LIGHT AND AIRY.

A Broken Mirror.

The silver circled looking glass
I gave into my Dora's keeping
Is lying shattered now, alas!
And so my dearest girl is weeping.

Does all this grief her bosom swell
Because her pretty toy is broken,
Or fears she lest the loss foretell
The death of him who gave the token?

In either case, could Dora see
How very plain she looks when crying,
She'd weep for neither glass nor me,
Though one were smashed and one were dying.

—S. St. G. Lawrence in Life.

Instructing His Spouse.

"They are making car wheels of paper now," remarked Mrs. Hojack as she looked up from the newspaper.

"Yes," replied the husband, "and locomotives, too."

"You don't tell me!"

"Certainly. Have you never heard of stationery engines?" — Chicago Inter-Ocean.

In the Railway Station.

"Well, well; hurry up, there," said the information clerk, impatiently. "What is it you want?"

"If you please, sir," returned the sarcastic traveler, "I want to know it all. You're the gentleman who can tell it, aren't you?"—Harper's Bazar.

The Good Old Times.

How doth the busy Used-to-be
Approve each bygone minute,
Until the humbled present feels
The come-down that is in it.

How gleefully he rubs it in
To latter days—because
There's nothing extant now to match
The Golden Use-to-was!

—C. F. L. in Puck.

His Only Chance.

Benevolent Person (to old tramp)—You ought to be ashamed of yourself to be begging at your age.

Tramp (indignantly)—How in thunder can I beg at any other age now, I'd like to know. Gimme a nickel.—Washington Star.

Encouraging Him.

Papa—I'm sorry, Hans, that your school report is so bad. I hope you will do better next time.

"That's right, papa; keep up your courage. Let hope be the last thing you lose." —Fliegende Blatter.

A Great Truth.

Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
The largest of men is soon lost in the crowd;
And the man who is talked about most never knows
That the world only regards the fit of his clothes.
Here's the truest of all things about man e'er said:
"The world never makes a man great—till he's dead."

—Chicago Mail.

Go West.

Mother—Now that you have become a chiropodist, where are you going to settle?

Ambitious Youth—I think, mother, I'll go to Nebraska. All the papers say that it is a great corn state.—Good News.

Chance for Argument.

Private Citizen—I think those telegraph poles ought to come down. They are unsightly and dangerous.

Telegraph Official—Y-e-s, but think of the shade they give.—Good News.

What the Shop Girl Wants.

She stood in a store down town.
She was both young and fair;
But her face wore a savage frown
As well as lines of care.
When I managed to reach her side
I asked her what she'd like best
For a present, and then she cried,
"O, heavens! give me rest!"

—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Cutting Off Discussion.

Barber—You are getting quite bald, sir. Can't I recommend something for your head?

Mr. Hurry—Why, yes; I'd like my hat as soon as possible.—Puck.

A Problem.

Mathematicians figure that a man 60 years old has spent three years buttoning his collar. How much time has been consumed by a woman of 45 in putting her hat on straight?—Life.

As to Nerve.

"As nervous as a cat," men say,
Yet nothing is less true.
For nervousness in any sense
The cat tribe never knew.
To stand a nightly hail of clubs,
Coal, bootjacks, all the breed,
Yet never scare, but keep right on,
Requires great nerve indeed.

—Philadelphia Times.

Too Much for Them.

Snodgrass (as the band begins to play)—There's music in the air.

Snively—There may be, but the band doesn't seem able to get it out.—Harper's Bazar.

They Have To.

"Deaf and dumb people are more or less superstitious."

"Why?"

"Because they believe in signs."—West Shore.

His Element.

The oyster is a noble fish,
But cannot swim a mile;
He has no fins, he has no tail,
He has no teeth to bite;
But still he swims with perfect ease,
And yet, 'tis strange to say,
He never glides about the sea,
But in the consomme.

—Brooklyn Life.

The Height of Dignity.

Sanso—Is he a dignified man?

Rodd—Well, I should say he is. Why, that man could step on a banana peel without losing his dignity.—Munsey's Weekly.

A Natural Inference.

He—A man who lives in the country has a chance to think.

She—You have always lived in the city, have you not?—Munsey's Weekly.

Better to Look Ahead.

Before you ask the merry maid
To stick to you thro' thick and thin,
See that you have your plans well laid
To get a house to put her in.

—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Juvenile Experiences.

Country Boy—Yes, I lives in Squedunk. Was you ever in Squedunk?

City Boy—Nope. But I was in Brooklyn once.—Good News.

The Last Straw.

Of all the tortures known to man
The greatest, we assert,
Is to wear a fifteen collar
Upon a sixteen shirt.

—Exchange.

Advice to Bad Husbands.

TERESA H. DEAN TELLS MEN TO CULTIVATE THE COMPANIONSHIP OF THEIR WIVES.

Here is some advice to bad husbands. The "models," ideal or genuine, can take care of themselves. If you can't be a "model," be honest. Cultivate a feeling of good comradeship with your wife. Unless too many years have gone by for you to succeed in making her over, you will find that you can have just as good a time with her and at the same time retain a self-respect that never comes in cultivating the 'comrades" that know your real self so much better than does your wife.

As for her, it will not unsex her to become better acquainted with you, but it will lift the shadows of suspicion from her heart, suspicions that come crowding in because she knows there is something lacking in her life. The clouds pile up, and, being a true woman, there is no way for her to fill the ed to men, and there is nothing to prevoid, while you as a man are protected by societys lenient rules that are extend-vent your seeking jolly companionship —somewhere else.

And about these 'jolly companions." Don't take it for granted that because some woman—not your wife—is willing to chat with you, laugh with you or indiscreet enough to lunch with you, she is lost to all that is true, loyal and womanly. It is possible that her heart has ached as your wife's is aching, and that she is willing to listen to your empty vows of friendship because of a knowledge that her own husband has found a charm in the society of other women—women whose society is made valuable as much from the fact that it is forbidden by the conventionalities of society as anything else.

Respect the individual rights of other people—even if one of them happens to be your wife. Don't think because you believe one thing and she another that you are right and she is wrong. One hour's practical experience is better than years of knowledge gained theoretically. And somehow or other she may have picked up knowledge that can open the pathway even to you.—*From the Chicago Herald.*

The First Boat on the North Branch Canal.

"I can say that I drove the first team that pulled a boat on the canal," remarked a gentleman to a *Record* representative last Friday. "It was in the Fall of 1857, after my father, Simeon S. Brown. (my own name is Ebenezer Sturdevant Brown having been named after the late Gen. Sturdevant), had completed the first boat and called it the *John C. Fremont*, we run it down from Skinner's Eddy to Coxton, expecting to sell it, but the ice caught us and the boat was abandoned until spring, when I took it to Wilkesbarre. Late in the fall of 1858 I drove the team that hauled the first load of coal carried through the canal. I had three horses and drove them tandem. As I arrived at Towanda the bridge was just completed and had part of the plank laid. Seeing the first boat approach the builder put down additional plank and I drove my team, the first of any over the bridge into the borough of Towanda. I followed the canal for a few years and then started out in other business. Really it is astonishing to see the great advances that have been made since that year."—*Wilkesbarre Record.*

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"Yes," said the woman, "but what is to hinder you from sticking the cane in the ground and tying the goat to it, and then laying the goose on the ground and covering it with the kettle? And then how could I help myself if you wickedly persisted in kissing me?"

"Many thanks," said the man. "I never should have thought of all that. You are an ingenious woman. May your ingenuity always succeed."

So they went on until they reached the darkest part of the ravine. Then he stuck the cane in the ground and tied the goat to it, and put the goose under the kettle by the cane, and then wickedly kissed the woman in spite of her great resistance.

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