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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

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A DAY IN THE WOODS.

Far from the fret and fever of trafficking and trading,
From desk and dreary drudging in city's grime and glare,
Deep in some dell delightful, its pleasant paths parading,
To wander through its windings and breathe its bracing air;
Beside a merry maiden, a madcap, minus manners,
But cunning as a kitten, as clever, coy and cute,
Has city celebrations, with blare and bands and banners,
Beat out by forty furlongs and several miles to boot.

Around you the aroma of field and flower and furrow,
Above the sylvan songsters make sweet the summer skies;
Far in the friendly fastness with calm content you burrow,
Pursuing paths primeval: your day of pleasure flies;
Where wild flowers wave a welcome, a glad and gracious greeting,
Which seem to say, "Sweet signor and merry maiden stay;
Camp down upon the carpet and hear our rude hearts beating,
Thus near to nature settle and spend your holiday."

So where the shade is softest a cool spot is selected
In which you spoon in silence while happy moments pass,
Safe from all prying peepers and no sign is erected
By horrid park policemen which reads, "Keep Off the Grass!"
And in this place propitious, as nature's guest reposing,
You feel an inspiration you do not care to check,
But just as you are pausing from one point of propping
A wiggling worm works forward and wanders down your neck.

Meanwhile a saucy spider has given the girl hysterics,
And so your little essence is broken right in two;
You couldn't coax your courage with forty kinds of derrick
Back to the point of sticking where it would see you through.

Lunch baskets and such luggage you gather in a hurry
And say, "Come, charming Clara, let's duck for goodness sakes,
For that man eating spider has set you in a flurry.
Who knows but in this hollow are huge and horrid snakes?"

With this unhappy ending winds up your summer outing:
Ill bred, insistent insects break up your tete-a-tete.
So sadly to the car line you plod on, plumped and pouting,
Resolved from all such places to keep a mile away.

To loil in listless languor beneath the limba gigantic
A pleasure pure and pulling to any man would seem;
Combating crawling creepers is not quite so romantic;
But, oh, if they were bugless, the woods would be a dream!

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The letter that never came was no dun or it would have arrived on the first mail.

Even the typewriter girl after marrying her boss discovers that she did not know him half as well as she thought she did.

It is only the man who has never had appendicitis who thinks that it is only a fad.

Name your baby after a cigar and his greatness is assured. People will think when he grows up that the cigar was named after him.

Made to order weather would be all right so long as the other fellow had none of the say in giving the order.

Those who insist that the gas trust should be smashed have no consideration for the olfactory nerves of the people who live in the neighborhood.

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not go to congress unless he has a chance.

The tramp is not much interested in government ownership of railways, but he would like to vote for a party that would pledge itself to see that all brake beams were cushioned.

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In Their Business.

"Do the doctors recommend automobile-billing?"
"Of course they do. A doctor may not know the exact difference between the solar plexus and a Chinese laundry check, but he doesn't overlook things that may bring him business."

The Doubter.

"How do they know that the pole is beyond Greenland?" asked Mrs. Crassy, laying aside her paper after reading about the explorers. "If they have never found it what makes them think it is up in that barren, frost-bitten land? I'd just as soon guess that it was in some of the unexplored parts of Oklahoma or in the jungles of South America. These explorers make me tired. If I had a man that didn't have no more sense than to go scooting around looking for the pole he could get a divorce and good riddance without going to no South Dakota."

Fitted Its Name.

The place was called the Bluff hotel. And after he had been
Its guest a season he could tell
Just where the bluff came in.

Inherited Talent.

"I've been watching Harry, and I think the boy will make an artist."
"If he takes after his father," he can't be a great artist, having all the

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MATRIMONIAL AGENT.

While no one will disparage
The old-time way of marriage,
A year or two of courtship and then the wedding jaunt,
Yet for the bashful creature
Who longs to pay the preacher
These matrimonial bureaus come as a long felt want.

Some fellows ten times better
Can make love in a letter
Than if they meet in person the girl that they adore;
They stammer and they stutter
And melt like process butter
And long to find a knothole to drop down through the floor.

To tog out like a dandy
And lug a bag of candy
Around on Sunday evening just suits the man of nerve,
But for the bashful lover
Who shies and runs to cover
The postmen playing Cupid a useful purpose serve.

Light hearted, almost jolly,
Some men will face a volley,
Walk to a blazing cannon and look it in the eye;
The same men will surrender
Or from the softer gender
In terror, fear and trembling will turn away and fly.

Where billing, soft and cooling,
And such like things are doing
He'd give a half year's wages if he were in the ploy,
But with the ladies' glances
He dare not take the chances;
Although his heart is willing his legs will walk away.

And so, forlorn and single,
Because he cannot mingle,
He walks around the edges with palpitating breast;
Faint hearted as a rabbit,
He cannot form the habit
Of calling the ladies and showing off his best.

But armed with pen and paper
Then he can do the caper;
With burning force and fervor his words like skaters glide;
In language warm and clever
He says what he could never
Make plain unto the lady if she were at his side.

So in the marriage broker
He holds the winning joker,
And by aggressive playing he wins the lady fair.
As brave as General Shafter
They happy ever after
Live in a vine clad cottage a most devoted pair.

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

It is a wise son who knows when to Josh his father.

Suburbanites could appreciate hanging gardens. They often feel as though their gardens deserve hanging.

Rome may be excused for not having been built in a day because it was no western frontier town.

All signs fail in dry weather except the drink emporium signs. They manage to indicate as usual.

Africa will cease to be the dark continent as soon as the natives get enough money to induce the gas trust to move in.

It may be safer to steal a railroad than a loaf of bread, but the railroads are nailed down.

Young men should aim high, particularly when they are shooting off toy pistols.

It is lucky for virtue that it is its own reward, for no one is going around forcing twenty dollar bills on it.

When a heavy rain after midnight falls alike on the just and the unjust, it is up to the just to issue an explanation in pamphlet form.

Instead of being a rainmaker when there is a drought, let the whole country turn out to a picnic and leave all umbrellas at home.

We have often wondered if a woman did not put her feet on the table when there was no one else about.

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A Fable.

A donkey that was fond of hay
Possessed a large and classic bray,
Which he unlimbered to the breeze
And jarred the whiskers from the trees.
A roguish and mischievous roan
Said: "What a charming tone!
If I could warble in that way
I'd give a concert every day."
The silly donkey heard the praise
And started in to bray some brays:
He sang in "G" and "H" and "Q"
And several other letters too.
The sound that floated on the air
Was like a sawmill on a tear.
A farmer, sleepy and obtuse,
Said, "Jumping Christmas, what's broke loose?"
Then down he took his trusty gun
And said, "I'll see what can be done."
He fired the donkey full of salt
And brought the music to a halt.
The moral's plain to any man—
Don't sing though some one says you can.

Up to Date Execution.

Jobs-Jones is the most tender hearted man in the world.
Jobs—Can't stand it to see any one suffer, I suppose.
Jobs—I should say not. He wants the legislature to abolish hanging and allow the condemned criminals to eat grape seeds and die of appendicitis.

The Coward's Excuse.

The fellow's yellow quite a bit
Who journeys down the line
And when he gets bumped charges it
To wigan, wine and wine.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS.

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly For Busy Readers

Mrs Robert Pillings of Worcester is visiting in town.

Mrs George Moore of Grove Street spent Wednesday in Albany.

Miss Elva Conlon of East Main St., returned to her home in Boston.

Mr and Mrs Oscar Tefft of Arlington have been spending a few days with Mrs Tefft's brother, S. H. Robinson of South St.

Misses Ryan and O'Connor will spend the holiday season with friends in Ludlow.

Announcement is made of the marriage in Troy November 28 of Miss Lucretia Niles, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tice Niles of Pownal to Frank Blanchard also of Pownal.

The new directory of Bennington to be gotten out by Dillon & Co will as usual embrace historical and industrial sketches. The book will be printed by Perry and Keesman.

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In the District Court of the United States for the District of Vermont.

In the Matter of John V. D. S. Merrill, Bankrupt. No. 1246.

To the creditors of John V. D. S. Merrill, a Bennington, in the county of Bennington, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of November, A. D. 1908, the said John V. D. S. Merrill was duly adjudicated a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office in Bennington, aforesaid, on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

W. B. SHELDON,
Referee in Bankruptcy,
Bennington, Vt., December 11th, 1908.

NOTICE!

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