

THE TIME TO LAUGH.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

Do Well Did Not Work—A Chinese joke—Man Who Took All the Borens Point of View—A Midsummer Night's Tale.

A CHINESE JOKE. A strange state of mind evidently prevailed in Pekin during the Boxer outrage...

One incident curiously shows the combined lightness and frenzy of the public mind. On a certain evening a boy about 16 walked down a street...

Suddenly a man went up to the boy, seized him by the pigtail and asked him what he meant. The bystanders were amazed at a courage which dared interfere with an emissary of the Boxers...

Then the boy fell on his knees and cried that he was only doing it for a job to frighten the people. His success exceeded his hopes.—Youth's Companion.

MAN WHO TOOK ALL. A writer in the Saturday Evening Evening Post relates his experience at a dinner recently in company with Arthur Walden and Whistler...

We were rapidly losing ourselves in a fog of politics and natural psychology, when Mr. Walden lifted part of his red mustache and said: "That's right, all right."

"I was down at Cernay last summer—with Faulkner—painting. You know the little tavern there and the old woman who keeps it. There was an Englishman there who sat next to me at table. Well, the landlady gave us strawberries one night for dinner...

"Not so much as I do," replied my Englishman calmly, and went on eating.

HIS BLUFF DID NOT WORK. Stories of Yankee shrewdness have always been widely circulated, but when one gets ahead of a Yankee there is very little said about it, especially on the part of the man from the North...

"My friend," said the hotelkeeper, "I can give you anything from a pickled elephant to a broiled canary bird's tongue for supper to-night."

"All right, my friend," said the drummer; "I'll take some pickled elephant."

"Very well," said the host, "I'll go and get it." He was gone about five minutes and when he returned said: "All right, sir; supper will be ready in a moment. You'll have to take a whole one, as we don't carve them after dark."

LEARNING THE BUSINESS. Strong—"I was sorry to hear that you had lost your job. What are you doing now?"

Weeks—"Taking lessons in wood carving."

Strong—"Have you a position in view after learning the art?"

Weeks—"Yes. My wife is going to open a boarding house."

NATURALLY SLOW. "You are not looking well," said the hardware clerk to his friend, the plumber.

"No. I've been very sick," replied the plumber, "but I'm mending slowly."

HE WAS SUPERSTITIOUS.

A superstitious baggageman on the Pennsylvania will give \$112 for the privilege of kicking the fireman of his crew all over a 20-acre lot. It seems that the baggageman has revealed in "tokens," "omens" and "presentiments" for so many years that he "sees things" when he is dead cold sober and "hears things" no other person ever heard...

UP TO DATE. Sister—"Tommy! Stop! How can you be so cruel to pussy?" Tommy—"Crool nothing! She's loopin' the loop!"

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S TALE.

An individual of somewhat shabby exterior, but whose every movement betrayed the fact that he had once been able to pay for a 50-cent dinner, was walking along the highway at night with his shoes in his hand and the moonlight whispering through his hair when an object suddenly sprang out of the bushes and cried at him: "Avant—that is stop in your tracks! Your money or your life!"

"I thought it had the old familiar sound, Romeo, how art thou?" "Busted all to smash. And how fares it with thee?"

"Stone broke. I was the leading man in the Great Hot Wave Comedy Company."

"And I was the heavy in Sea of Ice Dramatic Strollers. It's our third bust this summer."

"Same here. Dost fare to New York to try again?"

"Tis no. Nothing can discourage true talent."

"Then let us fare together and if, perchance, we come across the juvenile of our company, who had two plunks when I saw him last, we will cry halt and despoil him to our betterment."

JOHNNY ON BULLFROGS. The bullfrog is large, green, and warty. He can jump several times his own length. His voice is loud, but not pleasing. The bull-frog is shy and diffident. He builds his nest in damp, swampy places where it is difficult to track him.

JOHNNY. "White coal" is the striking name given by a French paper to the force generating electricity by harnessed mountain streams.

Little Edith had never seen a lobster before, and when dining at the home of a playmate she was offered a portion the politely replied: "No, thank you; I never eat grasshopper."

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The Absence of It.

If there is any truth in the saying that happiness is the absence of all pain, mental and physical, the enjoyment of it can only be found in heaven. But so far as the physical is concerned, it is within easy reach; at least measurably so, as far as cure will go. The sum of human misery in this line is made up of greater or less degrees of physical suffering. The minor aches and pains which afflict mankind are easy to reach and as easily cured.

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A City of Apartment Houses.

The building operations on Manhattan island show that New York City more and more runs to hotels, restaurants and apartment houses, and this goes to show the marked decline of home life, in the old acceptance of the term. Folks of more or less income desire to maintain the old conditions are driven to the suburbs of the great city or to its outlying parts. Unless one is possessed of great fortune, to live near the heart of the city means much sacrifice of privacy as residence in hotels and apartment houses involves. The roomers and transients give abundant business to the multiplying restaurants. Thus New York tends to become a city apartment and tenement houses, the well-to-do in the former and the poor in the latter. Under the pressure of these conditions the science of building apartment houses of the first-class has made great advances, by which the largest amount of luxury is aimed at with the least expenditure of space. Apartments of the best sort command yearly rents that would buy a fine house in the lesser cities. The increase in apartment house building this year is the notable feature of the real estate development.—Springfield Republican.

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Barber in Beekless Mood.

A drovitch barber was just finishing lathering a customer and was talking volubly, as usual. "Yes, sir," he said, "there's no carelessness allowed by our employer. Every time we cut a customer's face we are fined six pence, and if we make an ugly gash it costs us a shilling." Then, picking up and brandishing his razor, he added: "But I don't care a rap today. I've just won a sovereign."—London Answers.

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Mother-in-Law in New Britain.

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Society Leader Does Not Think.

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Too Particular.

A business man who had eaten a meal at a restaurant where he frequently took his midday luncheon, walked up to the cashier and said: "I find I haven't a cent of change about me today. If you will kindly let me owe for this until I come in again, which will certainly be in a day or two, I will square up then." The cashier was not a good judge of human nature, or was under the influence of a momentary irritation, for she replied: "We don't run any accounts at this shop. If you haven't anything to pay with you can leave something with us as security."

"I didn't say I hadn't any money," the customer rejoined. "I said I had no change. Please take the amount of my check out of this."

And he took a \$50 bill out of his pocketbook and handed it to the astonished cashier.

"It will be better to pay it now perhaps," he added, "than to leave something as security, for you will not be likely to see me here again."

Then picking up his change which comprised about all the money the cashier could find in the establishment, he bowed and walked out.

A Distinguished Missionary.

Washington, Ind., Sept. 23d.—There is at present, living at 108 East 19th street in this city, a most remarkable man. He is Rev. C. H. Thompson, and he came to Washington from Little York, Ind., a short time ago. Rev. Mr. Thompson spent many years of his long and useful life as a missionary among the Indians of the West. The great exposure and the drinking of so much bad water brought on Diabetes, and at Wagoner, Indian Territory, he was struck down while preaching. Physicians, one of them a Chicago specialist, pronounced his case hopeless. Dodd's Kidney Pills were recommended, and as a last resort he tried them. He was completely cured, and restored to good health and his case and its cure has caused a sensation among the physicians.

The Excess of Women.

The census returns show that of the 32,526,075 persons enumerated in England and Wales, 15,721,728 were males and 16,804,347 females. This gives an excess of 1,082,619 females, an excess which is partially attributable to the fact that men serving in the army, navy and the merchant service abroad are excluded from the reckoning. In 1891 the excess was 896,723. To each hundred males enumerated there were 106.9 females. The proportion of females has been steadily increasing at each census since 1851, having been successively 104.2, 105.3, 105.4, 106.4, and 106.9 to one hundred males.

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Ethnological Studies Pueblo People.

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Doctor 126 Years Old.

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Water Pressure and Temperature.

The pressure of water at the average depth of the ocean—two miles—is about equal to that of 320 atmospheres, that is to say, 4,900 pounds to the square inch. The temperature of the atmosphere cools, on an average, about one degree for every 300 feet that we ascend, or warms at the same rate as we descend. The mean temperature at the north pole is about 0, and at the equator between 80 and 99 degrees. We can, therefore, get into a temperature one degree colder for every 70 or 80 miles that we travel north, or in a temperature one degree warmer for every 70 or 80 that we travel south.

An Incomplete House.

We run wild over the furnishings of a house; its furniture, carpets, hangings, pictures and music, and always forget or neglect the most important requisite. Something there should be always on the shelf to provide against sudden casualties or attacks of pain. Such come like a thief in the night; a strain, a cold, sudden headache, toothache or neuralgic attack. There is nothing easier to get than a bottle of St. Jacob's Oil, and nothing surer to cure quickly any form of pain. The house is incomplete without it. Complete it with a good supply.

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