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It has been said of Americans that they are "a nation of dyspeptics" and it is true that few are entirely free from disorders of the digestive tract, indigestion, dyspepsia, Stomach and Bowel trouble, or Constipation. The treatment of these diseases with cathartic medicines too often aggravates the trouble.

### THE LOGICAL TREATMENT

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### Surpassed Expectations.

"Did your picnic fulfill your expectations?"  
"Oh, my, yes. It surpassed them. We fully expected it to rain, but hail was more than we anticipated."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### A Race Against Fire.

The crew of a steamer from Spain discovered in mid-ocean that flames were raging in the hold. For ten days they bravely fought the flames. If men would fight as persistently against disorders of the stomach, there would be fewer premature deaths. The best weapon for such a fight is Hottetter's Stomach Bitters.

### All Good Ones.

Ethel—I've had fully a dozen offers of marriage lately.  
Maud—Mercy me! Good ones?  
Ethel—Yes. All from George.—Boston Traveler.

Diamond "C" Soap is a high grade laundry soap that can be used in hard or soft water.

### Easily Answered.

Pryer—According to your observation of popular taste, what poets do you consider in the swim just now?  
Meyers—Divers poets, of course.—Boston Courier.

### A LIVING WITNESS.

Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before using your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer. I have been sick for months, was troubled with severe pain in both sides of abdomen, sore feeling in lower part of bowels, also suffered with dizziness, headache, and could not sleep. I wrote you a letter describing my case and asking your advice. You replied telling me just what to do. I followed your directions, and cannot praise your medicine enough for what it has done for me. Many thanks to you for your advice. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me, and I will recommend it to my friends.—Mrs. FLORENCE E. HOFFMAN, 512 Roland St., Canton, O.

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## HUMOR OF THE WEEK

### STORIES TOLD BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

**Odd, Curious and Laughable Phases of Human Nature Graphically Portrayed by Eminent Word Artists of Our Own Day—A Budget of Fun.**

#### Real Estate.

Wallace—We don't want Hawaii. We want no heathen land.  
Ferry—Hawaii is no heathen land. It has had missionaries for 100 years, and while the natives may be heathen the land is in possession of the Christians.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

#### As She Understood It.

He—Why did you fail to recognize me on the street to-day?  
She—I didn't see you.  
He—That's strange. I saw you twice.  
She—Oh, that probably accounts for it. I never notice a man in that condition.

#### Not a Quiet Talker.

She—Is your wife talkative still?  
He—No, but she's still talkative.

#### He Deserved It.

She—You said a moment ago that you thought the world was becoming less lovely every day. Did you really mean that?  
He—Of course. If I hadn't meant it I wouldn't have said it.  
She—You needn't come next Sunday evening. I remember now that I have another engagement.  
It was only then that he realized how he had lost a girl whose father was worth millions.

#### In Darkest Africa.



Jumbo Jim (quaffing)—I can't understand what he matter wid Bingo Sam. Ever since he cut da missionary from New Jersey he ain't been well. S'pose de doctor will know 'bout it.  
Jumbo Jim (but's a fact, he do, He jes' been a operatin' on Bingo, and he say he got a "thayseed" in his appendix.—Atlanta Telegram.

#### Her Findings.

"Does your wife ever find fault when you happen to stay out late at night?"  
"No; she is generally too busy finding my hair."

#### His Report.

She—Did you sound papa this afternoon concerning our marriage?  
He—Yes, I sounded him, and I'll bet everybody in the block heard it when I struck the bottom.

#### Science Bluffed.

"They are making artificial eggs in Europe that defy detection."  
"But they can't make an egg two years old that will defy detection."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

#### Superfluous Action.

"Ma, we ain't got company for dinner."  
"No, little Tom."  
"Well, what makes you stick your little finger out when you drink tea?"

#### Impertinence.

"When I get angry there is no power on earth can stop me."  
"From what making a fool of yourself?"

#### Fame.

"There goes a man who awoke one morning to find himself famous."  
"You don't say so? What did he do, write a great poem, or sink a collier, or—"

"No; he's a dentist, and once filled the teeth of the victim of a murder mystery."

#### Sorry She Spoke.



Young Robinson (who has a very good opinion of himself, and has just been introduced)—I think I've met your uncle, Mr. Ernest Brown, at dog shows?  
Miss Brown—Oh, yes, uncle will go to those dog shows, and meets the most appalling people! Punch.

#### Didn't Climb.

"Did you climb the Alps?" asked the young woman.  
"No," answered Mrs. Curox, "we meant to, but we couldn't get accommodations anywhere except on the second floor of a hotel that had no elevator, so we went right away."—Washington Star.

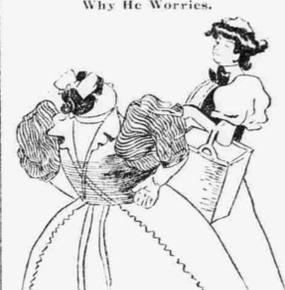
### He Couldn't Understand It.

"Pa," said the Alderman's little son, "is there any truth in the story that George Washington never told a lie?"  
"Yes, I guess there is," was the reply.  
"Well," continued the embryo statesman, "I don't see how he ever got his pull in politics."

### Those Loving Girls.

Bess—I wish that young Softleigh wouldn't stare at me so every time we meet. It's dreadfully embarrassing.  
Nell—Yes, poor fellow! He never did have much sense.

### Why He Worries.



"Mrs. Putts has mysteriously disappeared. Her husband is breaking down under the strain of anxiety."  
"Does he fear that she'll never come back?"  
"No, he's afraid she will."—New York World.

### Why She Left.

"Yes, we lost that good girl that I told you about."  
"What was the trouble?"  
"Why, she left the water running in the bathtub and it leaked through and she caught cold. She said she wouldn't stay in a house where they didn't have water-tight floors."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

### A Cruel Awakening.

Miss Lovey—Ah, no, Harry, I can never be. Jack looked that bracelet on forever and kept the key.

Hazard—If you want to get out of it say so. Every fellow in the class gave a girl one and our keys are all alike.—Jeweler's Weekly.

### An Extreme Case.

"Claraudia Dawdler's the most hopelessly lazy man I ever knew."  
"Doesn't he do anything at all?"  
"Do anything? He doesn't even blame his parents for not bringing him up differently."

### Not Internally Affected.

"I like to meet those long-haired literary men."  
"Why?"  
"They always have more sense than you expect to find after looking at them."

### Jest Ter Tink.



"Say, Mugsy, just ter tink we uester be or kid like dat!"  
"Gee whiz! But I'm glad I've out-growned it!"—Browning-King's Monthly.

### Quite Theatrical.

"You might have known you could not win with a play called 'The Katydid,'" said the rural uncle.  
"Why?" asked the nephew, the manager, who was staying on the farm for the summer.  
"Katydid's a sure sign of frost," and the old man chuckled to think how well he was up in theatrical terms.—Indianapolis Journal.

### Shows the Effects.

"There is a theory, Marie, that we are mentally influenced by furniture."  
"Is that so, Theodore? Well, you had better quit sleeping in that brass bedstead."

### Her Suggestion.

He—I have never done anything in my life that I'm sorry for.  
She—Well, why don't you do something some day and run the risk of being sorry or glad of it?

### His Case Exposed.

He—Unless you marry me I shall go to the Klondike.  
She—There! Papa said you were a more fortune-hunter and now you've proved it.

### Modern Transmigration.

"Often when I look at you," he said to the beautiful woman whom he had met in North Dakota, "it seems as if I must have known you in some former state."  
"Well, that isn't very wonderful," she replied. "You used to know me in two former States, when I was married and living in New Jersey. Tom, don't you remember Nell Giddington?"  
Then it all came back to him, and he confessed that he had gone out there for the same purpose.

### A One-Sided Affair.

"You and Hagley are dear friends, aren't you?"  
"Well, he has been dear to me, but I have never cost him anything."

### Discernment.

"Is Mrs. Swager intelligent?"  
"Very," she asked me for my dressmaker's address the first time she called."

### Still Worse.

"It's just as folks said it would be. He deserted her last week."  
"Left her without a pang, I suppose."  
"Worse than that. He left her without a penny."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

### LOW RATES TO THE SOUTH.

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## Half Sick Half Well

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