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HUMOROUS.

As the cars stopped at a small town in Minnesota, an honest looking German and family came on board the train. The "family" consisted of numerous bundles, a wife, and a quantity of children of assorted sizes, from the babe in arm up to a boy of twelve.

The German, after stowing his bundles in the forward seats of the smoking-car, proceeded to place his wife and offspring near them. This accomplished he seated himself for a smoke. All at once, as the signal whistled for starting, he dashed out of the car into the station, returning with another child in his arms that had been asleep, barely catching the train before it moved. As he passed, one of the passengers said, laughingly: "You came near forgetting that one!"

"No," replied Hans, "I don't forget him; but den I count dem, and I miss one!"

By a squall in Delaware Bay lately while sailing in a yacht, two young men were overtaken. At Nazareth Methodist Church, on Twelfth Street, Philadelphia, at public worship they had occasionally been present. From the way things looked, the capsizing of their shallop was very near inevitable.

"Bill," said one to the other, "this is a serious business; can you pray?"

"No, I can't, I've heard Joe Quinn do it and I've listened to Bill Post, but I can't do it myself."

"Well, you can sing a hymn, can't you? For God's sake do something."

"No, I can't sing here. How can I sing when this boat at any moment may drown us both?"

"Well, we must do something religious. If you can't pray and can't sing let's take up a collection."

To this Bill consented. In his companion's hat he deposited thirteen pennies, a corkscrew, and a broken-bladed knife. As he did this, the wind lulled, and the shallop made a successful landing.

A Campbellite elder was once riding with a Presbyterian, when they overtook a boy with a string of fish, such as they did not know the name of. The Campbellite was curious, and consequently asked the boy what they were.

"We call 'em Campbellites," said the boy.

"That is a queer name for a fish, why do you call them that," asked the Elder.

"Because," replied the boy, "they spoil so soon after coming out of the water."

It is safe to say that the Presbyterian enjoyed the answer better than the Elder.

A German thus bewails the loss of a favorite horse: "Von night de oder day, when I was been awake in my sleep, I hear something vat I tinks not just right in my barn, and I yust out shumps to bed and run 'mid de burn out, and ven I was dare room I sez that my pig gray iron mare, he vas be tied loose and run mit de stable off and ever who vill him back bring, I yust so much pay him as vat been customary."

A Bangor, Me., prohibitionist was recently discussing the liquor law, and strongly urged its strict enforcement. To emphasize his remarks he gesticulated with his umbrella; whereupon a black bottle fell to the pavement with a crash, and the odor of "Old Bourbon" was diffused around. That closed the argument.

A little boy of Provincetown, Mass., four years old, very anxious for a drum, the evening preceding Christmas Eve, on going to bed, made the following prayer: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I want a drum, I pray the Lord, I want a drum, my soul to keep, if I should die before I wake, I want a drum." His prayer was answered.

Belfast has a dog which goes for the doctor when anybody is sick, without being asked. "We" knew a little cur, "that will not only 'go for' the doctor but anybody else that passes, and when no one is sick either."

An old lady in Philadelphia had an unaccountable aversion to rye, and never could eat it in any form, "till of late," she said, "they got to making it into whiskey, and I find I can, now and then worry down a little."

"Mr. Brown, I want to buy a shilling's worth of hay."

"Very well, you can have it. Is it for your father?"

"No, 'taint. It's for the hosses. Dad don't eat hay."

"Why is it," asked a Frenchman of a Switzer, "that you Swiss always fight for money, while the French only fight for honor?" "I suppose," answered the Swiss "that each fights for what he lacks."

"Figures won't lie" is not supposed to apply to a fashionable woman's figure. Just imagine a human form with such a hump growing behind.

"Say, Bones, why am your legs like an organ grinder?" "Don't you know Mr. Sugarloaf?" "Why is dey." "Cox dey carry a monkey 'bout de street."

A Faro-banker, of Louisville, being told of a hen that had laid an egg every day for a year, replied: "That's nothing! I have laid a bed every night for a dozen years!"

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