

**On The Side.**

Hope is ever young. Hope is always represented as a woman.

It is possible for three people to keep the same secret, but after two of them are dead.

Mrs. Garfield is the first mother to see her son inaugurated President of the United States.

"Downy" way of putting it: Men are geese, women are ducks, and birds of feather flock together.

Miss Lillian, daughter of the late Senator Carpenter, is usually spoken of as "the most beautiful girl in Washington."

"Papa, I saw a young sparrow fall out of its nest this morning."

"Well, what of it, my son?"

"Why, I don't think the Lord could have noted the fall, papa, because the cat got it."

If a poor merchant should marry an extravagant girl, would his book-keeper? If she should neglect to sew on his buttons, would her dressmaker? And if she should refuse to put on her own clothes, would her hairdresser?

"Do you realize it, Angelica?" whispered Clarence to his betrothed; "only two weeks more and we will be one; but remember darling, I am to be that one."

And the angelic creature silently stole to the piano and touchingly warbled, "Oh to be nothing!"

After Hamlet and the Grave Digger: Scene at a stable—Funny Freshman (to hostler, who is rubbing down his horse): "Pat I'm afraid you're currying favor with that horse." Hostler: "Faith, no! I'm merely scrapin' an acquaintance." Harvard Crimson.

A soft voice in a woman always goes with a gentle spirit. A gentleman sitting in a friend's parlor engaged in conversation with him was startled by a noise down stairs, and paused to ask: "What's that—a crash of crockery?" "No; that's only my wife calling to me."

A girl heard her father criticised severely across the dinner table. The careless critic paused a moment to say: "I hope he is no relative of yours, miss." Quick as thought she replied with the utmost nonchalance: "Only a connection of my mother's by marriage."

A Galveston darkey rushed into a doctor's office and breathlessly exclaimed: "Come on, doctor, right off. Dar is somebody in my house who is in an awful fix—laid up in bed agronin' and agronin'."

"Who is it?" "It's me. You see, boss, I didn't habanybody to send, so I came myself."—Galveston News.

Two loving beings that had plighted their troth some years ago, and were about to be married, are separated forever. They were sitting together one evening, going on about as usual, when she observed to him rather petulantly: "Charles, you don't understand anything about hugging; you haven't got the knack of it." "Indeed," he replied in a disheartened tone, "that's very strange, for I've been practicing on two or three other girls for several months."

Fogg—"I say, Jones, that dog of yours gave me an awful fright. As I was passing your house the other night he came tearing out of the yard, barking and yelping like all possessed." Jones—"Oh he won't hurt you Fogg; he is perfectly harmless." Fogg—"Yes, that is what I told Mrs F. this morning. He is perfectly harmless. He began to be harmless just after he ran at me last night. I had my revolver in my pocket. Good morning Jones."

"Johnny," said his father as the boy took the primal biscuit from the plate, "don't you know that it is impolite to help yourself before your elders?"

"Why, pa, mother told me to help myself before you." "What do you mean, sir?" asked his father, while his mother looked up with astonishment depicted in every feature. "Why, I heard mother tell Aunt Hannah that she hoped I wouldn't take after you, and so I thought I'd take my biscuit first."

**Power of a Plug Hat.**

The plug hat is virtually a sort of a social guarantee for the preservation of peace and order. He who puts one on has given a hostage to the community for his good behavior. The wearer of a plug hat must move with a certain sedateness and propriety. He can not run, or jump, or romp or get into a fight, except at the peril of his head-gear. All the hidden influences of the beaver tend toward respectability. He who wears one is obliged to become thoughtful through the necessity of watching the sky whenever he goes out. The chances are that he will buy an umbrella—perpetual and exacting as it must ever be—adds to the sweetness of his character. The man who wears a plug hat naturally takes to the society of women, and all is elevated tenderness. He can not go hunting and fishing without abandoning his beloved hat, but in the modern employment of croquet and lawn tennis he may sport his beaver with impunity. In other words, the constant use of a plug hat makes a man composed in manner, quiet and gentlemanly in conduct, and the companion of the ladies. The inevitable result is prosperity, marriage and church membership.

**Extracts from the Talmud.**

"Who is strong? He who subdues his passion. Who is rich? He who is satisfied with his lot." "He who sacrifices a whole offering shall be rewarded for a whole offering; he who offers a burned offering, shall have the reward of a burned offering, but he who offers humanity to God and man shall be rewarded as if he had offered all the sacrifices in the world." "There are four characters in scholars: Quick to hear and quick to forget, his gain is canceled by his loss; slow to hear and slow to forget, his loss is canceled by his gain; quick to hear and slow to forget, he is wise; slow to hear and quick to forget, this is an evil lot." "There are four characters in those who sit under the wise: A sponge, a funnel, a strainer and a bolt-sieve. A sponge, which sucks up all; a funnel,

which lets in here and lets out there; a strainer which lets out the wine and keeps back the dregs; a bolt-sieve, which lets out the pollard and keeps back the flour." "He who has more learning than good works, is like a tree with many branches but few roots, which the first wind throws on its face; while he whose works are greater than his knowledge, is like a tree with many roots and fewer branches, but which all the winds of heaven cannot uproot." "If thy wife is small, bend down to her and whisper in her ear. He who forsakes the love of his youth, God's altar weeps for him. He who sees his wife die before him has, as it were, been present at the destruction of the sanctuary itself—around him the world grows dark." "He who marries for money, his children shall be a curse to him." "Rabbi Jose said: I never call my wife 'wife,' but 'home,' for she indeed makes my home." "Underneath the wings of the seraphim are stretched the arms of divine mercy, ever ready to receive sinners."

**Superstitions of Rossini.**

Rossini was a very superstitious man. King Louis Philippe once gave the composer a magnificent repeater, which the latter was extremely proud of and carried in his pocket every day for six years. One afternoon as he was showing it to some acquaintances in a Paris cafe, a strange gentleman walked up to the table at which he was sitting, and said to him: "M. Rossini, you do not know the secrets of your watch, although you have carried it for such a long time. Will you permit me to reveal them to you?" Rossini, with an ironical smile, handed him the watch; when, greatly to his surprise, the stranger touched a hidden spring, and a false lining to the back of the watch flew open, disclosing the maestro's portrait, painted in miniature, and surrounded by a wreath of enamelled Arabic characters. This mysterious person then avowed himself the maker of the watch, but though urgently begged by Rossini to tell him the significance of the Arabic words absolutely refused to do so. Rossini, convinced that some evil spell must be in the queer characters, became so afraid of the watch that he would never wear it again, and after his death, it was found hidden away and covered with dust.

The cashier enters the private office of the president, nervous and agitated. "Sir," he says, "I have something on my mind which I feel myself compelled to disclose to you, though for months I have striven to conceal it." The President turns pale. "The fact is that I—love your daughter." The President breathes more freely. "Ah, you love my daughter. Do you ever make any errors in your books, or in counting your cash? Find yourself abstracted eh?" "Never, sir," with pride. "Then, sir, I must decline to encourage your suit. You are not really in love."

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