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## HUMOROUS.

It doesn't take much of a hunter to bag his trousers.—Glens Falls Republican.

Perdita—"Did you kiss him?" Penelope (ambiguously)—"Not much."—Life.

It is a wise child that goes out of the room when the old man smashes his thumb.—Texas Siftings.

There isn't one man in a dozen who will take the word of a preacher in a horse trade.—Ran's Horn.

Many a man thinks he can read a woman like a book till he tries to shut her up.—Philadelphia Times.

Marley—"Tell me, candidly, does your wife care for you?" Marigold—"Oh, yes; I'd starve if she didn't."—Truth.

It will be a good time to buy thermometers pretty soon; they are going down every day.—Boston Bulletin.

"We are having an epidemic of fleas," said the city official when it was discovered that the treasurer was gone.—Washington Star.

Mother—"Do you know why your pa called Mr. Blowhard a liar, Tommy?" Tommy—"Yes'm; he's a smaller man than pa."—Brooklyn Life.

If folks will fool with other people's money and get behind the wicket of a cell door in consequence that's their lookout.—Philadelphia Times.

"Why is it so much easier to contract debts than to pay them?" "Because we run into debt, but usually have to crawl out."—New York Herald.

First day out on the steamer—A. "Where is D. this morning?" B. "In his stateroom." A. "How is he?" B. "Barely holding his own."—Cryp.

Judge: "At first you stole \$10, and then \$50. Are you never going to do better?" Criminal: "Why, your Honor, I did better that time, by \$20."—Ex.

"She—Miss Fussanfeather is passionately fond of dogs." He—"Then I misunderstand her feelings when she called me a puppy!"—Yonders Statesman.

The Widow—"You are not as thoughtful for others as you would be if you were married." The Maid—"No; I am still looking out for No. 1."—Brooklyn Life.

"They say the child looks like me," said Gargyle, displaying his first-born. "He does—a good deal," replied Glanders. "Still I don't think I would drown him on that account."—Harper's Bazar.

An old bachelor, at a wedding-feast, had the heartlessness to offer the following toast:—"Marriage—The gate through which the happy lover leaves his enchanted regions, and returns to earth."—Ex.

The disappointed girl—"It was awful luck. They called at the same time. Both wanted to propose. Neither would go, and—"

The confidante—"Which one got left?" The disappointed—"I did."—Omaha Bee.

Invalid Wife—"John, dear, I do hope if you should ever marry again you will find a better wife than I have been." John—"There, there, my love, don't worry; there will be no trouble about that."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Oh, mamma, Jack Lougare proposed to me last night and I accepted him."

"Are you sure you love him, dear?"

"Why, mamma, how old fellow you are! What in the world has that got to do with it?"—Life.

Miss Smith—"But didn't you promise me, when I refused you last spring, that you would never mention this subject again?" Bullfinch—"Yes, I know, but I never dreamed then that your father would have such luck with his sugar stock."—Boston Courier.

Employer—"Mr. Redink, you got off yesterday afternoon under the plea of being sick; I saw you afterward going to the races, and you didn't appear to be at all sick."

Employee—"You ought to have seen me after the second race. I was sick enough then."—Puck.

"I am afraid there is arsenic in these wall papers," said a prospective tenant of a flat to the agent.

"There is a little, sir," replied the agent frankly, "but not enough to injure adults. It has been calculated to effect children only, who might possibly be brought in against our rules."—Judge.

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## Why He was Riled.

An old gray-haired colored man had asked me for a small contribution to aid in finishing off the belfry of his church building down the street, when a young man came along and stopped short and glared at him and demanded:

"Is yo'r name Ebenezer Davis, sah?"

"Of co'se it ar," was the reply.

"Does yo' pass de contribushin box in de Fast Call's Baptist Church?"

"Of co'se I doos. What yo' driving at, boy? Hain't we done know each udder for ten y'ars?"

"No, sah—no, sah! I hain't de honor of yo'r disquaintance, sah?"

"Yo' hain't?"

"No, sah; but I desial to repress a few facts yo'r mind, sah. I was at church last Sunday in company wid Miss Evelyn Jackson."

"Yes, I seed yo' boaf dar."

"Yo' was de passon who passed de box on dat occasion?"

"I was."

"Yo' stopped 'longside o' me, sah. I hain't nuffin smaller dan a quarter, but yo' stood till everybody in de meetin' house was lookin' at me. In udder words, sah, yo' fo'ced me to drop in dat quarter."

"Hu! I recked yo' was showin' off befo' dat gal."

"An' now, Ijs want yo' to understand," continued the young man, as he pointed with his finger, "if I eber distort Miss Evelyn to yo'r church on a frequent occasion, and yo' cum around wid dat contribushin' box as yo' squeeze er quarter out o' me, I'll jis lick yo' till hell freezes over. Good-day, sah!"

He walked down the street as stilled as a crowbar, and the old man watched him out of sight, and then turned and whispered:

"Fo' de Lawd! I see ober sixty y'ars ole, and I never dun see sich a bellaboo in a diligent young man befo'!"—St. Louis City Journal.

Too Late.

A short time ago I happened to make one of a merry party traveling on a western river steamer.

Every one was on the keen lookout for any amusement, when at one of the landings, a pair of originals came on board, who had very much the air of an eloping couple.

The man was a tall, raw-boned specimen of the half-horse, half alligator class of westerners that are playfully termed hoosiers, by people of a sarcastic turn of mind.

Amongst those passengers who did not belong to our party was a solemn, portentious looking individual, whom every one set down as a traveling preacher.

Towards night, while the fun was at its height in the brilliantly lighted saloon of the steamer, I was conversing on the quarter deck with the supposed reverend gentleman, when a young man stepped up and said to him: "We are going to have a wedding down stairs and want you to officiate as pastor."

"All right," he replied, laughingly, and we proceeded to the ladies' cabin, where the couple of hoosiers stood awaiting unity, surrounded by a chattering group of extempore groomsmen and bridesmaids.

There had been several innocent kissing matches and mock marriages during the trip, and this was supposed at the time to be a continuation of the rather exaggerated merriment, and so also thought the whom preacher. The couple stood up before him and the officiating priest asked the necessary questions.

Then in the usual way he pronounced the man and wife amidst the applause of the bystanders.

After some time the mock preacher was about to retire, and had, in fact, pulled off his coat, vest and one boot, when one of the colored stewards came and told him that the couple he had married in a joke had taken the thing in dead earnest, and had retired to the same stateroom.

In horror at the enormity of the mistake he had made, the clerical looking gentleman rushed to the stateroom just as he was, and rapped fast and furiously at the door. Getting no reply he yelled out at the top of his voice in his agitation:

"For heaven's sake! I'm not a preacher, I'm only a plain citizen."

The whole ship was aroused. Every stateroom around opened at the noise, and the travelers stood around in groups discussing the affairs in whispers. Suddenly the stateroom door of the couple opened slowly and the old gentleman ceased his pounding. The head of the male occupant protruded from the doorway, and, amidst the impressive silence that followed he said coolly

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