

On The Side.

Old maids are described as 'embers from which sparks have fled.'

The fellow who was much struck by a young lady wanted to return a kiss for the blow.

A minister walked six miles to marry a couple lately. He said he felt sort of feeble like.

Marriage, says Blackstone, is a civil contract. Very civil before marriage—but afterward?

No one believes that he can mystify his mind; but every one imagines that he can gull his conscience.

How is it possible to expect that mankind will take advice when they will not so much as take warning.

"Taken prisoner and handcuffed," said the bad boy when he was apprehended and had his ears boxed.

Women generally are in favor of corporal punishment. They never go any where without their switch.

Corn is the worst used of all the cereals. No matter how fruitful it is, it is only grown to get its ears pulled.

"One good turn deserves another," as the man said when he turned the organ-grinder out of the front yard.

"How does painting agree with my daughter?" asked an anxious parent. "It makes her too red in the face," replied the teacher.

A Canada man sued a country editor for libel and got twenty-five cents damages, and then the editor went off and made an assignment.

It must have been a maiden lady who never had an offer of marriage who declared that "where singleness is bliss, 'tis folly to be wives."

Beneath this quiet, turfy And flower-scented green Lies Arabella Murphy, As usual—kerosene.

"How shall I have my bonnet trimmed," asked Maria, "so that it will agree with my complexion?" "If you want it to match your face, have it plain," replied the hateful Hattie.

The fences of the United States have cost \$2,000,000,000. What colored individual remarked some years ago that this country would give millions for defence?

They had been at a masquerade, where she had recognized him at once. "Was it the loud beating of my heart, my darling, that told you I was near?" murmured he. "Oh, no, no," she replied, "I recognized your crooked legs."

A deacon called at the quarters of a young man who was training for a prize fight, and, seeing him dining on a plain chop with unadorned bread, asked, "why does he live so poorly?" "Oh," said the trainer, "he is a very close-fisted man."

The tallest trees in the world are in Australia. A fallen tree in Gippsland measured 435 feet from the root to the highest point of the branches. Another standing in the Dandenong district, in Victoria, is estimated to be over 450 feet from the ground to the top.

A young lady who had been married a short time, lately told a 'bosom friend' that there was only one thing more astonishing than the readiness with which Ned gave up smoking, and that was the rapidity with which he took to it again after they were married.

A Maine woman has made a contract with a Boston firm to supply fifteen thousand pairs of mittens. One "mitten" from a woman has been known to wreck the happiness of a young man, but the Boston firm may be old and tough, and have got over such foolishness.

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to man. Kites rise against and not with the wind. Even a head wind is better than none. No man ever worked his passage in dead calm. Let no man be discouraged because of opposition, but let him utilize it to his own advantage.

Algiers possesses a river of veritable ink. Two streams, one starting from a region where the soil is ferruginous, the other from a peat-swamp, meet and form the river, whose inky constituency is due to the mixing of the iron and the gallic acid which the two tributary streams respectively contain.

Monday afternoon a tramp came up the Hudson road and stopped at the small-pox tents with a puzzled look on his face and after circling around three or four times he finally asked one of the nurses: "Don't call this a first-class circus, do you?" "Not exactly; we call this a small-pox show." "Then I won't wait for the performance," muttered the tramp, and he lit out like a man walking for money.

The Hawkeye tells about a Burlington man who went into a drug store and asked the clerk, "can you give me something that will drive from my mind the thoughts of sorrow and bitter recollections?" And the druggist nodded and put him up a little dose of quinine and wormwood and rhubarb and epsom salts and a dash of castor oil, and gave it to him, and for six months the man couldn't think of anything in the world except new schemes for getting the taste out of his mouth.

The Fourteen Wonders of the World.

The seven wonders of the world, in ancient times were the Pyramids of Egypt, the Pharos of Alexandria, the walls and hanging gardens of Babylon, the Temple of Diana, the statue of the Olympian Jupiter, the Mausoleum of Artemis, and the Colossus at Rhodes.

The seven wonders of the world in modern times are the printing press, the steam-engine, the telegraph, the daguerre-type, the telephone, the phonograph, and the electric light.

The so-called "Seven Wonders" of the Ancients were mere trifles compared with those of the present time. The Brooklyn Bridge, for example, would make the hanging gardens of Babylon a mere toy,

while the whole seven wonders put together would sink into insignificance could their builders have seen a lightning express train at full speed.

The Baby President.

There is nobody that did not understand that grief-stricken old lady, the mother of the President, when she said: "How could anybody be so cold-hearted as to attempt to kill my baby?" Her baby! The chief magistrate of fifty millions of people. Her baby! the grandest figure before the world, the full-armed type of American manhood, physically and intellectually the superior of any ruler of any people on the earth.

And yet to her he was not the representative of the people in Congress, not the Senator from Ohio, not even the President of the United States, in all his dignities and honors; he was her baby still. How in that time the mother spoke. Honors, titles, offices were nothing. His first claim to her consideration was the fact that he was her baby, and she could no more comprehend enmity to him as President than injury to him as a child.

How wonderful, how inexplicable is a mother's love. We call it instinct, but it is the link that binds the world together. Opposed, the shrinking woman becomes a tigress and dies for her offspring rather than desert it. Over disgrace, over crime, over home affections and over all other ties, it rides and rules, defying fate and scorning death.

Before this sorrowing old lady the world stands uncovered in reverence, in sympathy and in tears. We had not thought of him as ever anybody's baby, but he was and is, and there is a grief in that fond old mother's heart surpassing all that the Nation feels.

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