft and write up the weather columns of the ship's log, showing the readings of the barometer, thermometer, and to heave the chip log for her speed.

The captain, in company with the officer of the deck, was conversing when Midshipman Jones came aft to write up the log. The barometer, a mercurial one, was hung in the captain's cabin, and Jones, after having read it, helped himself liberally to the captain's sherry on the cabin sideboard. In walking the poop, the captain happened to glance down the skylight and saw the midshipman's proceedings. When Jones came up on the poop to heave the log, the captain addressed him as follows: "How is the barometer, sir?"

Jones saluted, and said: "Steadily rising, sir; steadily rising."

The captain then asked: "And how is the decanter, sir?"

Jones was taken aback, but with a steady voice replied: "Steadily falling, sir; steadily falling."

This reply was too much for the captain, and, bursting out laughing, he said: "Young man, it is a long way to Frisco, so hereafter I beg of you not to consult the decanter as often as you do the barometer."—*Detroit Free Press.*

THE ALLEGED HUMORISTS.

She—She is a poem. The poet—Why? Does no one want her?—*Life.*

Do you have Dr. Dudel, Mrs. Hawkins? No, indeed; he's to much of a lady-killer.—*Bazaar.*

How did you happen to marry him? were you in love with him? Oh, no, but another girl was.—*Life.*

When we don't spend our money we are economical; when other people don't spend their money they are stingy.—*Life.*

But, papa, you said you were in no hurry to have your girls married. Yes, my dear, but that was ten years ago.—*Bazaar.*

Ten dollars for stealin' dat chicken, cried Rastus; why, judge, honest, now, I could 'a' bought dat hen for two dollars.—*Bazaar.*

Aunt—Karl, you never come to see me except when you want money.

Karl—But, my dear auntie, could I come oftener than I do?—*Fliegende Blätter.*

He—If I should propose to you, Maud, what would your answer be?

She—I am sure I do not know, Mr. Remsen. Women are very foolish at times.—*Brooklyn Life.*

Mrs. Bingo—What does a silent partner mean, dear?

Bingo—That's a term, my love, that I don't think it would be possible to explain to you.—*Detroit Free Press.*

"Jimminy's wife has run away and left him. He says he never will forgive her." "Neither will any one else. She ought to have taken him along."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Governess—Why do we pray for 'our daily bread'? Why don't we ask for four or five days' or a week's? Clever Child—Because we want it fresh, I suppose.—*Judy.*

Cholly (throwing away a half-made cigarette)—I wonder why the last half of a cigarette isn't fit to smoke? The Major—Perhaps for the same reason that the first half isn't.—*Life.*

Ferdita—I saw Dicky kiss you last night—rather timidly, I thought. Ella—Yes; but you should have seen us where it was absolutely impossible for any one to have seen us.—*Truth.*

I understand that your well is dry, said Colonel Kyarter's next door neighbor. Yes, sah, and I don't wonder at it. That well hasn't had anything but watah for the last six months.—*Washington Star.*

This parrot I can recommend. He has only one fault; he makes a terrible row if he does not get his dinner promptly. Widow—I shall take him. He will remind me of my late husband.—*Fliegende Blätter.*

"Our mamma is very kind to us. Every time we drink our cod-liver oil without crying we get five cents each." "And what do you do with the money?" "Mamma buys some more oil with it."—*Fliegende Blätter.*

A few days ago a party of Texas Congressmen (says the Washington Post) called upon the President to introduce Judge Jacob Hodges who is a candidate for the attorneyship of the eastern district of Texas. "Oh, yes," said the President, instantly, "you are the man who divided time with the negro who was burned. Judge Hodges was naturally surprised that the President should have read so closely the account of the terrible vengeance which was wreaked upon the Texas negro, but thinking that the President had not heard the whole story, he said: "I thought that I would prevent the tragedy if I could, and so I rode over into the crowd with the air of a field marshal. I ascended the platform which was already prepared for the negro, and looked out upon the angry mob. 'Fellow citizens,' I began, 'you are about to commit a crime that will bring disgrace upon our fair and growing city. It will return to plague our children's children, and will redound to the discredit of our State. It will—' Just at that moment some one in the crowd whipped out a revolver, pointed it at me, and shouted: 'Shoot the—' Instantly it seemed to me as if every man, woman and child had revolvers pointed at my unprotected breast. My wits did not desert me. 'But' I exclaimed. 'BUT' I again shouted, still louder, 'if we are to lay aside the slow process of law and resume our sovereignty as individual men, let us do so in an orderly and quiet manner.' That simple word but," said Judge Hodges to the President, "saved my life."

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