

Did He Get Off?

The famous Liddell, who, with Scott, compiled Liddell and Scott's lexicon, was dean of Christchurch college, Oxford. It was whispered in regard to the lexicon that Liddell provided the money and Scott the brains. A young undergraduate was haled before the dean for some misdemeanor. "I hear, Mr. —, that you have a pretty wit for impromptu verse," said the dean. "If you will write one on the lexicon I will let you off." The young man thought a moment and then said: "There's a Lexicon written by Liddell and Scott; Some of it's good, and some of it's not. The part that is good was written by Scott, The part that was written by Liddell is rot."

—London News.

The Silk Spinning Oyster.

A mollusk that might take an important place in textile industries if it existed in sufficient numbers is found in warm seas, especially on the coast of Sicily. It is the pinna, a genus of wing shelled bivalves, of which one species attains a length of two feet. To attach itself to the rocks it spins a cable of strong filaments, called collectively the byssus. These threads are wonderfully strong, silken in texture and have been woven into various delicate fabrics. A pair of gloves from this material may be seen in the British museum, and fine mummy cloths made from it by the ancients are still preserved.

The Fate of the Stingy.

I sometimes wonder what will become of the stingy man in the hereafter. Certainly he can't get into heaven, and if the devil has left the first principles of a gentleman the stingy man will not get the entree in the other place. It is well to be thrifty and frugal, but when thriftiness runs to seed it becomes just plain, mangy, measly stinginess, and a man would much better get the smallpox.—San Francisco Bulletin.

His Effort.

Strutter—What did you think of my impersonation of Hamlet? Foyer—As genuine a piece of realism as ever I saw. Strutter—You flatter me. You surely cannot be in earnest? Foyer—Never more earnest in all my life. The fact that you were trying to act shone forth in your every word and every movement.—Boston Transcript.

Matter of Finance.

"Time is money, they say," remarked the chronic loafer as he bit off a fresh chew of tobacco.

"Well, maybe it is," rejoined the village grocer, "but if it's all the same to you I wish you would spend a little more money here and a little less time."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Secret.

Mr. Thompson—Jones told me a secret today. Mrs. Thompson (anxiously)—What was it? Mr. Thompson—The one I told you last week. Mrs. Thompson—Oh, dear me; that Mrs. Jones is such a tattler! I'll never tell her anything again.—Judge.

It Depends.

Miss Spright—Do you believe in putting an old head on young shoulders? De Gay—That depends upon whether you have reference to love or education.—Butte Inter Mountain.

Same Girl.

You and—When I used to kiss slapped me. Young Wil a won't get slapped now unl rget to kiss me.—Illustrate

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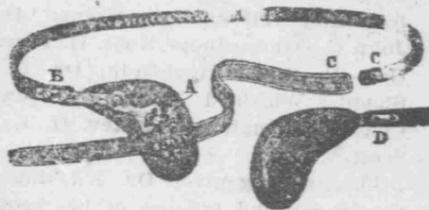
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