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Judge Punderford's Joke.

Judge Punderford—impressed with a conviction that justice never fulfilled its mission better than when "judge" was placed before his name...

He was sixty years of age, but it would have been impossible to convict him, in his own opinion, of being an old man.

He appeared to feel as young as ever—not that he did, though now and then a twinge of rheumatic pain reminded him...

The judge was seated in his library, no one present but his son Jack—"Jack Pundit," as he was humorously called by his fellows...

"He was about one and twenty years of age, a very interesting young man," according to the declaration of his lady friends...

"I thought as much, before I had the positive evidence, but let me inform you that matrimony is the last subject you should think about, without you are going to marry."

"Nothing of the sort," was the response. "I have met a beautiful woman, the fairest and best of her sex, the charming Miss Bates..."

"My mind's made up," said he doggedly, and he looked dogged into the fire.

"I don't believe a word of it. Are you in the habit of visiting Miss Bates?"

"Then I shall write Miss Bates a letter placing her on guard against you. I shall tell her that you are a lawyer, a rational deceiver, sir?"

"It's favorable, if you will allow me to present her your letter! A little wholesome abuse judiciously administered, has made many a man's fortune, especially with the opposite sex."

"I shall tell her that you are angry because I refused to marry the governor's daughter, on her account, and then, what she love me?"

"I have no objection to your marrying," said he, seriously, "in fact the sooner you marry the better, but let it be with some one who is worthy of being Mrs. Punderford. Marry, but don't forget your dignity—our dignity."

"As for Miss Bates, I have not seen her since she was a child, as you have hinted, but I know her family are poor, and altogether out of our circle."

"I am surprised at the extraordinary interest you have taken in this matter."

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OPINIONS OF J. C. CALHOUN.

The views of all our great men whose prominence placed them above the smaller lights that surrounded them, run in the same channel, in regard to the danger of foreigners obtaining a controlling influence in this government.

"Thunder!" said Jack, and Jack never said "thunder," only when he was vexed as well as extremely astonished.

"However," continued the judge, "I shall be better satisfied at seeing the dear creature happy with the man of her choice. He's a lucky dog for such a woman is not found every day."

"I will tell you all about it. Day before yesterday, while you were absent, and I was looking over some papers in the library, the servant brought me word that a young lady was in the parlor, who had called to see me on important business—charming creature!"

"Her eyes were full of smiles, and each smile was enough to light a universe! You never saw such eyes in your life, nor such a dimpled chin and richly tinted cheeks—"

"Gracious! you are getting poetical!" ejaculated Jack. "I hope you didn't fall in love with her?"

"Lovely fairy—it's a capital joke!" proceeded the judge. "I invited her to be seated, and waited to hear what had procured me the honor of such a delightful interview. She spoke and such a delicious voice! Talk about the warbling of birds, the best of them are bull frogs in comparison with the warbling voice of this visitor."

"She said she had come to see me on a delicate matter and one in which her feelings were intimately concerned, not exactly to ask my legal services, but my advice on a matter that appeared to have a great and important bearing upon her future career. Her name she said was Miss Ellen Norton—"

"Miss Ellen Norton?" "Such was her name. She is of medium height, very bright eyes, black hair, lovely features—such an exquisite grace in every movement—such a charming smile."

"I will not be certain," said Jack dubiously, but with a very singular look upon his features as if certain of more than he cared to express, but I believe I have seen her."

"If so you could never forget her, if you had your eyes and ears about you. Well! this lovely young creature was in love with a young man, and very deeply and devotedly in love, if there was anything in judging by her words. She was poor, almost friendless, her lover was the son of a rich man, her expectations to large fortune."

"I have never seen her," said he, "but I have heard her name mentioned in conversation, and she had accepted him, and since that time she had learned that his father never would consent to their union, and this information had made her very wretched."

"And what did she want of you?" asked Jack. "My advice of course. Advice from a man that is capable of giving it—advice from Judge James Punderford!"

"Of course," said Jack eagerly. "Of course," said he, "but I did not know whether to marry the object of her choice or not, in view of the father's opposition. From all that I can learn, the aforesaid object was very much after your pattern, a graceless young scamp, you rascal, but good hearted and well meaning and in this case, very devoted to my client—that is to Miss Norton—and really sincere in his desire to marry her. You know that I have never advised a resort to extremities, in any case, as the best course of procedure in my practice was always against it, but in this case, I have consented to speak of personal beauty, of one of her age, in all my life. Delicately creature! I was only too glad to champion her cause, should it prove that any is needed in the end. I advised her to marry by all means, and told her I would use my influence, after 'twas all over, to pacify the old sinner of a father. He must be an awful old curmudgeon, if he can long resist her beauties and entreaties."

"And so she has married?" "Not yet—but the ceremony is to be performed to-night. And that is the best of it, there's another item to be considered, ha, ha! it's a capital joke capital! The ceremony is to be performed here, in this house—in fact in my library!"

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The masters of steamboats under contract with the department are required to deliver into the post-offices, (or to the local agent of the department, if there be any,) at the places at which they arrive, all letters received by them, or by any person employed in their boats at any point along the route.

"The sky is so cloudy," said he, "but wait a moment," and with these words he ran to the farm, and came back a few minutes afterwards with a cat in his arms. "Look here," said he, "it is not noon yet," and he showed us the cat's eyes, by pushing up the lids with his hands. We looked at the child with surprise, but he was evidently in earnest, and the cat, though astonished, as we passed, whether by the experiment made upon her organs, or by the way in which she was being examined, was very much pleased with the most exemplary compliance."

"Very well," said we, "thank you," and he then let the cat go, who made her escape pretty well, and we continued our route. "Say the truth we had not at all understood the proceedings, but we did not wish to question the little page, lest he should find out that we were Europeans by birth. As soon as ever we reached the farm, however, we made haste to ask our Christians whether they could tell the clock by looking into a cat's eyes. They seemed surprised at the question, but as there were no longer in confessing to the our ignorance of the properties of the cats' eyes, related what had just taken place. That was all that was necessary, our complainant neophytes immediately gave chase to all the cats in the neighborhood. They brought us three or four, and explained in what manner they might be made use of for watches. They pointed out that the pupils of their eyes went on constantly growing narrower until 12 o'clock, when they became a fine-line, as thin as a hair drawn perpendicularly across the eye, and that after 12 o'clock they gradually opened, until they had attained the width of the pupil of the eye of our disposal, we concluded that it was past noon, as all the eyes perfectly agreed upon the point. We have had some hesitation in speaking of this Chinese discovery, as it may, doubtless, tend to injure the clock making trade, and interfere with the sale of watches, but all considerations must give way to the spirit of progress. All important discoveries tend in the first instance to injure private interests, and we hope, nevertheless that watches will continue to be made, because among the number of persons who may know the hour, there will most likely, be some who will give themselves the trouble to run after the cat, or who may fear some danger to his own eyes from a too close examination of hers. So we live and learn."

"In one of the factories in Maine, recently, the proprietors reduced the wages, whereupon there was a general detestation, and as they were obliged to give a month's notice before quitting work, they have meanwhile issued a circular to the world at large, in which is the following interesting paragraph: 'We are now working out our notice, and will soon be without employment; can turn our hands to most anything; don't like to be idle—determined not to work for nothing where folks can afford to pay. Who wants help? We can make bonnets, dresses, paddings, pies and cakes, patch, darn, knit, roast, stew and fry; chickens, and cheese, milk cows, feed the hogs, and do any thing else that the kitchen, put the parlor to rights, make beds, split wood, kindle fires, wash and iron, besides, being fond of nursing, in fact can do any thing, the most accomplished housewife is capable of, not forgetting the soodings on Mondays and Saturdays. For specimens of spirit, will refer you to our overseer.'"

"A strolling beggar, and his wife who applied to the superintendent of the poor in Rochester, New York, for a railroad pass to Buffalo, on the pretence that they were utterly destitute, were declared, when one hundred and seventy-five dollars in gold was found upon them. They were Italians, but had resided in Montreal, Canada."

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