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—"Another lie nailed," said the clerk as he tacked up a "selling out at cost" sign.—*Terre Haute Express.*

—The fraudulent old beau who dyes his hair has no right to be writing to any girl about his undying love.—*N. O. Picayune.*

—New Clerk—"These apples seem to be very small." Proprietor (irritably)—"Well, what do you expect when you open the wrong end of the barrel?"—*Boston Beacon.*

—Al—"Heartless girl, you refuse me! I have $25,000 worth of diamonds for you. Is there no silver lining to my dark cloud?" She—"Yes, if you put it in that light."—*Detroit Free Press.*

—Enthusiastic Bride—"Oh, I am so happy with Fred! Love makes time fly." Matter of Fact Old Father—"And when you have been married as long as I have, you'll find that time makes love fly."

—Minister (who has just driven his horse to a wedding in the country)—"Can I hitch out here [illegible] respective Bridegroom—"Wal' [illegible] Sal and the folks reckon [illegible] thin' done in the hoss [illegible]

—"Is it not [illegible] as he gazed at the [illegible] of Niagara, "the [illegible] significant quantity of [illegible] arises from that vast [illegible] water should be mist?"—*Detroit Free Press.*

—The word "small-pox" fell to Tommy to spell, but he floundered hopelessly. "Tommy," said the teacher, "do you know what a little boy who falls on so simple a word as small-pox ought to get?" "Yes'm," replied Tommy, "he ought to get vaccinated."—*Life.*

—"Young man," shouted her papa over the banisters at about 1 a. m., "you seem to take no note of time!" "No," replied the prosperous young merchant in a business-like tone, "never for more than thirty days." And the old man returned quietly to bed and dreamed of his prospective son-in-law and boodle.—*New Haven News.*

—"Your honor," said a vagrant to the police judge, "it's a shame to impose that fine. I belong to the refined class, I do." "Refined class?" "Yes, sir. Wasn't I fined the last time I was up here?" "Yes." "And wasn't I refined this time?" The court included sixty days in the work-house in the sentence.—*Merchant Traveler.*

—"My dear boy," said a mother to her son, as he handed round his plate for more turkey, "this is the fourth time you have been helped." "I know, mother," replied the boy, "but that turkey pecked me once, and I want to get square with him." He got his turkey.—*San Francisco Wasp.*

MISPLACED CONFIDENCE.

Living on a Joke for Two Years, Only to Find It Was All a Mistake.

"John, dear!"

"Well, Mag—what is it?"

"I don't believe you love me as you used to do."

"Why not?"

"Oh, you don't say such rapturous words and do such crazy things."

"Don't I kiss you every morning when I leave and every night when I return?"

"Yes, just as you take your medicine when you're sick—because you've got to."

"What a little goose of a darling you are, to be sure."

"And I don't believe you'd give me the same answer you did during our courtship days—when I asked you about Eve."

"What was that?"

"Why, that Adam got a bonanza when he got Eve."

"Oh, I never said any such thing."

"You did, John."

"You misunderstood me."

"No, I did not, you wretch."

"Now, Mag, I'll tell you—"

"What?"

"This is what I said. I remember it distinctly. It was a little joke of mine."

"Oh, it was? Well, may be your love for me was a joke."

"Now, Mag."

"Well, go on."

"You asked me what reply the Lord made Adam when he asked Him for a companion."

"Yes, and you said He gave him a bonanza, and implied that I was your bonanza. Oh, I am a poor deceived wife."

"Now, Mag! I said no such thing. I said, when Adam asked for a companion, that—"

"The Lord gave him a bonanza."

"No, dear—you misunderstood me. A woman can never see a joke. I said He gave him a bone-answer."

"And I've been living on that miserable joke these two years past."

"Ha! ha! ha!"

"Oh, yes! laugh, you monster! And now I suppose you tell me that 'bone-answer' and 'bonanza' are not the same!"

"Oh, that's outside the limits of my joke. A joke don't want to be covered all over with frills and furbelows, like a woman's gown."

"Oh, it doesn't?"

"No, dear. A joke is masculine."

"Of course. That's why it is brutal."

"Good-bye, dear. Here comes my car."

"Good-bye. Do you really love me, John?"

"Can't stop now. Tell you all about it to-night."—*N. E. Farmer.*

But Yet an Orphan.

It is only the professional beggar, graduated after a severe course of training, who remembers his part on all occasions. Mrs. Bancroft, an English lady, was guilty of setting a very effective trap for a little boy, who one day came up to her in the street, whining.

"Please, mum, a 'alfpenny, mum. So 'ungry, mum. Ain't 'ad nothink to eat since yesterday mornin' mum. Do, mum. I'm a poor horfun, mum."

"Poor boy! An orphan?"

"Yes, mum."

"Dear me! where do your father and mother live?"

"In Queen street, mum?"—*Youth's Companion.*

A WONDERFUL FREAK.

She Couldn't Marry Him, But Was Able to Say Something Nice.

"Penelope, can't you say something to soften the blow?" implored the young man.

"O, Philip, Philip! What can I say? It is all over between us."

"That doesn't soften it any," rejoined Philip; "that's what you said before."

And the unhappy youth looked mournfully at a ten-dollar volume of poems he had presented her a few months before, and heaved a sigh so deep, so profound, that it made his shoes perceptibly tighter.

"Penelope," he continued, "when a young man builds up all his hopes on the promise of a young woman, and that young woman deliberately goes back on that promise, it knocks the props, as it were, out from under his hopes, and they come down, kerwash! You may have a perception some time, Penelope," he added, with increasing gloom, "of the feelings of a human being standing by a wreck of this kind, and looking at the debris of his own happiness."

"I couldn't help it, Pallip," she replied. "I have become satisfied that we were not made for each other. We should not be happy together. We—"

"Is it because I am a mugwump?" he demanded.

"No, Philip, it is not that. I think, with proper nursing, you would recover from that in time. Neither have I any objection to your personal appearance, your position in society, your habits——"

"My habits!" he ejaculated. "I hope not." Penelope Witherspoon, I never in my life took a drink of any thing intoxicating, never chewed tobacco, never smoked a cigar, never went to a circus, and never was in a ball-room. I don't drink tea or coffee, eat peanuts, chew gum, read novels, swear, gamble, lie, use snuff, play checkers, sit up late at night, go to theaters, eat between meals, nor read Amelie Rives. I never kissed a young woman in my life——"

"So far as my experience goes," assented Penelope, retrospectively. "I can certify that you have not, Philip," she added, with a glow of tender womanly sympathy on her face; "you asked me to say something to soften the blow. I think I can foresee a great future for you. Your habits have fitted you for a shining career."

"In what capacity, may I ask?"

"As a $500-a-week freak in a dime museum!"—*Chicago Tribune.*

AN INTERESTING CASE.

A Curious Legal Question Recently Decided by an English Court.

The children of Marc Thomegay have recently caused the record of one of the most curious legal complications ever known. Marc was a workman of Geneva, who came to England in 1734. According to his own account, as he told it in a petition to the council of Geneva some years afterward, "one of the first ties he formed in England was an attachment for Miss Martha Powis, whom he intended to marry as soon as fortune would allow him to do so." Being unable to marry, they lived together for several years and had three children. In 1749, however, he married Elizabeth Woodhouse, and one daughter was born to them. Elizabeth Woodhouse died in 1747, and in 1754 he finally married Martha Powis, by whom he had three more children. Two of her children, born before her marriage, returned to Geneva and married there, and in order to legitimize them Marc in 1774 appealed to the council. This, not being contrary to the law of Switzerland, was granted, and the children pronounced legitimate. In 1866 a lady, who was descended from Marc and his wife Elizabeth, died intestate in England, possessed of a large property, and to find her next kin it was necessary to go back to the children of Martha Powis. Then came the issue between the descendants of the three children born before wedlock, but legitimized by the Geneva court, and the children born after wedlock, who were legitimate unquestionably according to English law. The English law does not permit children to be made legitimate by subsequent marriage, but it gives effect to the laws of other countries which hold the contrary. The question was: Of what country was Marc a citizen when he married Martha Powis? The court holds that he had become a citizen of England, and had never renounced his allegiance, and it was decided that the representatives of the first children could receive no share of the property.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Novelties in Jewelry.

A new vase is of silver with gold relief work profusely decorated with passion flowers. It makes a handsome center-piece.

A parrot's head with ruby eyes makes an attractive brooch. The feathers are in the new opalescent finished gold and look very lifelike.

A dainty pin represents a feather fan of eight fluffy plumes, each in a different shade of gold. In the center is a flashing diamond.

A quiet but rich-looking charm has in the center a circular sardonyx intaglio, mounted within a frame of gold and platinum in alternate squares.

A human head of solid moonstone, wearing a high hat of gold, and further embellished with a silver collar round the neck, makes an odd scarf-pin.

A bracelet recently made to order is faced with eighteen large opals. In corners of the setting sparkle thirty-six diamonds. The combination is effective.—*Jewelers' Weekly.*

—A young man, a Protestant, attended a Roman Catholic church for the first time on a recent Sunday at Bar Harbor. When he was going out he thought he saw the congregation dropping offerings into a receptacle at the side of the door, so when he reached it he put forth his hand and deposited a quarter in the holy water font.

—A story is told of a young man who was going West to open a jewelry store. When asked what capital he had, he replied: "A crowbar."

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

—Some farmers are all brains and others all elbow-grease, and neither succeed.

—The *California Fruit Grower* says grasshoppers can be destroyed by a mixture of arsenic and bran, which they will eat readily and die in their tracks.

—The remedy for a "hide-bound" horse is a simple tonic, nutritious food and the use of the curry-comb and brush freely. By this means the hide will soon become supple and the coat sleek and glossy.

—The feeding of sulphur to animals and poultry may be excellent at times, but it should never be given in damp weather. If given in excess it causes leg weakness in poultry and also injures larger stock.

—The good quality of the milk, cream and butter, the healthy condition of the cows, and their eager desire to eat ensilage in preference to any other forage, is a standing recommendation for its use.—*Hoard's Dairyman.*

—It is said that wooden posts treated as follows, at a cost of two cents apiece, will last so long that the party adopting the method will not live to see his posts decay: Take boiled linseed oil, and stir in pulverized charcoal to the consistency of paint, and put a coat over the timber.

—It takes nerve, says the *Farmer*, to pull out the stalks from a crowded hill of corn, but doing it secures a better growth, larger ears and more bushels of good shelled corn. It takes nerve to pluck one-half of the young fruit from a bearing tree, but in the end it often secures more perfect fruit and more of it.

—Cultivate your young fruit trees and small fruits the same as you would any other crop on the farm from which you expect to realize a profitable crop. Clean, thorough cultivation is just as important with fruit as with any other crop grown on the farm, and if it be worth setting them out it is surely worth giving them proper attention.

—While the collie dog is a very useful animal when taught to drive sheep and cattle, yet he should never be allowed to chase them or frighten them in any manner. Cows naturally have an aversion to dogs of all kinds, and when they experience fear the effect is such as to injure their milk. Cows should be brought from the pasture leisurely, and in no manner worried or excited.

—Farm horses should be worked steadily. A horse that is kept at regular service, and not overworked, will last much longer than one that is given periods of rest. A good horse should not be fat, but should be in good condition. If fed on nutritious food, there need be no fear of the horse losing flesh if kept at work. The muscles will become hard, and the animal will be better enabled to stand service. Old horses should be given ground grain in preference to that which is whole.

—It is a great advantage in churning cream that for any cause has become very sour, to add to it an equal bulk of water in the churn, and revolve the latter until thoroughly mixed. Then let the churn stand unmoved for an hour or two. The water is then drawn out from beneath the cream: more fresh water at sixty degrees is then added to the cream, which should then be churned. The water removes the excess of acidity and leaves the cream nearer pure.

CULTURED FARMERS.

Why They Are More Successful Than Their Ignorant Neighbors.

An educated farmer, used to reading and study, thought, reasoning, and all the mental culture by which knowledge is gained, has a clearer insight into common things than one whose mind has been uncultivated. We go into the highly-cultivated corn field and see the strong stalks, the deep-green leaves, the great ears which load the plants, and we then pass on to the poor patch in which the farmer has never put a hoe, and we see miserable, stunted plants, yellow and diseased, hidden by a mass of pernicious weeds which take all the nutriment there is in the soil. Is not this a plain picture of two men, one whose mind has been enriched by useful knowledge, while that of the other has been left in ignorance? The one is fruitful of useful thoughts, able to judge well of practical matters; to reach wise conclusions; to curb evil tendencies, to use self-restraint, and to reach the highest aims in life. The other is barren of ideas; believes all the common superstitions of the ignorant; guides his affairs by impulse and not by judgment, has a blind belief in what he thinks he knows, and a scorn for all knowledge gained from books and intelligent study. And which of these two men will make the better farmer.

We were recently in a Southern locality where the farming is the poorest and the farmers as poor as their work, where the wretched cabins for the greater part had no windows, the logs were unchinked, and the "land pike" hogs lay around the mud puddle at the door. There was a school-house which was kept open for a few weeks in the season when there was no farm work doing. The teacher of this school, who was a little above the average, had incidentally remarked to her scholars in regard to the recent eclipse of the moon that the earth was round and moved around the sun and the moon moved around the earth. For this incredible statement the teacher was discharged forthwith, with a caution not to teach such nonsense as that any more, by the barefooted, ragged director, who was the leading authority upon all such questions in the vicinity. This school and its environs matched, and in all cases, bad or good, the school and the farming and the circumstances of the people match, for it is the well-cultivated mind that makes the good and prosperous farmer, and where the clean, neat school-house, the church, the farmers' club, the institute, the agricultural journals and secular newspapers, and the public library are found there will be found a thriving, prosperous community.—*N. Y. Times.*

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