

Humor and Philosophy

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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

It is hard to please a woman who doesn't know her own mind, and the quickest and most certain way to do it is not to please her.

There are people so nifty that they would rather be an up to date criminal than a back number millionaire.

It is simply impossible to be true to one's ideals when some big, coarse, rough person comes along and knocks them all galley west.

OH SANTA, PLEASE PUT IT OFF A LITTLE WHILE.



Undoubtedly we would with much heartier fervor welcome Christmas's presence if we were better prepared and fortified with Christmas presents.

Polish up your patience and your urbanity. You will doubtless need them both to ease your fall from the high plane to which your New Year's resolutions have elevated you.

Probably there is no more inefficient and ineffective thing in the world than a genuine busybody.

It is hard to find a more difficult proposition to change than a cheerful, contented person who doesn't care who knows it.

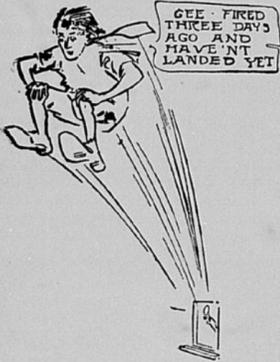
As a general thing the man who has to pay the bills makes the least complaint about what he gets in return.

Some people may be sadder when they sing and yet not be able to hold any edge over their hearers on that score.

Sympathetic.

"Sometimes I do feel so charitably inclined." "Do you, indeed?" "Yes." "I suppose it keeps you perpetually broke." "N-no; not exactly." "How is it?" "I am always broke when I feel that way."

Rekindled.



"Why did he quit his job? I heard that he was fired with enthusiasm for his work." "He was for a time, but he grew fangulid, and the first thing he knew he was fired with enthusiasm by the boss."

The Gladsome Morn.

"On New Year's morn We toot the horn Because another year is born. Shoot rockets high Athwart the sky And wake the welkin with our cry. Hip, hip, hurrah! We blithely say. This is the moment to be gay. The year is dead, And in its stead A new one comes to paint things red."

Another year.

"At last is here. And for awhile it will seem queer To write the date. And get things straight Without reverting to '08. Oh, me! Oh, me! How time does fly! On rubber tires the years slip by—New year, then June, The harvest moon And time for horns again to tune."

The moral here.

"Is very clear. It's handed to us once a year In prose and rhyme, And therefore I'm Inclined to cut it out this time."

Too True.

"A fool and his money are soon parted." "Pshaw! I know a better one." "What is it?" "A fool and his money seldom make connection."

Reason Enough.

"What makes a woman maddest?" "Another woman." "Why?" "Because."

SIREN AND SONS.

William Jennings Bryan is a member of nearly a dozen secret orders.

Dr. Wiley, the pure food expert, can eat and digest practically anything offered in the shape of food.

A remarkable record is that of Patrolman Chris Melando of Bayonne, N. J., who has been best man at no less than a hundred weddings.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who started at the ladder at Thompsonville, Conn., a few months ago to learn carpet making, has been advanced to the loom.

Hugh Graham, publisher of the Montreal Star, is one of the leading citizens of Canada who were honored by their sovereign during the past year with knighthood.

A postal card mailed at Gibraltar and addressed simply "Spelled either way, Springfield, Mass., U. S. A." was promptly delivered to Otto Baab, a piano dealer of that city.

W. Bayard Cutting, Jr., appointed secretary of legation at Tanager, has been vice consul at Milan and is a son-in-law of Hamilton John Agmonde-sham Cuffe, fifth earl of Desart.

J. Pierpont Morgan's cigars are made for him by the man who grows the tobacco in Cuba. They are packed twenty-five in a box, and he pays an even \$25 a box for them. He has paid more.

The largest family of boys in the United States is believed to be that of Charles Williams of Guthrie, Okla., who, seventy years old, is the father of sixteen boys, all of them still single and still at home. All the sons have Biblical names, beginning with Moses and ending with Leviticus.

Things Theatrical.

Ralph Delmore is appearing in Charles Klein's play, "The Third Degree."

Donald Brian, who was so successful in "The Merry Widow," is to sing the leading role in "The Dollar Princess."

Marguerite Clark, who was recently leading woman with De Wolf Hopper, has been engaged for a prominent role in "The Beauty Spot."

"Way Down East" is in its twelfth season of success and has many of the original members of its cast, including Phoebe Davies, who heads the company.

George M. Cohan, his father and mother, Jerry J. and Helen Cohan, and his sister Josephine are doing a capacity business this season in his musical success, "The Yankee Prince."

Household Hints.

Five cents' worth of whiting kept in a bathroom closet is a cheap and quick polisher of nickel fixings.

When vegetables with roots become soft and withered slice off one end and lay in water for a few hours.

The modern rolling pin is of glass or of porcelain, with glass handles. These materials are considered much more hygienic than wood.

To mend broken china spread on the edges a thin coating of white lead, press tightly together with a rubber band and leave until the lead is quite hardened.

In washing lettuce or greens dip in strong salt and water and let remain a few minutes. This will loosen any worms or bugs more effectually than any water without salt.

German Gleanings.

Automobile coal wagons, in which the box is lifted and dumped by the same motor that drives the vehicle, are being tried out in Berlin.

Rents in Berlin have greatly increased in the last twenty years, and in the old buildings put up twenty years ago the tenants pay 30 per cent below the present rate.

The largest orchards in the world are at Werder, near Berlin. They extend without a break to about 13,000 acres. They yield about 48,000,000 pounds of apples and pears every year.

A warning has been sounded in Germany by Professor Klemperer against immoderate indulgence in sports by boys, to which he attributes the terrifying increase in heart troubles.

Sporting Notes.

Dorando thinks Marathon races uninteresting with only two contestants. Wilmington has dropped out of the Tri-state league and joined the Atlantic.

Frank Rudderham, who was a failure on the National league umpire staff last season, has caught on with the Southern league.

Johnny Evers says he won't play ball until June 1. If there isn't room for him on the Cubs by that time, some other club might give him a trial.

The Cincinnati Nationals' new pitcher, Tom Cantwell, comes from the Georgetown university. He is twenty years old, weighs 200 pounds and is over six feet high.

Law Points.

A statute for the distribution, after reasonable notice, of the property of one who has absented himself for fourteen years is held constitutional in Nelson versus Blinn (Mass.), 83 N. E. 889, 15 L. R. A. (N. S.), 651.

A telephone company whose wires are rightfully strung in a public street is held in Kibble Telegraph company versus Landphere, 151 Mich. 309, 115 N. W. 300, 10 L. R. A. (N. S.), 689, to be entitled to an injunction against their being cut by one desiring to move a building along the street.

At Cedarcrest.

When the robins pipe in the morning breeze and the beets hang ripe on the pumpkin trees, when the chickens squall in their chilly shed, then I hate to crawl from my nice, warm bed! When a snowy shroud is on dune and tarn and the mules bray loud in the shabby barn, when the snowbirds fit in the leafless grove and the fire's unlit in the kitchen stove, when the hy-dramit's froze, like the babbling creek, then I'd like to doze for about a week! -Walt Mason in Emporia Gazette.

Germinitis Kissinitis. SWEETHEART'S KISS DELIGHT OF GERMS. PHYSICIAN ASSERTS.

Woman Doctor of Philadelphia Sees Them Chasing In Cleoful Abandon From Lip to Lip—Grave Danger Observed in Lovers' Soulful Smack.—Press Clipping.

Take back the germs that thou gavest. What are their antics to me? Take back the creatures thou cravest, Each that belongeth to thee. Perish perilous profusion Of microbes that mingle with glee! Love's dear, delicious delusion Quite hygienic must be. -Lippincott's Magazine.

A Wise Woman.

"Mrs. Frost always chooses a cross eyed nursemaid." "Why is that?" "So when the girl has one eye on the policeman she can have the other on the children." -New York Life.

I Wonder.

I wonder where the thoughts come from. The sudden little thoughts that come And pop into my head! They're not a part of me at all. I don't know how they came. Papa says 'p'raps I'll know some day, But grown folks always talk that way. I wonder just the same. -New York Herald.

Tragedy.

Mamma—Oh, George, George! Our daughter has eloped with the chauffeur.

Papa—Great heavens! Now, who's going to drive me to the office this morning?—Cleveland Leader.

Not Ever.

When saucy eyes look into yours, And rose red lips look teasing, And a wee hand is near your own, A little hand and squeeze; And a pink tinted little ear Peeps out through golden tresses, Then what's a man supposed to do? No true man needs two guesses. -Houston Post.

Its Advantages.

"Yes," remarked the beauty doctor contentedly, "there are some good features about my business. For instance, I always take people at their face value." -Baltimore American.

Bro'er Sparrow Exonerated.

Who killed Cock Robin? "Not I," said the Sparrow, "For my bow and arrow Is far out of date. But a wireless, they say, Hit poor Robin today, And that's how he met his fate." -Detroit Tribune.

Generally Led.

"You act as your wife's leading man, I believe," began the interviewer. "Yes," replied the husband of the star. "But," he added, "only on the stage." -Philadelphia Ledger.

Suffragette.

Each suffragette This thought should get Into her head's interior: Man's equal she Can never be Till no more his superior. -Detroit Free Press.

Bargains.

Scott—I suppose you are saving up something for a rainy day? Mott—I try to, but my wife mistakes every bargain sale for a shower.—Boston Transcript.

Hair Shirt Dramas.

Don't shun the theaters for your sins, But go quite often during Lent. Sit through the whole and watch the stage And you'll be more than penitent. -New York Press.

One Shortage.

"Yes, he is my ideal of a perfect man." "Perfect? But he isn't. He has no appendix." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BLOOD

We live by our blood, and on it. We thrive or starve, as our blood is rich or poor. There is nothing else to live on or by. When strength is full and spirits high we are being refreshed—bone, muscle and brain, in body and mind—with continual flow of rich blood. This is health.

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Other Men's Wives. "What a pretty party this is!" she said as she looked around the beautiful room at the pretty women sitting on the long divans against the wall. "And these are your wives? Aren't they sweet? Isn't it lovely?" "Yes," he admitted, "but you ought to have been at our party last month when we had a lot of other fellows' wives. It was a whole lot lovelier." -New York Press.

Priscilla Fasts. The fair Priscilla fasts through Lent. No devotee before a shrine Nor seeker on perfection bent Shows such determination fine. The fair Priscilla eats no meat. She dines upon a crust of toast. She does not drive along the street; She walks more miles than she can boast.

Dressed For the Concert. Heinrich Corried was telling how bad the old-fashioned concerts were sometimes. "An old Chicago millionaire," he said, "called upstairs to his daughters: 'What a time you girls take getting ready for the concert! Look at me—a bit of wadding in each ear, and I'm all ready.'" -Success Magazine.

The Lenten Fast. Madge but very seldom misses Chapel services in Lent. While in seasons such as this I must bide at home content. Yet for one or two things, maybe, Madge will credit me—at last I have learned to hold the baby And likewise the Lenten fast. -Woman's Home Companion.

A Tip. Dusty Rhodes—I wouldn't have to ask for help, but I've a lot of real estate on me hands that I can't get rid of. Mrs. Rural—Try soft soap and boiling water. -New York Life.

No Exaggeration. "The dearest girl is the sleighing girl." Writes a poet, and by all power We vow he's true— She's 'dear' to you When a sleigh for two Costs five cold plunks per hour. -Chicago News.

Immune. Tommy—you better look out if your mother's got the mumps; they're catching. Bobby—Oh, she's only my step-mother; she wouldn't give me anything. -New York Times.

Not Inside, but Outside. There was an old lady from Tyre Whose auto got stuck in the mire. Said the village's fool, "If 'twas only a mule You might start it by building a fire." -Philadelphia Ledger.

The Real Season For It. "In the spring a young man's fancy," the poet declares. But he ought to see him in the summer down by the seaside on the hotel piazza! That's the time a young man's fancy! -Brownings' Magazine.

Winter Tale. He thought that with precision nice He'd hop the moving car. But, ah, the step was caked with ice! ('Tis thought 'twill leave a scar.) -Kansas City Times.

Her Plea. "I see," said the country girl at the department store, "that here on this sign it says this elevator is for 'hats, feathers and flowers,' but may I go up in it, too, if you please?" -New York Press.

Power In Small Things. Little pens of metal, Little drops of ink, Make the grafter tremble. Make the people think. -Chicago News.

Poor Henry! "Henry, sometimes I'm sorry you are not a sailor." "But sailors are away from home so much of the time." "Yes." -Smart Set.

Truth In a Nutshell. No man you'll know by outward show Even if he does attract. You cannot tell what's in the shell Until the nut is cracked. -St. Louis Republic.

Ding! Ec—Anna, dear, you're the belle of my heart. She—Well, wouldn't you like to give your belle a ring, Gawgie, dear? -New York Herald.

There Are Exceptions. Some necessary things, you'll note, Can never be done by rule— You can't learn how to milk a goat At a correspondence school. -Chicago Tribune.

Can't Borrow Everything. Biggs—Shortleigh is a cheerful chap; never borrows trouble. Diggs—Oh, well, I suppose he has to draw the line somewhere. -Detroit Tribune.

Rubbing It In. Our shallowness is seen. Is there anything on earth can rack Your nervous system more Than to lie awake for hours and hear Some other fellow snore? -Kansas City Times.

Price on Him. "Know Jackson over there?" "Yes; he is a marked man." "What has he done?" "Failed to remove the price tag from his hand-me-down suit." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Explained. For springtime I can scarcely wait. The winter seems so rocky. I do not sleigh. I do not skate. I do not care for hockey. -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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