

Flashes of Fun.

—Butter, butter, nice and fair; how I wonder what you are; are you really what you seem? Were you made of grease, or cream?

“Look here, judge,” said the burglar, “I ain’t so bad as you think I am. Only give me time and I’ll reform.” And the judge gave him fifteen years.

—A little boy whose sprained wrist had been relieved by bathing in whisky surprised his mother by asking: “Did papa ever sprain his throat when he was a boy?”

—A Newbergh woman has received \$4,000 damages for a broken rib, and her husband has figured up that at this rate she is worth \$816,000.

—Rather embarrassing. Boy.—“Why, your face isn’t very long, is it?” “Visitor.—“Not so very, why do you ask?” Boy.—“Cause pa said you come from Chicago here on it.”

—Minister.—“Now, my young friends, you live in the country. Does the Bible say anything to farmers?” Tack Hayseed.—“Yes, sir, St. Paul devoted two books to Timothy alone.”

—“Mr. Smith, I suppose you have the letters of that sign, ‘Beware of the dog,’ large, in order that the who runs may read?” “Well, yes, or rather, so that he who reads may run.”

—Evangelist Moody refused \$5,000 to sit for his photograph. He was probably afraid it would get into the illustrated dailies as a portrait of some famous murderer or notorious politician. Mr. Moody is wise.—*Minneapolis Tribune.*

—“Have you heard about Blicker?” “No; what’s up now?” “They say he’s struck natural gas.” “Natural gas! Well, I should think so! He’s married a woman who talked three men to death before she was forty.”—*Denver Opinion.*

—“My little boy,” said a gentleman, “you ought not to eat those green apples; they are not good for little boys.” “They ain’t, eh? Guess you don’t know much about ‘em mister. Three of these apples’ll keep me out of school for a week.”

—Bachelor friend (to recently married man).—“Why this dejection, dear boy? Have you suffered a disappointment?” “Yes—my wife cannot sing.” “Why, that should not distress you. I think you are to be congratulated.” “Ah, but she thinks she can.”

—A Scotch dominie, after relating to his scholars the story of Ananias and Sapphira, asked them why God did not strike everybody dead who told a lie. After a long silence, one little fellow got to his feet and exclaimed: “Because, sir, there wadna be onybody left.”

—A little Fort Atkinson girl, four years old, was standing at a window looking at a load of hides which was passing by. Jumping down from her chair she ran into the kitchen exclaiming: “Mamma, mamma, there goes a lot of tails and hides to make some more cows on.”

—Little girl from Chicago.—“Our family is a more aristocratic family than yours.” Little girl from Boston.—“No it isn’t. My mother can boast of her forefathers for the past two centuries.” Little girl from Chicago.—“Oh, that is nothing. My mother can boast of four husbands in the last two years.”—*Philadelphia Call.*

—First Hen.—“There comes the woman to drive us out of her garden.” Second Hen.—“Yes, and she’s picking up a stone, too! Let’s fly out quick.” First Hen.—“No, no; stay here.” Second Hen.—“But she’s aiming right for us.” First Hen.—“Yes, and if we move we might get hit.”

—Mr. Hubbard had a petition to present to the House of Commons, recently, from the Young Men’s Christian Association, praying for better protection for young girls and young women. He might have done this in several ways. He could have put the petition into the bag silently, or he could have stated it in words given above. But he need not have risen solemnly and said, without any punctuation: “Mr. Speaker, I beg to present a petition for the better protection of girls and young women from the members of the Young Men’s Christian Association.”

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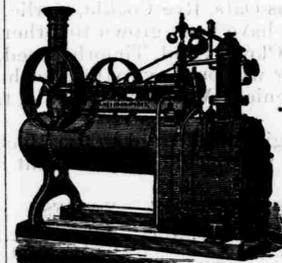
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