

The Funny Side of Life.

The ship's Dirty Mosaic.
A young lady in crossing the ocean
Grew ill from the ship's dirty mosaic;
She said with a sigh,
And a tear in her eye,
"Of living I've no longer a notion."
—Chicago News.

Quite Natural.
"Do you think the photographer flattered her?"
"I suppose so. Everyone does."—Detroit Free Press.

His Oversight.
He—"Why didn't you answer my letter asking you to marry me?"
She—"You didn't inclose a stamp."—Town and Country.

The Exception.
Attorney—"Ignorance of the law excuses no one."
Client—"Except, of course, a lawyer."—Town and Country.

Disappointed.
"So you were held up by bandits?"
"Yes, and that isn't the worst of it. They simply took my money without detaining me long enough to give me a start as a magazine writer or lecturer."—Washington Star.

Slang Phrase Illustrated.



On his own hook.—Scraps.

Compensations.
Madge—"It must be just lovely to be a millionaire."
Marjorie—"Oh, I don't know. There is half as much pleasure in buying things when you know you can afford them."—New York Times.

Very Much Settled.
She—"Really, now, aren't you a married man?"
He—"No. Why?"
She—"Oh, you have such a settled look."
He—"Yes; I've been refused by thirty girls."—New York News.

Her System Upset.
Mamma—"You must be awfully careful, darling. The doctor says your system is all upset."
Little Dot—"Yes, I guess it is, mamma, 'cause my foot's asleep, and people must be terribly upset when they go to sleep at the wrong end."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Martyr to Vogue.
"Wealth has its annoyances," said the man who keeps dispensing ready-made philosophy.
"That's right," answered Mr. Cumrox, in a tone of deep confidence. "If I had got rich, mother and the girls would insist on my eating oysters."—Washington Star.

As Usual.
"Good morning, sir," said a stranger accosting Rip Van Winkle, as the latter came down out of the mountains from a twenty-year sleep, "and how are you feeling this morning?"
"I'm feeling bum—very bum," replied Rip in the usual grumbling way of mankind; "why, I never slept a full night."—Boston Post.

An Unkind Cat.
"You was chaffing a certain member of the Council, and now you put up a candidate for asylum than put up for the next."—Boston Post.

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"No pride!" said parent swallow bird;
"For all pride is a foolish thing;
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'One swallow does not make a spring.'"
"Pa! It is foolishness you sing."
Said the young bird, "Observe with care:
See! One swallow can make a spring!"
And he jumped into the air.
—New York Herald.

BUSINESS.

Teacher—I was compelled to punish your son. He persisted in swinging on the gates in the vicinity of the school-house, after I had repeatedly told him not to.
Parent—Really, I can't see anything terrible in that.
Teacher—It is very annoying to the neighbors.
Parent—Very likely; but I'm a dealer in hinges.—Boston Transcript.

A BULL'S EYE.

"I'm afraid my remarks this morning hit you rather hard," said the Rev. Dr. Scorum, who had observed Mr. Gayman leave in the midst of the sermon.

"What led you to jump to that conclusion?" asked Mr. Gayman, rather haughtily.
"I noticed you jumped before the conclusion."—Catholic Standard and Times.

HOW UNENVIABLE.

"There goes De Speetle, the great financier. He looks so extraordinary happy that I'll bet he's cornered some stock that will net him millions."
"My, he's far happier than that! His doctor has just informed him that he can eat the whole of one egg for breakfast tomorrow without hurting his stomach."—Baltimore Herald.

SPEEDING THE PARTING.

Mamma—I was surprised and shocked by the coldness with which you treated Miss Boreum when she called.
Ethel—Yes, mamma, but I made up for it later.
Mamma—Did you?
Ethel—Yes, indeed, you should have seen how carefully I bade her good-bye.—Philadelphia Press.

HIS LITTLE JOKE.

"Yes," she said, "any new recipe I get hold of I paste in my cookbook. Why do you ask?"
"I thought you might like to have this bill for your Paris gown I paid today. That's a good receipt for French dressing, you know," said her husband, chuckling idiotically.—Philadelphia Press.

A Newly Discovered River.

A member of the Board of Geological Survey of Canada discovered last summer a new river 300 miles in length, emptying into Hudson Bay. He also discovered several lakes in the same region, which shows that this continent offers a great field to those explorers who have been given their attention to foreign lands.

THOUGHTFUL.

"Don't worry about money, darling, when we are married. We can live on the proverbial 'bread, cheese and kisses.'"
"I know, Archibald; but who is going to furnish the bread and cheese?"—Baltimore Morning Herald.

Renting Stuffed Animals.

The trade in stuffed animals is getting brisker with the approach of the holiday season. "I don't mean by that," said a William Street taxidermist, "that we are selling more of them. We are not. We never do sell stuffed beasts in herds at this time of the year, but our renting list swells prodigiously. People whose business requires them to use stuffed animals and birds as advertisements generally want an extra duck or dog or bear added to their stock for a month or two preceding and following Christmas. A trade mark of this kind, of good quality, costs anywhere from \$5 to \$75, and as those that are used merely as 'supers' are needed only a few months in the year, it is cheaper to rent them than to buy them outright. Almost every merchant in town, of high or low degree, makes an extra splash at this season by hiring a polar bear or some other festive animal, consequently our rental amounts to a rather nice income. Some seasons we do a pretty thriving business with theatrical companies also, but this year the drama seems to have become too realistic to rely upon stuffed art for its effects, and our orders for property fowls and quadrupeds have been few."—New York Times.

The Kaiser's Mustache.

Considering the fact that Emperor William is constantly in public view and has just left England after a stay of a week or so, there seems to be a curious conflict of testimony whether he still continues to turn skyward the ends of his mustache. According to a description quoted by M. A. P., he has untwisted the ends and now brushes them straight out. But the editor of M. A. P. seems to disbelieve this, relying for his evidence on the latest photographs, which still have the old martial vigor. It is a point which, if only for the sake of the young admirers of the emperor, ought to be settled at once.

HE FINALLY TUMBLLED.

They sat on the sofa—he and she—dreaming the hours away in a happy manner peculiar to lovers. Finally he whispered in her shell-like ear:
"You are like a peach."
The maiden hung her head demurely for a few minutes, while a warm blush spread over her fair, blonde face. "I'd rather be a pear," she answered, tremulously.

A PROFESSIONAL.

First Beggar—Why didn't you tuck that lady? She might have given you something.

Second Beggar—I let her go because I understand my business better than you. I never ask a woman for anything when she is alone; but when two women are together you can get money from both, because each one is afraid the other will think her stingy if she refuses. This profession has to be studied just like any other, if you expect to make a success of it, see?—New York News.

AUTHORITATIVE.

Wright—Does writing pay?
Penman—I begin to think it does not. I have written to a dozen friends to borrow \$5, and I haven't got a cent.—Yonkers Statesman.

Hollow Car Axles.

It is well known that a given amount of metal arranged in the form of a tube will possess greater rigidity than as a solid bar. The principle was long ago utilized in the formation of the square columns of steel frame buildings. Lately it has been applied to the immense shafts of ocean steamships, which are subjected to severe bending as well as twisting strains. A hollow shaft is stiffer than a solid one of the same weight. The most recent use of the idea is in the manufacture of axles for cars. A large number of hollow axles have been made in one of the shops of the Carnegie company, at Pittsburgh. It is asserted that less metal is used in them than in the ordinary axle. They also require much less machine work to finish them. From the manufacturer's point of view, at least, they are satisfactory than those which are designed to replace. Just what service may be expected of them is another question. In order to settle that question, a lot of cars are now being built with hollow axles under one truck and solid ones under the other. These are to be run for six months and then examined for signs of wear.—New York Tribune.

Court of Errors.

Judges like a good joke at their own expense when it does not undignify the court. A former judge of New Jersey, whose decisions nine times out of ten were reversed on appeal and who resigned in high dudgeon because the higher court so seldom agreed with him, said the other day to some cronies lunching in a top-floor restaurant down town: "I shall always harbor the dim suspicion that I was right and the higher court was wrong. If the higher court is never wrong, why is it styled the Court of Errors and Appeals? In New York it is the Court of Appeals only. I have never yet known a judge of a lower court to admit his judgment was wrong, notwithstanding reversals."

A New York judge, once, when reversed, said humorously to members of the Appellate Court: "I submit with pain and humility. Your opinion is no better than mine, but your judgment carries more weight."—New York Press.

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THE FIRST IMPRESSION.

Mrs. Xtreme—"What do you think of my new rainy-day skirt, dear?"
Mr. Xtreme—"Is that a rainy-day skirt?"
Mrs. Xtreme—"Certainly. What did you think it was?"
Mr. Xtreme—"A ruffle on your waist."—Harper's Bazar.

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