PITH AND POINT.

—Wit without judgment is a weary thing to the company.

—If you wish to improve your memory, do things it would be wise to forget.—Atchison Globe.

—We only know ourselves and what we really are when the force of circumstances brings us out.

—Those who aspire to dive deep, should beware of coming up muddy.—Batchelder Greene.

—Remorse is a good deal like a wooden leg. It may help you on your way, but you always think how much nappier you would be without it.—Puck.

—Crime and punishment grow out of one stem. Punishment is a fruit that, unsuspected, ripens within the flower of the pleasure that concealed it.—Emerson.

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THE RAIN ON THE ROOF.

The threatening rain clouds droop and spread,
And the whirling waters leap
From rocky tarns near the mountain's head,
And on through the meadows sweep;
The dark grass bends and the burdocks shed
The glittering gem from their purple woof—
But low is the sound with a monotone tread
Where the rain falls slant on the roof.

Apples with streaks of a crimson dye,
And plums with a silvery pall,
From rain-whipped trees in the orchard lie,
Or dashed 'neath the garden wall;
The rain-god drives through a storm-swept sky,
The pattering drops have the beat of a hoof—
But dreamy at night is the lullaby
Of the rain on the sloping roof.

Quick splashes drip from the darkened pane,
And we know the petals part
From lillies drenched with the driving rain,
And tears from the red rose start;
That fields spiked thick with the bearded grain
Have heads bent low in a dumb reproof—
But soft on the ear as a nocturne strain
Is the fall of rain on the roof.

—Inda B. Hays, in Traveler's Record.

JONAS' WEDDING TRIP.

Uncle Prickett Delivers Some Sound Advice.

"I never thought to come to *this*," said Mrs. Aikin, dolefully, as she looked around the disordered kitchen. "And the cream all spoiling for the lack of some one to churn, and the young turkeys all down with the pip, and the white calf ailing, and me tied, hand and foot, like this!"

"Don't fret, mother," said Jonas, who, after a most clumsy and man-like fashion, was frying potatoes over the fire. "It'll all come right."

"It *can't* all come right," said Mrs. Aikin, jerking out the words between the spasms of rheumatism. "Every thing will go to rack and ruin. O, dear, Jonas, you'll have to hire a help. The men are coming next week to cut down the grass in the forty-acre medder—four of 'em, and all expecting to be boarded here, and the doctor says it'll be a chance if I get back my strength in six weeks."

"I can put 'em off, mother," suggested Jonas, cheerfully.

"And spoil the finest hay crop we've ever growed," said Mrs. Aikin. "That will never do. Hired help is the only way out of it."

"I don't know of any one to be hired," said Jonas, dishing up his potatoes in a way that struck a chill to his mother's heart. "There's Phebe Potter, but she asks two dollars a week."

"She must be crazy," said Mrs. Aikin. "What does she take people for, I wonder? Twelve shillings is an exorbitant price for any girl to expect. No one can earn it."

"Euretta Clay?"

"Mrs. Hopkins had her once. She's as slow as Old Time, and untidy at that."

Jonas was silent; his resources had evidently reached their limit. He began to cut the bread in big, irregular chunks.

"Thinner, Jonas, thinner!" cried his mother. "O, dear, what a squealing them pigs keep up; they know it's past their regular feedin' time, as well as though they were Christians."

"I guess the pigs 'll keep," observed philosophic Jonas, trudging slowly down cellar after a pat of butter. Mrs. Akin moved uneasily in her chair, and uttered a groan.

"O, dear! oh, dear! we never can get along this way," mused she. "Something has got to be done. Jonas!"

"Yes."

The curly head and sunburned face appeared at the top of the cellar stairs, like the Good Genii coming up through the stage floor in the pantomime.

"Look here, Jonas—you must get married!"

Jonas set the butter-plate down on the table with a bang.

"Me!" said he. "Good Lord, mother!" he exclaimed, "what are you thinking of?"

"Why, I don't see any better arrangement," said Mrs. Aikin. "You're six-and-twenty, and I'm gettin' feebler and more good-for-nothin' every day. There ain't no gal we can hire short of twelve shillings a week. A wife would come a great deal cheaper, Jonas—and she wouldn't want no clothes for a year, at least—and 'she'd sort o' take an interest, and do lots o' things a hired help wouldn't undertake! There's Letty Hooper, Jonas, she's a right smart stirring gal, and as pretty as a picter."

Jonas whistled; the idea commended itself to him, on further reflection, as eminently practicable.

"It might be better economy," remarked he.

"Of course it would," said Mrs. Aikin. "There's the new rag carpet ready for the loom, and the spring house-cleanin' not attended to yet, and all the milk and butter, and the turkeys and goslings, and the young calves, and the vegetable garden—I sold three dollars' worth of green peas out of the garden last year; and there's no sense hiring a man to make garden when any smart woman can look arter it, odd times; and your clothes need attending to, and my new alpaca dress ain't made yet, and—why, la me! there's work for three women, at least, about the place! Go and see Letitia Hooper this very afternoon, before Natt Pellett gets the start of you!" she added.

Jonas Aikin came home at ten o'clock that night and told his mother Letty Hooper had accepted him.

"Good!" said Mrs. Aikin. "*Now* we'll get something done about the premises. Hurry up the wedding as soon as ever you can, my son; it's an awful inconvenient time of year to get married in!"

"Are you sure you're doing a wise thing, Letty?" said Old Eben Hooper, when his daughter showed him her wedding dress with blushing pride.

"Why not, father?"

"Those Aikins have the name of being very hard. And Mrs. Green, their neighbor, says Jonas is only getting married to save the expense of a hired girl."

"I think he likes me," said Letty, shyly. "And I'm awfully sorry for his poor rheumatic mother."

"I guess you'd better keep your pity for yourself," observed Mr. Hooper, shrewdly. "By all accounts, you'll need it! Going to Uncle Prickett's for your wedding trip, eh? Well, its a pleasant part of the country. I dare say you'll like it."

Uncle Prickett was a leather-complexioned old man, with keen black eyes and sharp, yellow teeth, like those of an elderly monkey. He gave them a cordial welcome.

"That's a pretty little new wife o' yours, Mr. Aikin," said he. "And as smart as steel, too, though she *is* my niece!"

"Yes," said Jonas, with modest exultation, "I calculate she'll be helpful like around the farm. We need a stirring woman at home."

"Not too helpful, I hope," said Uncle Prickett.

"Eh?" said Jonas.

"Look here," said Uncle Prickett.

"Sir?" stammered Jonas.

"Fond of her, eh?" questioned Uncle Prickett.

"You bet I am!" Jonas promptly responded.

"Then don't murder her!"

"Murder her!"

"Look here again." And Uncle Prickett drew Jonas towards the window. "D'ye see the church-yard over there on the hill?"

Jonas shivered a little.

"Yes," said he, "I see it. Them white stones gleamin' through the trees, aint it?"

"My wife lies there," said Uncle Prickett.

"Indeed!" said Jonas, a little uneasily.

"*I* killed her!" said Uncle Prickett. Jonas started back.

"Eh?" he exclaimed a second time.

"Don't look at me that way," said Uncle Prickett. "I didn't stab her, nor poison her. I loved her, young man, just as well as you love *your* wife. And yet—I killed her. Do you want to know how it was done?"

Jonas stared at him. Had the man gone crazy?

"*Work!*" said Uncle Prickett. "Hard work! We were proud of the farm and of the dairy. We liked to add premiums at the county fairs. We added up our bank account every night. Jenny was as anxious to save money as I was. She rose at three o'clock in the morning, and sat up sewing until eleven at night. Well, here's the farm, and there's the bank account; but Jenny lies buried under the biggest gray shaft on yonder side hill. She died the day before her twenty-ninth birthday, and I knew just as well as if a coroner's inquest had said so that *I* had been her death."

"No, no!" pleaded Jonas. "Don't say *that!*"

"As true as I stand here," said Uncle Prickett. "I should have been careful of her. A woman aint an iron machine. I should have cherished her—aint that what the 'Marriage Service' says?—instead of letting her work herself into a decline. What sort o' good do you suppose all that money does me *now*? She aint here to share it with me. Now you know what I mean, young man."

And Uncle Prickett turned on his heel and went out of the room.

"Letty," he said to his niece, who was gathering the first ripe raspberries that grew on the sunny garden wall, "I've been giving your husband a word of advice. I've been telling him he mustn't let you work yourself to death, like your Aunt Jenny did."

"Do you think he needs advice, Uncle Prickett?"

"All young men do at one period or another of their lives," said Mr. Prickett.

It was of a Saturday night when Jonas brought his bride home. Mrs Green, the nearest neighbor, had been helping around the house, and had prepared a savory supper. The evening meal was scarcely concluded, when a wagon drove up to the door, and out stepped a stout Welsh girl, with a bundle under her arm, and a yellow cotton umbrella.

"Who's this?" said Mrs. Aikin, viewing the new arrival with disfavor.

"It's the hired help," Jonas answered.

"The *hired help!* Why, I thought you'd got married to——"

"The fact is, mother," said Jonas, kindly, "I've sort o' changed my mind about some things. *You've* most killed yourself with hard work. You never would have got this rheumatism fastened on you if you hadn't stuck to it you'd whitewash the cellar yourself that damp spell in May, and I mean Letty shall start on a different platform. We aint rich, but we can afford to live comfortable, and I don't mean my wife shall lose her round cheeks and fresh color. She'll find enough to do, without turning into a drudge; and so I've hired Joan Llannis for a year."

Mrs. Aikin uttered a hollow groan.

"I do believe you've gone crazy," said she. "We shall all go to the poor-house together."

But they did not. Joan Llannis proved a domestic treasure, especially as nurse-in-chief to the poor old rheumatic invalid. Letty was an excellent manager, and Mrs. Aikin was unwillingly forced to confess that every thing throve under her administration, and that the hired girl's wages was the best investment Jonas had ever made.

At the year's end Jonas celebrated the anniversary of his wedding-day by taking Letty up to Prickett Falls again.

"Look at her, Uncle Prickett!" said he. "See her red cheeks and her dimples. Haven't I taken your advice?"

"You have," said Uncle Prickett, "and I'm glad of it. And I often think of two lines I once read in one of Jenny's old poetry books:

'Evil is wrought by want of thought,
As well as want of heart.'"

"That's as true as Gospel," said Jonas Aikin.—Amy Randolph, in N. Y. Ledger.

In Search of Novelties.

Mrs. Startup—Me and Mr. Startup went to the theatre last night to see Richard the Three.

Mrs. Chadband—How did you enjoy it?

Mrs. Startup—To tell the truth, I was deadly bored.

Mrs. Chadband—Perhaps you don't care for Shakespeare?

Mrs. Startup—O, I ain't got no objection to Shakespeare, but I do wish he'd turn out something new.—America.

—When a barber talks too much his stories are generally illustrated with cuts.—Boston Gazette.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—There is no one in the world so pleasant as the woman who knows she has a pretty smile.—Boston Post.

—Jack—"What are you doing, Mabel?" Mabel—"Making angel cake; don't you want some?" Jack—"No, thanks; I don't want to be an angel."—Puck.

—A young wife can be a good housekeeper without bothering to polish up the spare change in her husband's pocket every time she cleans up the rest of the silver in the house.—Somerville Journal.

—If the European inventor who has invented a smokeless powder will invent a smokeless cigarette, his name will be embalmed in the heart of a grateful world.—Philadelphia Daily News.

—No man ever talked of his work without saying something about its great mental strain. We suppose that even the wood-chopper thinks it is brain work that makes him so tired at night.—Atchison Globe.

—Husband.—"Wife, I wish you had been born with as good judgment as I, but I fear you were not." Wife—"You are right. Our choice of partners for life convinces me that your judgment is much better than mine."

—Brown—"Did you hear that young Benedict suddenly became deaf on the very day on which he was married?" Robinson—"You don't say so. That shows that there is a silver lining to every cloud, no matter how dark it may be for a time."—Texas Siftings.

—Some women like to be told they are pretty, but the really pretty ones don't care for it. They have to be told that they are brilliantly intellectual. George Washington's hatchet wouldn't stand a ghost of a show now-a-days.—Merchant Traveler.

—"Professor," said the ostentatious young man at a reception. "I've heard much talk about the anthropoid apes approaching very closely to human beings. Now, what in your opinion is nearest to a man?" "You want my candid opinion, of course?" "Certainly." "Well, I should say his undershirt."—Washington Capital.

—Mr. Jason—"Why ain't supper ready, I want to know?" Mrs. Jason—"I was down town and got caught in the rain without an umbrella. I had to wait in a store until the storm was over." Mr. Jason—"So you did have sense enough to go in out of the rain, eh? Well, you are not an entire fool." Mrs. Jason—"No; only the better half of one."—Terre Haute Express.

—How "lady friends" do hate one another, to be sure! The other day two of an uncertain age who had not recently met were having a chat. "Yes," said No. 1, "it was my birthday yesterday and my dear papa gave me a ring, as usual. He has always given me a ring on my birthday ever since I left school." "Ever since, you left school, darling?" re-echoed No. 2, "why, what an extraordinarily large collection of rings you must have, love, to be sure."

TORPEDO VESSELS.

The United States Foots the List of Civilized Nations.

While the British naval maneuvers are the subject of discussion and comment all over the world, the following statistics showing the strength in torpedo boats of various nations are of interest. The United States, it will be observed, is entirely without representation, the only torpedo boat designed for the new navy being yet on the ways. These vessels may be divided, for convenience, into four classes:

1. Sea-going vessels above 39 meters in length.
2. First-class vessels from 30 to 39 meters long.
3. Second-class vessels less than 30 meters long.
4. Third-class vessels analogous to steam launches.

Under such a classification England heads the list with two sea-going torpedo cruisers, forty-nine first-class, eighty second-class and 420 third-class boats. She has under construction ten of the first-class and two submarine boats. France comes next with five sea-going cruisers, twenty first-class, fifty second-class, 129 third-class and one submarine boat, with five sea-going cruisers, and forty-two first-class vessels under construction. Italy follows with two sea-going cruisers, thirty-eight first-class, twenty-three second-class and fifty third-class boats (to be increased to 250), while under construction are two sea-going cruisers and forty-three first-class vessels.

Russia has 2 sea going cruisers, 23 first-class, 34 second-class and 138 third-class boats, and under construction she has 2 sea-going cruisers and 3 first-class vessels. Germany possesses 3 sea-going cruisers, 47 first-class and 48 second-class boats, with 2 sea-going cruisers and 19 first-class vessels under way. Austria owns 2 sea-going cruisers, 18 first-class and 8 second-class boats, and has under construction 2 sea-going vessels. Turkey counts 2 sea-going, 19 first-class and 2 second-class boats, with, under construction, 19 first-class vessels. Spain maintains 6 sea-going, 7 first-class, 2 second-class (to be increased to 50) and 1 submarine boat now under trial.

Greece shows 6 sea-going, 31 first-class and 31 second-class vessels, of which 2 are submarine boats. Denmark registers five first-class and 11 second-class boats, with 14 first-class and 14 second-class vessels under construction. Sweeden and Norway have 12 first-class and 6 second-class vessels. Holland commissions 3 first-class and 20 second-class vessels. Portugal can show 3 first-class and 2 second-class boats, and has under construction 3 first-class vessels.

Japan equips four first-class, four second-class, and has under construction seventeen first-class vessels. China has built or bought one sea-going torpedo cruiser, one first-class boat, seventeen second-class and six third-class vessels. Brazil keeps five first-class and fifteen third-class vessels. The Argentine Republic commissions four second-class vessels, and finally, Chili boasts four second-class vessels.

As remarked before, the United States has under construction one sea-going torpedo boat. The launches used in torpedo practice are wholly unadapted for modern warfare, and can not properly be classed in the category of fighting torpedo boats.—N. Y. Times.

An Editor's Epitaph.

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Widow—He was an editor.

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