

IT IS NOT TO LAUGH AT

Playwright Has Wholesome Fear of Ridicule, Most Powerful of Intellectual Weapons.

The playwright's eleventh commandment is, "Thou shalt not get thyself laughed at." Ridicule has always been a most powerful intellectual weapon and one against which, when skillfully used, it is difficult to offer an effective defense.

TWAIN AND THE OFFICE BOY

How the Late Humorist Rebuked by His Wit an Official Youth.

Mark Twain did not cherish a fondness for the average office boy. He had an idea that the genius was insufferable, and invariably when the humorist sallied forth into some business office there was immediate armed hostility between him and the boy.

One day Mark went to see a friend at his office, and the office boy on guard, in icy tones, said: "Whom do you wish to see?"

Paradoxical Problem Is Solved Through Obvious Point in Circumnavigation.

A correspondent sends to the Herald a paradoxical problem which, he believes, originally appeared in Plesse's "Chymical, Natural and Physical Magic," published some 50 years ago.

The possible solution turns on a curious but very obvious point in circumnavigation. A person going round the world toward the west loses a day; going toward the east he gains one.

Home Life in the Windy City.

Gustav H. De Kolkey of Chicago had his wife arrested on the charge of robbing him in his own house.

"My wife, her brother and a boarder," he declared, "sneaked up behind me and bore me down to the floor. Then, while the two men held me down, your honor, my wife went through my pockets and robbed me of \$11."

"Did you rob your husband?" queried the court. "I cannot tell a lie," replied Mrs. De Kolkey, simply. "There was no other way to get money out of him. He hasn't given me a cent for a year, and first I tried to chloroform him, but he always sleeps on his face. So I called my brother and we held him and I got what was in his pockets."

Seafaring Races.

The portraits of Captain Amundsen show a certain likeness to Dr. Nansen. Both have in a marked degree the long narrow skull of the Vikings. It is a curious circumstance that the seafaring races, whether on the Baltic or on the Mediterranean, have this type of head, while the inlanders of Europe are predominantly of the broad headed Alpine sort.

But it will hardly do to make long headedness the cause of seamanhood, as some enthusiasts have done, for the Japanese, who are round headed, take readily to the sea.

DIVORCED FROM DEAD MAN

Queer Requirements Made in France That Official Records May Be Completed.

In France, as in some other countries, every citizen has an official history. Not as varied and interesting as his real history, but still important. From this there follow at times quaint consequences.

Consider the case of the painter who went fishing on Anthie bay. He has not since been seen. The body of one man who went with him was washed ashore lifeless. You would call this tolerably convincing proof that his wife had been made a widow.

There was a way round. The bereaved woman applied for a divorce on the ground of desertion. Since death is beyond dispute the most complete kind of desertion, the court of Montreuil decided that she could not be denied. So the widow is recognized as an independent woman and apparently both the law and she are satisfied.

But you will observe that the official history must now record the wife of a dead man as a divorcee, which does not seem very creditable to official history.

WHY THE PLANETS COLLIDE

Gravity and Other Agencies Are at Work in Bringing Stars Together.

There is good reason to believe that the bodies in space—both luminous and dead—occasionally fall together, and his conception of such an event was given by Prof. A. W. Bickerton in a late Royal Institution lecture. The collisions do not come at random. Gravity and other agencies are at work, and before two stars collide they come into each other's influence for hundreds of years, being drawn towards each other with constantly increasing speed.

An Expert Name Manufacturer.

At a dinner in New York William Ray Gardiner, the advertising expert, scored neatly off an advertising fad that has of late been rather overdone.

"A young couple," he began, "had been blessed with the advent of a little son, and the wife, at dinner one evening, said: 'What shall we name our darling, Jim?'"

"Jim wrinkled his brow and replied: 'Well, I submit Childa, Firstbornio, Thebol, Allours, Sunne, Ouroun, Our-ownson—'"

"But at this point his wife shut him up. He could, of course, have kept on indefinitely. You see, he was one of those advertisement writers who invent new names for breakfast foods, tinned soups and patent medicines."

Starving Out Troublesome Pigeons.

City hall pigeons are once more under the ban in Philadelphia, and Director Porter is the man who is trying to get rid of them. Instead of attempting to do this, as Mayor Reyburn and Director Clay did, by putting up wire screen at the entrance and turning the hose upon the pigeon roosts, the director proposes to try the starvation plan upon the flocks.

He has issued orders to the city hall guards to stop all persons from feeding the birds in the courtyard and on the northeast plaza and to arrest those who persist in throwing corn, peanuts, cakes and bread to them.

Woman Bootblack.

London is to have its first woman bootblack. A woman has just completed arrangements to set up a bootblack stand at one of the busiest corners in the West End. She believes herself to be the pioneer woman bootblack in England and declares that the men in the business need not fear her competition, since she intends to devote herself exclusively to polishing the footwear of women and children.

His Sacrifice.

"I suppose, like all government officials," said the man who sneers, "you are making personal sacrifices in order to serve your country." "Yes," replied the village postmaster; "it's pretty hard to have to keep reading addresses when I'd rather be looking at the pictures on the post-cards."

MUCH ADO ABOUT A PENNY

Sample of Extent to Which Red Tape Methods Prevail in Germany.

Germany, declares Mr. S. Earing-Gould in his book, "The Land of Teck," is absolutely swathed in red tape. In illustration, he tells an experience of his own while journeying by rail from Ober-Leninggen to Owen.

I asked at Ober-Leninggen for a third-class ticket to Owen, and supposing that I had got what I asked for, stepped into a third-class carriage. On these branch lines nearly everyone travels fourth. Before reaching the next station—only a mile from Ober-Leninggen, in fact—the inspector appeared. "Hah!" he said. "You have a fourth-class ticket, and are in a third-class compartment. The fine is six marks."

I explained, and offered at once to pass into a fourth-class carriage or pay the difference in the price of tickets.

"That will not do. You have infringed the law, and must pay six marks," the man insisted.

"I got out at Owen, and will explain matters to the station master," I said. I did so.

"The fine is six marks," said the official, peremptorily.

"But, said I, 'I demanded a third-class ticket, and was given one for which I had not asked. This was an oversight on the part of the clerk.'"

"You should have examined your ticket," the station master insisted.

The train was delayed five minutes while we threshed out the question on the platform in great detail, and the other passengers craned their necks out of the windows of the carriages and listened with lively interest.

At last, reluctantly, the station master yielded; but I must pay the difference. "What is it?" I asked.

"One penny."

FIRST OF ANIMAL HOSPITALS

More Than 2,000 Years Ago One Was Established in India, Says an Authority.

The New York women who have opened a free animal dispensary in this city are regarded as pioneers in a good work. As a matter of fact one must go to the Orient and look back more than 2,000 years to find the first animal hospital known.

The famous Buddhist emperor of India, Asoka, whose long reign from 264 to 227 B. C. abounded in many good works, was probably the earliest to establish a hospital for the treatment of animals, says Our Dumb Animals.

Asoka was a true humanitarian as well as a most powerful sovereign and although ruling a vast domain became deeply impressed by the horrors of warfare.

He gave up his desire for conquest and the rock inscriptions, which are still extant, record such beneficent edicts of his as the counseling of planting shade trees, the digging of wells, sending out of missionaries, appointment of special officers to supervise charities, the establishing of hospitals for human kind and animals.

It is of interest to know that the last remaining of Asoka's hospitals was devoted to animals. It covered twenty-five acres and was divided into proper wards and courts for the accommodation of the patients. When an animal was sick or injured its master had only to bring it to the hospital, where it was cared for without regard to the caste of its owner, and where, if necessary, it found an asylum in old age.

Uncle Joe's Reply.

Some members of the house heard a few days ago the strangest combination of sacred and profane language which had ever been uttered on that floor. During a debate Uncle Joe Cannon went after A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, and handled him without gloves. Cannon is a Quaker and so is Palmer. When conversing privately they drop into the Quaker vernacular. After the debate Palmer went to the former speaker, who is thirty-six years older than himself.

"Uncle Joe," he said, "thee treated me a little roughly in the debate today."

"Well," replied Uncle Joe, in a mixture of Quaker and Cannonian English, "perhaps I did treat thee a little severely, but blanketly-blank, thou deserved every damned thing I said."

A Clear Case.

"You claim that the wheel of the defendant's car passed over your stomach," said the defendant's attorney to the plaintiff on the stand. "Yet, here is your open-faced watch which you testify to having carried in your vest pocket at the time, and the crystal isn't even cracked. How do you account for that?"

"Why," said the plaintiff, "the car was going so fast there wasn't time for the crystal to break, sir."—Harper's Weekly.

House Cleaning Time.

Woman of the House (answering third ring)—Are you trying to pull the house down?

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