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## A BOY'S COMPOSITION ON GIRLS.

My acquaintance with the girls is rather limited, but, as an outside observer, I have some very pronounced opinions of them. One is that there are many different kinds of girls, such as blondes, brunettes, redheaded and many others too numerous to mention. But any and all of them will, after they are 15 years old, fall in love with the first thing that comes along with pants on, and are crazy to marry until they are 18 years old. If not married at this age they will become raven becused. Some girls think a great deal of dress, which is commendable; all of them think lots of the boys, which is not. My idea of a girl is a brunette, good looking, weighing 125 pounds of girl, less nine pounds of anything else. When a girl wears her first long dress and learns to dance she gets stuck up and won't notice any of the boys except the dudes. But she generally wants to marry so bad that she notices that other boys as the dudes evaporate. Most every girl thinks she is good looking but you can't find any other girl that thinks so about her. If there are any good girls I have yet to learn their acquaintance, as the girls that have come under my observation are mean, meaner, meanest. I suppose there are good girls in other places where I have not been, or there wouldn't be any angels. Some girls think they are real smart, but it is generally the other girl that don't think so. I love all the small girls because they're not old enough to be composed entirely of ribbons, feathers, flowers and strut like their older sister. One and the main reason why I don't like them when they arrive at that state of life is because they won't notice boys of my size and even larger. They look upon us as youngsters and have no feeling in speaking of us kids. That, of course, hurts my feelings, especially if I am inclined to be in love with the girl that looks upon and speaks to me in such a manner. I can stand all of this, but when she has a 2x4 dude with a mustache, cane and derby, hanging to her, it is then that forbearance ceases to be a virtue, and I am constrained to unscrew the 40c dude's head from the rest of his body and throw it into the briar patch. But my day will come 3 or 4 years later when my girl is married and has to go to the wash tub to support an ex-dude and a couple of brats. Then I will be supporting a nice growing mustache, wearing a derby and twirling a gold headed cane and be having one of the nice, sweet-tempered school girls, that I spoke of a while ago, in love with me. I will play dude myself, long enough to get even, at any rate. I wouldn't have anyone think for an instant that I am not having a good time with the little girls now; though they look upon me as their friend and protector and expect me to assist them in all of their childish troubles. They look upon me as being smarter than they are in all things except wading in the pond. They can wade farther than I can unless I take off my pants. There is as much fun in sliding down hill on a barrel stave with the girls as there is in being president of a national bank.—J. E. Surman, in Times.

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