Humor

AT THE MINSTREL SHOW.

Why Mr. Tambo's Face Wore a Pained Expression.

Interlocutor—It seems to me, Mr. Tambo, that your face has rather a pained expression on it this evening.

Mr. Tambo—It's no wondah, sah, seein' I has two black eyes an' a numbah ob odder confushuns on it.

Interlocutor—A number of contusions, I suppose you mean, Mr. Tambo? Well, we'll have to look into this matter. Has any member of this company struck you?

Mr. Tambo—Yes, sah.

Interlocutor—You surprise me. I don't suppose there is any use asking you the name of your assailant?

Mr. Tambo—No, sah; I has too much honah fo' dat. I dun tole Mistah Bones arter he knocked me down dat I wouldn' tell on him.

Interlocutor—Ah, then it's Mr. Bones who has disfigured you, eh? Mr. Bones, what have you to say to this charge?

Mr. Bones (excitedly)—D-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-dat gen'man, sah, d-d-d-d-d-dun consulted me.

Interlocutor—I suppose you mean he insulted you?

Mr. Bones—Yuh-yuh-yuh-yuh-yuh-yuh-yes, sah. He dun make me so muh-muh-muh-muh-muh-muh-muh-mad dat I wuz black in de face. Duh-duh-duh-duh-duh-deed I wuz, sah.

Interlocutor—Well, I want an explanation from one of you.

Mr. Bones—Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah—

Interlocutor (interrupting)—As we haven't all night to settle this thing, we'll let Mr. Tambo do the talking. Go on, Mr. Tambo, and tell your story.

Mr. Tambo—Well, sah, at rehearsal dis mawnin' dat gen'man who slides when he talks kept singin' an hummin' an' a-bodderin' me laik a skeeter on a wet day. I dun tole him ter hush his gran' opera seberal times, but he kep' right on, sah, wid dat singin'. He said t'ings kep' runnin' froo his haid an' he dun couldn' help it.

Interlocutor—Well, and what did you say then?

Mr. Tambo—I only said, sah, dat if such wuz de case he orter use a fine comb, an' den de nex' t'ing I knowed a black objec' bumped inter mah face an' made it full ob confushuns.

Interlocutor—Well, I'm certainly surprised that Mr. Bones should act so ungentlemanly. However, we will forgive him if he'll sing us that new song hit of his entitled "Please Lose Dis Coon In a Watamelyon Patch."—A. B. Lewis in Judge.

Not a Hit as an Improviser.

"Did you ever hear anybody improvise?" he asked.

"No," said she, and he sat down to the piano and improvised for about an hour and a half. At the end of that time he turned around, his face full of expression, and said to her:

"What do you think of it?"

"Lovely!" she exclaimed. "Beautiful! I never heard anything like it!"

But this is what she said to the hallboy when he was gone:

"If that long, lank lunatic who improvises asks for me again you tell him I am out."—New York Press.

The Whole Thing.

"It's called a 'loving cup,' you say? My, what a big cup it is! What's it for?".

"For rum punch and things like that."

"But why is it called a loving cup?"

"Because it's for people loving rum punch and things like that."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Suspicious.

"That girl," said the country postmistress, "is carryin' on a secret correspondence with some young feller."

"How do you know?" asked the store keeper.

"She never uses postal cards any more."—Philadelphia Press.

How It Happened.

Mr. Dewtell—There goes a man who met with a great disappointment in love.

Mrs. Dewtell—Why, I thought he married the girl.

Mr. Dewtell—Yes. He did.—Judge.

Barking His Shins!

The Lady—Don't be frightened. His bark is worse than his bite.

The Tramp (who has been bitten)—Then fer 'eaven's sake, mum, don't let 'im bark.—Sketch.

Suspicious.

"I don't believe in that woman."

"Why?"

"She is always so kind to her husband's children by his first wife."—Brooklyn Life.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

The Thoughtful Landlord.

A New Yorker whose business frequently takes him through the south tells of an amusing experience in a country hotel in one of the Carolinas.

The New Yorker soon learned that the landlord of this establishment laid it down as one of his principles of action to give his patrons a little more than they asked for—to be "extra accommodating," as he termed it.

The New Yorker had left a call for 6 in the morning, so that he might take an early train north, and he went to sleep in the calm assurance that he would be aroused at the proper hour.

"I seemed hardly to have fallen into a sound slumber," says he, "when I heard a terrific pounding at my door. I sprang up, wide awake.

"'What's the matter?' I called out.

"'Four o'clock! Four o'clock!' came the landlord's voice from the other side of the door. 'Two more hours to sleep!'"—Harper's Weekly.

A Strenuous Hint.

It was growing very late, but the young man in the parlor scene showed no signs of making a home run.

"You evidently have a very vivid imagination, Mr. Borem," said the dear girl as she made an unsuccessful attempt to strangle a yawn.

"Why do you think so?" queried the unsuspecting Borem.

"I thought perhaps you imagined yourself in the arctic regions, where the nights are six months long," she explained.

And thirty seconds later he had faded into the plumpsome gloom.—Chicago News.

Future Housekeeping.

Henry—I don't know, dearest, what we are going to do after our marriage. There isn't a house or cottage for rent in all the town, and you know how disagreeable flats are.

Ethel—But, sweetheart, couldn't you rent a hammock?—Woman's Home Companion.

Too Busy.

"I suppose you visited all the points of interest while you were abroad," said one young woman.

"No," answered the other; "we were so busy addressing post cards to our friends that we hadn't time to do much sightseeing."—Washington Star.

Too Much of a Shock.

"Jane's engagement is broken."

"Jane didn't break it, did she?"

"No; he broke it."

"What was the trouble?"

"Why, Jane was silly enough to let him see her when she had the mumps."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Blind Man's Buff In the Woods.

Willie Rabbit—This is Johnny Hedgehog. I can tell him by his quills.—Comic Cuts.

His Idea of It.

Miss Froufrou—What is your notion of an ideal home?

Acton Rounder—One containing a wife who doesn't expect you to stay at it.—Puck.

No Harm Done.

Green—I hear you drew a gun in Blank's saloon last night. What was the trouble?

Brown—Oh, no trouble at all. I drew it at a raffle.—Detroit Tribune.

Failed In Her Mission.

"So her foreign trip was not a success?"

"Oh, dear, no! Why, she didn't even become engaged to a man with a title and a bad record."—Chicago Post.

The Very Best.

"Tell me," said the ambitious young man, "what do you consider the best foundation for success in business?"

"Rocks," promptly replied the wise old merchant.—Philadelphia Press.

Cannot Agree.

"Say, Hugo, don't you get punished at home when you're naughty?"

"Nope. Papa and mamma are both lawyers, and they can't agree on the punishment."—Fliegende Blatter.

A Saving Grace.

Florence—I can't understand why Ethel married Mr. Gunson. He is old enough to be her father.

Lawrence—Yes, but he is rich enough to be her husband.—Judge.

Eloquence In Demand.

"There may," he said, "be eloquence in a kiss."

"Yes," she replied. "How silent you are this evening!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Nature's Management.

"There is no way, is there, to keep wrinkles from showing?"

"How can there be when wrinkles are headliners?"—Baltimore American.

Almost Finished.

Mother (calling upstairs)—Hurry, Tommy! Have you got your shoes on?

Tommy—Yes, ma'am; all but one.—Woman's Home Companion.

He Knew.

Teacher of Elementary Physiology—Willie, what fastens my head to my body?

Willie—Rubber.—Puck.

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He—Yes, but when I promised you should reign I didn't expect that you would storm.—Baltimore American.

Pull.

"Father," said little Rollo, "what is meant by 'pull?'"

"Pull, my son," answered the man of experience, "is personal friendship skillfully managed so that it will pay dividends."—Washington Star.

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Mrs. Dyer—What has become of Mrs. Higbee? I haven't seen her in an age.

Mrs. Ryer—Well, you know she has only one afternoon out a week since she began keeping a servant.—Judge.

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