

The Scrap Book

Complimentary. Captain (to ladies on a steamer)—Ladies, please do not look so long at the compass, your magnetic eyes will spoil the course!

MUTATION. They talk of short lived pleasure. Be it so. Pain dies as quickly. Stern, hard featured pain Expires and lets her weary prisoners go. The fiercest agonies have shortest reign. And after dreams of horror comes again The welcome morning with its rays of peace. Oblivion, softly wiping out the stain. Makes the strong secret pangs of shame to cease. Remorse is virtue's root. Its fair increase Are fruits of innocence and blessedness. Thus joy, o'erborne and bound, doth still release His young limbs from the chains that round him press. Weep not that the world changes. Did it keep A stable, changeless state 'twere cause indeed to weep. —Bryant.

Rumor. Rumor is a common noun, singular and feminine gender—except when it is used by stock gamblers to influence the market or by statesmen to influence politics.

Necessity is the grandmother of Rumor, because Rumor is the child of invention. Considered separately, its forebears are feminine ideobodies and masculine busybodies.

The physical properties of Rumor are unique and interesting. It is more potent than fact, attains to a greater velocity than electricity, cannot be reduced to a syllogism, feeds on emotion, sleeps with one eye open, gathers strength with age and dies of punctured dropsy.

Rumor is like Santa Claus. We know its general tendencies, but not its specific origin. All we know of Rumor is from hearsay. No one has ever been arrested for stealing it, as the original owner is always unwilling to claim it.

Rumor is predatory. Its chief quarries are lovers (married or single), preachers, social leaders, policemen, politicians and people. Its bitterest foe is Rumor. Therefore Rumor should always be treated homeopathically. Its motto is: "Don't believe half you hear and forget the other half."—Lippincott's.

Drumming the Drummer.

In the Silver Bow club in Helena they used to play big poker. At the game one day sat Marcus Daly, George Hearst and J. B. Maggin, when there burst in a radiant New York drummer who had a two weeks' cord to the institution. He marched up to the players and politely inquired if he might take a hand.

"Why, yes. Come right in," said Daly.

The drummer pulled out a roll of bills and threw a \$100 note on the table. "Let me have chips for that," he said grandly. He went to hang up his coat and hat. When he returned the bill still lay on the table.

"What's the matter, gentlemen? Ain't my money good?"

"Why, yes, to be sure," said Daly. "Hearst, give the gentleman one white chip."

Rough on the Dictionary.

Billy, aged twelve, took part in a debate on imperialism. His opponent made a point by quoting the definition of empire from the dictionary. Billy, nothing daunted, with all the air of Patrick Henry, rose up and said: "It's all right for my opponent to quote from the dictionary, but as for me I rely on the facts!"—Everybody's.

A Wife's Ready Wit.

A popular clergyman saw a lady about to call whom he was anxious not to meet. So he said to his wife, "I'll run upstairs, my dear, and escape till she goes away."

After about an hour he quietly tiptoed to the stair landing and listened. All was quiet below. Reassured, he began to descend and called out over the balustrade:

"Well, my dear, you got rid of that old bore at last."

The next instant a voice from below roared him to the spot. It was the voice of the caller! Then came a response which sounded inexpressibly sweet to him. It was the voice of his wife:

"Yes, dear, she went away over an hour ago. But here is our good friend, Mrs. Blank, whom I am sure you want to meet."

The Deacon Was Right.

A minister announced to his flock that he would have to leave them, as he was called to another field.

"How much more salary do you expect to get than here?" asked one of the deacons.

"Three hundred dollars," remarked the minister, with some hesitation.

"I don't blame you for goin', but you should be more exact in your language. That isn't a 'call,' it's a 'raise.'" —Ladies' Home Journal.

The Young Minister's Impression.

A young minister was particularly anxious to make a favorable impression on his hearers at his first Sabbath morning service.

In the quietness of his study he suddenly hit upon a plan whereby this end would admirably be accomplished. His text for the following Sunday was, "And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove."

To carry out the minister's great idea the Irish sexton was necessary, and Pat was sent for.

"Now, Patrick," said the minister, "on next Sunday morning I am going to preach a sermon on the text, 'And

the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove.' I want you to climb up into the belfry and station yourself at the small trapdoor over the center of the church and open it just enough so you can distinctly hear every word I say and still not make yourself seen by any one in the congregation. About the middle of my sermon I shall repeat the text, 'And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove,' and you are to lower a live snow white dove, which I shall give you, down through the opening, and it will flutter through the air and be the means of making a deep impression on my hearers, who will readily see its connection with the text."

On Sunday morning Patrick departed with the dove, even himself deeply impressed with the great originality of the young minister, who had displayed, and promising that he would faithfully carry out to the letter every wish.

The congregation was much larger than usual, and all were anxious to hear the young minister, who had come to them "highly recommended." They were all attention, and not a sound was heard except that which proceeded from the mouth of the eloquent speaker.

The middle of the sermon was reached, and the text was slowly and distinctly repeated, "And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove." The reverend gentleman lifted his eyes slightly, expecting to see the beautiful symbol of purity and peace hovering over the heads of his hearers.

But no dove. Pat had evidently forgotten the one or had failed to hear the minister at the important moment. So the text was repeated, this time a little louder, "And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove." He arched his eyebrows a little higher, but no dove greeted his vision. He began to grow impatient, and the third time he repeated at the top of his voice, "And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove." This time his eyes looked straight up as if in prayerful attitude, and he was rewarded, not by the graceful sway of the dove through the air, as had expected, but by the grimy, frightened face of Pat, who, in the agony of his failure to carry out his part of the plot, blurted out:

"Say, yer reverence, your riverence, the cat eat up the Holy Ghost. Shall Ol sind down the cat?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

Asking His Pardon.

While Beckmann, the great comic actor, was playing at Berlin his friends persuaded him one day to imitate Frankel, the journalist and critic. He did it both in looks and manner so well that at the close of the act the audience called for Frankel. The offended critic brought suit, and Beckmann was sentenced to ask the complainant's pardon in the presence of witnesses at the plaintiff's home.

At the appointed hour Frankel, surrounded by his family and a number of friends, was awaiting for the penitent. At last the door opened, Beckmann put his head in and asked:

"Does Mr. Maier live here?"

"Oh, no," replied Frankel, "he lives next door."

"Ah, then, I beg your pardon!" said Beckmann, who, having thus done penance, retreated quickly.

Answered in the Course of Business.

"Doctor," said he, "before you put the lid on my conversation will you answer a question?"

"Yes," said the dentist, selecting a square piece of rubber and snipping it with his scissors.

"Do people chew more on one side of the mouth than the other?"

"Sure."

"Which side?"

"The inside," replied the dentist, slipping the rubber over the patient's lips. —Lippincott's.

If Jackson Was Alive.

In opposing a resolution in the Missouri house of representatives, which provided for an appropriate Jefferson City celebration of the anniversary of the memory of Andrew Jackson, Representative Murphy of St. Louis spoke:

"Present day Democrats," declared Mr. Murphy, with fine fervor, "have little in common with Andy Jackson. And if Andy Jackson was alive today," Mr. Murphy earnestly concluded, "he would be glad he was dead."

The Kind Captain.

Comptroller Metz of New York opposed a certain bill on the ground that it would accomplish nothing.

"That bill," he said, "would effect no more real change than did the kindness of the canal boat captain to the weary actor. After an enforced idleness of two months the actor was offered an engagement in a town twenty-five miles away on condition that he report for work that evening at 7 o'clock."

"Well, he patched up his worn shoes as best he could, pinned up his wardrobe in an old newspaper and set out along the towpath of the canal. But after he had covered some nine or ten miles the poor fellow's boots gave out, and a little farther along, footsore and weary, he gave up in despair and threw himself on the grass by the bank of the canal."

"As he lay there cursing his fate a canal boat hove in sight. The actor was seized with an inspiration."

"'Captain!' he shouted as the boat drew near. 'Pull up, captain! For the love of heaven pull up!'"

"'What?' inquired the captain as he stopped the boat."

"'Captain!' pleaded the actor. 'I've simply got to get to Quaz tonight to play second heavy in 'The Pittfalls of Pittsburgh.' Can you give me a lift? I'll gladly work my passage.'"

"'Right-O,' said the captain, with a kindly nod. 'Lead the mule.'—Everybody's.

JUST A POSTAL.

By LESTER ROSE

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Jimmy propped the card against the sugar bowl, and while he hurriedly ate his breakfast his eyes seldom wandered from the picture. Delia, the dining room girl, regarded him scornfully. What was the use of mooning over a picture postal with never a word to tell who it was from?

It was rather a pretty picture, a quiet little town nestling on the bank of a broad stream, but it might have been a love letter from the way Jimmy stared at it. Twice Delia had to remind him that he must leave the house by three minutes past 8 in order to catch the last car that would land him at the office on time.

Delia knew to a fraction of a second when each of Mrs. Beeman's twosome boarders must leave. Driggs jestingly called her the "human alarm clock."

Recalled to earth by the second suggestion, Jimmy thrust the card into his breast pocket and sprinted down the street to the corner. Once on the car he took out the card again and had to walk back three blocks because he was carried past the office building still studying the picture.

After all, it was a picture well worth the study, for Arlington was one of the prettiest towns in his native state. Postal cards with local views were something new for the little town. Jimmy could remember the stir which the first illustrated postal received by an Arlingtonian had made. Sarah Coyne, to whom it was addressed, had let the postmistress keep it for a whole week that all might see the curiosity. It had attracted more attention than the first Philippine stamp.

Now, it was evident that some amateur photographer had taken a picture of Arlington from the hill. Jimmy could almost locate the exact spot where he had often stood. It was over

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She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph Branthwaite, Joseph A. Bright, Joseph A. Baker and Morgan Murray, all of Highwood, Mont.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 31 day of March, 1908. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Jan. 25, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber land in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory, as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, ALEXANDER BANNATYNE, of Collins, Montana, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 11,288, made January 7, 1901, for lot 7, SW³/₄ SW³/₄ section 11, and N¹/₄ SE¹/₄ section 10, township 25 north, range 1 east, and that said proof will be made before John McNeill, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Big Sandy, Montana, on Tuesday, the 10 day of March, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Albert C. Wolfe, Edwin H. Summer, Frank E. Larson and Christian Stark, all of Gold Butte, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Feb. 1, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber land in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory, as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, JOHN MAIR, of Gold Butte, Montana, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 5992, made May 24, 1897, for lot 7, SW³/₄ SW³/₄ section 28, lots 2 and 3, section 33, township 25 north, range 13 east, and that said proof will be made before Edgar H. Newhall, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Big Sandy, Montana, on March 10, 1908.

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