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HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

Mrs. McLuck.—My darter Sally said there was a gentleman wanted to see me, so I come right down 'bout stoppin to fix up, 'cause I s'pose y'r carriage is waitin, but I just want to say, fust off, that the report in the mornin papers about us fallin heir to a fortune was published 'bout my consent, an the fact is, we hain't got the money yet, an we can't accept any invites to ball an parties an receptions an things for a month yet at least. You're Mr. Astorbilt, ain't you, or—beggin y'r pardon—mebby y'r Mister Rockefeller? Stranger (a man who understands his business)—Um! I see—I see how it is, madam. You wish a little time to mourn the death of the wealthy relative; of course, of course. I—er—really didn't suppose you were quite ready to attend the—er—brilliant social functions, but I just dropped in for a friendly chat, and, by the way, here is something I brought with me—something which all ladies of the Four Hundred are using, and it occurred to me you would like to buy one or more. So I—er—brought 'em along. Here they are, madam—our new patent ebony iron last forever frying pan, only 50 cents, or three for \$1.—New York Weekly.

Ready For Him.
"Surely I cannot be mistaken," said the book stealer. "This is Uncle Silas of Joachim's Corners, isn't it? Just let me carry that carpetbag for you."
Ten minutes later the book stealer was perspiring like a horse and grunting with every step.
"What in the world have you in this bag?" he asked. "It weighs a ton."
"Meant that it should," returned Uncle Silas tersely. "Loaded it with bricks a-purpose an put my clean collar an an extra pair o' socks in my coat pocket. Reckon you binko-bunko men don't get hardly enough exercise to keep your health good. What? Goin'?"—Chicago Post.

Easy Enough.
"The first thing you want to do," said the boss book agent, "when you get to town is to have a lot of the prominent and influential citizens subscribe. Give 'em the book free. We stand for it."
"How is the easiest way to pick them out?" asked the beginner.
"Whenever you see a fine house with the sidewalks and street in front of it unimproved, that's one of 'em."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Desperate Case.
The glowworm's light is said to have been shown to be due to the emission of rays similar to Roentgen's. Three hundred glowworms were caught near Kioto and placed before photographic plates screened from the light by several thicknesses of black paper, together with plates of brass, copper and aluminum. A piece of cardboard with a hole in it was placed between the metal and the photographic plate, and for two days the arrangement was kept in a dark chamber, sheltered from all foreign lights. On developing the plate it was found to be blackened, except the part opposite the hole in the cardboard. The rays of the glowworm would appear therefore to penetrate metal and excite luminosity in cardboard. When there is nothing between the sensitive plate and the glowworm, the rays are said to behave like ordinary light, but in traversing some metals and cardboard they seem to acquire properties like that of X rays, or it may be that the ordinary glowworm emits X as well as ordinary rays.—Review Scientific.



The Girl.—I want one ob dem love philters wot'll make er man de goil gives it ter git down an kiss de ground she walks on, an, say ole lady, make it strong, will yer?—New York Journal.

Briefs From Billville.
The country is settling down to business, and the boys are all getting ready to spend their pensions in peace. What we want in this country now is business, and plenty of it. So let's all get down to the rail splitting.
An exchange says, "The country is looking up." This is a good sign, when we consider how it's been raining.
The only reason "money talks" is because "work tells."—Atlanta Constitution.

A Bargain.
Mr. Strikyer—Confound it! The way they tax us is simply outrageous!
Mrs. Strikyer—How much is it, John?
Mr. Strikyer—One hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents.
Mrs. Strikyer—Why, John, they've evidently marked them down from \$200! Hurry up and take advantage of it.—New York Truth.

When Johnny Went Sneaking Home.
"I met that little Miss Pennywright," said the returned volunteer, "for the first time since we got back."
"Did she kiss you?" asked the other volunteer.
"Naw, I struck an attitude all right, and then she asked me if I hadn't been out of town."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Home Thrust.
"No," said the rich old bachelor, "I never could find time to marry."
"Well," replied the young woman with the sharp tongue, "I'm not surprised to hear you say so. It certainly would have taken a good while to persuade any girl to have you."—New York Journal.

Didn't Need It.
Farmer Flood—Where you been, neighbor?
Farmer Furrow—To have a tooth out.
"Did you have gas?"
"Gas? No. It was broad daylight."
—Youkers Statesman.

Education Neglected.
He (in the grand stand)—Great Scott! Did you see how that ball curved over the plate?
She—Why don't they put somebody in that can throw straight?—Chicago Tribune.

Where William Excelled.
"You speak," said a fond mother, "about people having strength of mind, but when it comes to strength of don't mind my son William surpasses any body I ever knew."—Metropolitan.

October.
Now happy days brood o'er the land
When man enjoys himself.
Canned pumpkin in the pantry and
Lawn mowers on the shelf.
—Chicago Record.

Whenever a man falls in an undertaking he attributes it to fatalism.

Matches.

The man who was old enough to know better was chasing up and down a Sixteenth street boarding house, trying to find a match to light a cigarette with.
"Did it ever occur to you," he said to the man who finally found a light for him, "what a boon and a benison the cigarette manufacturer has been to the match manufacturer? Think of it a moment. First, however, give me another match for this cigarette. I don't know how many cigarettes are made in this country, but let us, for the sake of argument, say there are a thousand carloads a year. Well, it takes on an average—another light, please—four matches to the cigarette, and the manufacturer of matches must therefore make 4,000 carloads of matches just to meet the cigarette demand. You may not think 4,000 carloads is a great quantity, but if you know how hard it was to get one match when your cigarette is out, you would think 4,000 carloads wasn't a few if you had to go around begging them. I have never given serious study to the matter, but, looking at it casually, I should say the match manufacturers owe an inestimable debt of gratitude to the cigarette makers."—New York Sun.

Cash Versus Glory.
An ordinary service to mankind is usually paid for at current rates in legal tender. An extraordinary service, not involving the element of heroism, is rewarded by both legal tender and more or less fame. The highest of all services, rendered at the risk of life, is supposed to receive its full compensation in glory, unaccompanied by more sordid considerations. If, however, the hero of the service last mentioned should not be contented with his meed of glory, but should demand more substantial reward, he may receive it indeed, but at a large discount from the other (and in sentimental estimation more valuable) consideration.
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A Mean Trick.
Absentmindedly Brooks stepped up to the cashier's desk and paid for his luncheon. Then, accompanied by Rivers, he went out into the open air.
"Brooks," said Rivers, "you'd better go back and settle for your dinner if you don't want the proprietor to follow you out and dun you right here on the street."
"Great Scott! Didn't I pay for it?" ejaculated Brooks. "Where's my check? I haven't got it."
"I picked it up as we left the table," said Rivers. "Here it is."
"Ah, you have come back to pay the other gentleman's check," said the cashier as Brooks went back, stepped up to the desk a second time and handed out a half dollar.
When Brooks went outside again, a moment later, Rivers was nowhere in sight, and there is another unsettled account between them.—Chicago Tribune.

Encouragement.
Frances—Harry says he just wants to fall down and worship me all the time.
Her Mamma—Oh, well, don't mind that, dear. After you're married he won't let it interfere with his business.—Chicago News.

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English Children and Negroes.

The negro is not so well known as one might expect, considering that geography is widely and often excellently taught in our primary schools. The ideas most frequently expressed concerning him are that he is black and a foreigner.
Here are some of the definitions: "A black man who lives in India." "A black man who comes from America." "A negro is a slave we read of them in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.'" "A gentleman who lives in a foreign country."
The country children are even more lively in their descriptions than the town children: "A negro is a foreign man with black skin all over him with thick lips and curly black hair he goes naked."
"A negro is a man and they live in a very hot country and they have little butts to live in." "A negro is a black man who acts in a circus."
"A negro is a man whose skin is always black, they are strong and they live in huts, and do not wear clothes and they shoot with a bow." "A negro is a man what eats missionary." The Sunday school missionary stories and the traveling circus color the village children's ideas on negroes.—National Review.

Causes of Death.
An Austrian professor estimates that only 900 persons out of 1,000,000 die from old age, while 1,200 succumb to gout, 18,400 to measles, 2,700 to apoplexy, 7,000 to erysipelas, 7,500 to consumption, 48,000 to scarlet fever, 25,000 to whooping cough, 30,000 to typhoid and typhus and 7,000 to rheumatism. These averages of course vary according to locality. Smallpox does not even get a place in the list. Was this Austrian professor an antivaccinator?—London Globe.

Home Seeker (inspecting a flat).—How in the world are people to live in such little cubby holes as these?
Agent—Easy enough, mum. All you need is folding beds and camp chairs and self doubling up tables and a few things like that.
"Humph! I can hardly turn around in these rooms myself."
"I see, mum. It's too bad to be so afflicted, mum. You should take anti-fat."—New York Weekly.

The Syrians regarded the rose as an emblem of immortality, the Chinese planted it over graves, and in the Tyrol it is said to produce sleep. Rose leaves are sometimes thrown on the fire for good luck. In France and Italy it is believed that rosy cheeks will come to the lass that buries a drop of her blood under a rosebush.

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