

A SLIM CHANCE.—"Don't you believe that marriages are made in Heaven," asked Mr. Yeast of Miss Prim the other day.

"I most certainly do," replied the lady of uncertain age, brightening up at the very suggestion of a proposal, and throwing her head on one side in her endeavor to look coquettish; "but why do you ask me?"

"Well, I thought you did," was the young man's satisfied reply.

"But why did you think I did?" persisted the antiquated maiden, almost swallowing her overskirt in her attempts to appear captivating.

"Well," responded the heartless young man, lighting a cigarette, and getting at a respectable distance from his antagonist: "it does not look as though there was much chance of your being married before you reached there!"

ON THE LOOKOUT.—A young man was standing on Chester street smoking a cigarette and blowing the smoke proudly from his nose when a gentleman stopped and said to him:

"Will you be kind enough to favor me with your name and address?"

"And why should I give you my name and address? You are a stranger to me," replied the young man, lighting a fresh cigarette.

"You will please pardon the request," continued the gentleman; "but it is a matter of business. I have watched the expert manner in which you handle cigarettes, and, being an undertaker, I would sort o' like to get on speaking terms with your immediate family."

PROUD OF IT.—Some of the richest men in Austin started in life in a modest way, and are still plain, unpretentious people, but their sons put on a great deal of style. One of the latter, who was better posted about other people's affairs than about his own family's, remarked, sneeringly, to an acquaintance:

"Your father was nothing but a simple stone mason."

"I know where you got that information," quietly remarked the other.

"From whom did I get it?"

"From your father."

"How do you know that?"

"Because your father used to be my father's hod carrier."

—With a small piece of zinc and a bit of silver (any silver coin will do), the zinc placed on one side of the afflicted gum and the silver on the other, by bringing the edges together, the small current of electricity generated immediately and painlessly stops the toothache.

WHY HE WASN'T THERE NOW.—Kosciusko Murphy, who is a bookkeeper in a grocery house, met a friend who clerks in a cigar store on Austin avenue, and asked him for a cigar.

"Ain't got any," said his friend.

"Ain't got any?" said Kosciusko. "Why, when I used to work in a cigar store, I always had my pockets stuffed with cigars."

"Yes; probably that's the reason you ain't in a cigar store now," was the crushing reply.

—The girls have already formed their plans for leap-year. To the bashful lover they will say, "Do you like home-made bread?" If he says, "Yes," the reply will be, "Well, I can bake." Then if he doesn't take the hint they are to seize both his hands, fall on their knees and put the question direct.

Although women have the right to propose in leap year, there is no law that compels man to say yes. This fact ought to encourage the young men to stand firm.

—A colored man took his boy to an editors office, in search of a job for him. The editor inquired, "What can your boy do?" "Well boss, I don't spose he kin do any mo' at fust, dan edick yo' paper, but arter dat when he gits mo' sense he kin sweep de flo' an' black yo' boots."

—We will not dwell on that point, said the lawyer when he sat down on an upturned tack.

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