

THE OLD YELLOW PUMPKIN.

How dear to the heart is the old yellow pumpkin. When orchards are barren of stuffing for pies...

AN ECHO FROM EL CANEY.

By Anna Northend Benjamin.

AS THE fortunes of reporting and of war would have it, I was detailed from our office to "cover" the late contest with Spain...

We had reduced life to the simplest equation. We had lived as the wild beasts. Our faces were bronzed and bearded. We had faced hidden fire and had stood unflinchingly by the side of falling comrades...

AN UNFORTUNATE BLUNDER.

Mrs. D'Avnoo—Oh, the awfullest thing has happened! Clara de Style, who never could deign to look at anyone in trade, has just discovered that the man she has married is a dry goods clerk.

HOUSEHOLD FRAGRANCE.

Mrs. Younghouse—Do you notice any difference in the milk, dear? Mr. Younghouse—I should say so; this is a much better quality than we have been getting lately.

HE KNEW THAT ONE.

A little fellow who has not, as yet, succeeded in learning the name of the three daily meals, came down to breakfast the other morning, when his mamma said: "Well, Rollo, what meal is this?" "Oatmeal," was the confident reply.

FRENCHEROUS.

Mr. Broadstairs—I have 300 hens on my place. Young Quigley (solemnly)—Well, you want to look out for them.

EXASPERATING.

Quinn—When women imagine themselves wits they are a menace to the community. DeFonce—You must have met some of late.

HE GOT THE CHANGE.

Judge—Why did you pick this physician's pocket? Prisoner—I was only follerin' his advice, your honor.

WHAT HE MIGHT BECOME.

"What do you expect your boy to be when he grows up?" "From present indications," returned the fond father, who had just heard of the youngster's getting into another scrape.

HIS IMPRESSION.

Uncle Silas—Josh and I was argyin' about what's the first thing they teach the young fellers that studies law—Uncle Hiram—Well, judgin' by what ye see in the papers, the first thing they learn must be how to get out an injunction.

CHEWING FAMILY.

The brother chewed tobacco and owned it with a brag; The sister chewed the "cutti" And the father chewed the rag.

LESSON IN TABLE MANNERS.

Mother—Peggie! darling! you should not scratch your nose with a spoon! Peggie—O! mother—ought I to have used a fork?—Moonshine.

POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES.

In serious things change still holds sway And fills the heart with sorrow. The map which all respect to-day Is out of style to-morrow.

ORIGINAL.

Markham—Your wife is full of social devices, Lumley. Lumley—Right you are. The other day she noticed my hair was getting thin and proposed giving a "coming-out" party for it.—N. Y. World.

DIPLOMATIC.

"You flatter me," she said. "After all, beauty is but skin deep, you know." "True," he replied, "but just think of the vast number of girls who haven't got it half that deep."—Chicago Daily News.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Lecturer—The acoustics of your hall are very bad, sir. Proprietor—No! sir. They're all right. It was the soap factory you smelt.—Brooklyn Eagle.

DETERMINING STATUS.

The Foot—I know that I'm not worthy of you, my dear. The Fairy—Remember that, Harold, and my married life is sure to be happy.—N. Y. Journal.

AN UNKIND HUSBAND.

Mrs. Gazzam—Woman's work is never done. Gazzam—Why don't you do it, then, and stop talking about it?—Judge.

RIGHTLY CALLED.

"Isn't her new gown stunning?" "Yes; her husband must have been tinned when he got the bill."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

INFORMATION.

Friend—How came you to know your wife? Mr. Sourby—I married her!—Puck.

AGENTS WANTED TO sell the MARSH READING STAND AND REVOLVING BOOK CASE.

THE YOUNGEST OFFICER. He is Lieut. Hugh J. McElgin, of the Forty-seventh Infantry.

HE BELONGS IN BROOKLYN, N. Y.

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