

Laughter.  
BY HENRY WARD BEECHER.  
People who do not know how to laugh are much to be pitied. Not every one who laughs knows how to laugh in the highest sense. An irradiating smile is one; a small laugh, that glances upon the face like a meteor, comes and goes in the same instant, is better than nothing. But laughing like poetry, music, invention, oratory, is given in its higher forms to but few.

We have a relative, a lady, who is gifted to a high degree with the genius of laughing. One should see her when an explicit story lights up the inner soul. Only the other night three of us sat together. One told an anecdote, that started another. Ah, like pigeons in a wood, they poured out in flocks. Soon all were in paroxysms. There was no boisterous roaring. Each one performed with refinement, but all were "clean gone." The eldest has a continuous roll that goes on without check till the breath is gone, and the lungs fairly run down; but, gathering a long breath, he dashes down the same long roll again. But soon the muscles ache; with hands abnormally placed, and waving from side to side, his eyes streaming with tears, he at length gains enough control to escape from that eddy which had been whirling him helplessly around.

Another one laughs by series of short explosive fusillades, recurring rapidly and continuing in what seems likely to be an endless series. But the lady foremost begins in a gentle way, as if controlling every movement. So here I see a gay rider, snubbing at first, then moving off at a trot, breaking into a gallop, and then carried off at a dashing speed in a real run away. It does one's heart good like a medicine to see and hear such a charming performance—so hearty, so natural, so gently furious, so possessed with a demon of laughter that will not be cast out. You shall see the beginning of the laugh carried well along till the excess of it seems to disturb her modesty. She covers her face with a newspaper, and some would think that she was resting. But, look! No sound. Only a jelly-like trembling of the whole body! On—on—till in desperation she runs from the room. Ah, there is good honest heartiness in such an experience, and an overplus of pleasure; the highest pleasure reaches the edge of pain.

It is impossible to discriminate between the wit that produces only pleasure of thought, and that which produces pleasure of laughter. A very simple incident narrated strikes the palpitating nerve of laughter, to the surprise of every one. Some things end their power by once telling. Others are never-failing. Even to think of them sets one off. We wake up nights, and happening to think of a good thing, bring down censure on our head for untimely outbursts of laughter. "When all honest and sober people should be asleep!"

One peculiarity of laughter is, that it rages fearfully when you feel in your soul that it is wicked. It is "in meeting" that the danger is the most alarming. Oh, there are some things that one should never think of in church! Resistance would be vain. All that could be done would be to stuff one's mouth with a handkerchief, and smother all sounds.

No man can explain to another why he laughs. There is nothing more absurd than to ask a man "what there is funny in a story." Stories, like percussion bombs, must explode when they strike, or they are good for nothing. Stories that don't go off are poor stock.

There is one story which we never think of without a ripple, and never tell without a rush of laughter. Indeed, we are shaking now; but very likely our readers will see nothing in it. A good deacon had the bad habit of making very long family prayers. One morning, for some reason, he prayed short, and then went to the barn to milk. On returning, he found his wife still kneeling, with closed eyes. He stepped up behind her, and she shouted "Amen!" whereat she very quietly rose and went about her work. You don't laugh? Well, the spark is there, but your powder is not good.

SHORT AND LONG PHRASES.—The strongest impression is generally the briefest and the best. Take the old ballads of any people, and you will find few adjectives. The singer says, "He laughed; she wept." Perhaps the poet of a more civilized age might say, "He laughed in scorn; she wept in despair, and shed tears of disappointment." But now-a-days the ambitious young writer must produce something like this: "A hard, deathly laugh, scornful and pitiless, forced its passage from his throat, through the lips that curled in mockery of her appeal; she covered her despairing face, and a gust and whirlwind of sorrowing agony burst forth in her irresistible tears!"

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| Corry                        | 6 15 11 00 5 00      | 6 15 11 00 5 00      |
| Sparksburg                   | 6 22 11 35 5 24      | 6 22 11 35 5 24      |
| Glyndon                      | 6 34 11 47 5 37      | 6 34 11 47 5 37      |
| Centerville                  | 7 04 11 55 5 49      | 7 04 11 55 5 49      |
| Tryonville                   | 7 13 12 03 5 58      | 7 13 12 03 5 58      |
| Hydrotown                    | 7 23 12 15 6 10      | 7 23 12 15 6 10      |
| Titusville                   | 7 35 12 25 6 22      | 7 35 12 25 6 22      |
| Miller Farm                  | 7 42 12 45 6 29      | 7 42 12 45 6 29      |
| Shaffer                      | 8 02 1 03 6 39       | 8 02 1 03 6 39       |
| Pioneer                      | 8 17 1 18 6 50       | 8 17 1 18 6 50       |
| Pot Centre                   | 8 25 1 25 6 58       | 8 25 1 25 6 58       |
| Columbia                     | 8 28 1 28 6 50       | 8 28 1 28 6 50       |
| Tarr Farm                    | 8 35 1 35 6 57       | 8 35 1 35 6 57       |
| Rynd Farm                    | 8 40 1 43 7 02       | 8 40 1 43 7 02       |
| McClintock                   | 8 53 1 49 7 09       | 8 53 1 49 7 09       |
| Oil City                     | 9 10 2 05 7 15       | 9 10 2 05 7 15       |
| Oil City                     | 9 15 2 10 7 20       | 9 15 2 10 7 20       |
| Oilopolis                    | 9 45 2 36 7 30       | 9 45 2 36 7 30       |
| Eagle Rock                   | 9 55 2 46 7 32       | 9 55 2 46 7 32       |
| President                    | 9 59 2 50 7 36       | 9 59 2 50 7 36       |
| Tionesta                     | 10 24 3 12 7 50      | 10 24 3 12 7 50      |
| Hickory                      | 10 44 3 32 8 10      | 10 44 3 32 8 10      |
| Trunkville                   | 10 54 3 41 8 15      | 10 54 3 41 8 15      |
| Tidoute                      | 11 11 3 58 8 24 7 40 | 11 11 3 58 8 24 7 40 |
| Irvinton                     | 12 01 4 40 8 45 8 40 | 12 01 4 40 8 45 8 40 |

ADDITIONAL SECOND-CLASS TRAINS—SOUTH.

No. 16, Titusville 2:10 p. m.; Miller 2:50;  
Pioneer 3:20; Pot Centre 3:35; Columbia 4:15;  
Tarr Farm 4:25; Rynd Farm 4:37;  
McClintock 4:55; Oil City 5:20.

No. 8, Corry 6:15 a. m.; Titusville 6:55;  
Miller Farm 7:25; Pot Centre 7:40; Columbia  
8:15; Tarr Farm 8:18; Rynd Farm  
8:27; Trunkville 8:35; Oil City 11:00.

No. 18, Pot Centre 1:28 p. m.; Columbia  
1:50; Tarr Farm 2:05; Rynd Farm 2:10;  
McClintock 2:30; Oil City 3:00.

No. 12, Oil City 6:30 a. m.; Oilopolis  
7:25; Tionesta 8:41; Trunkville 10:15;  
Tidoute 11:11.

NORTHWARD TRAINS.

| STATIONS:                    | 1st Class.                | 2d Class.                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6 m. a. m. p. m. a. m. a. m. | 6 13 9                    | 6 13 9                    |
| Irvinton                     | 12 45 5 05 9 00 7 45      | 12 45 5 05 9 00 7 45      |
| Tidoute                      | 1 28 5 47 7 50 9 05       | 1 28 5 47 7 50 9 05       |
| Trunkville                   | 1 45 6 05 8 05 10 15      | 1 45 6 05 8 05 10 15      |
| Hickory                      | 2 04 6 15 8 20 10 44      | 2 04 6 15 8 20 10 44      |
| Tionesta                     | 2 14 6 34 8 45 11 40      | 2 14 6 34 8 45 11 40      |
| President                    | 2 35 6 53 9 05 12 21      | 2 35 6 53 9 05 12 21      |
| Eagle Rock                   | 2 38 6 59 9 15 12 33      | 2 38 6 59 9 15 12 33      |
| Oilopolis                    | 2 47 7 08 10 05 1 03      | 2 47 7 08 10 05 1 03      |
| Oil City                     | 3 15 7 35 10 35 1 30      | 3 15 7 35 10 35 1 30      |
| Oil City                     | 6 00 8 20 7 40 11 30 2 10 | 6 00 8 20 7 40 11 30 2 10 |
| McClintock                   | 6 13 8 32 7 55 11 50 2 25 | 6 13 8 32 7 55 11 50 2 25 |
| Rouseville                   | 6 16 8 35 7 59 12 04 2 30 | 6 16 8 35 7 59 12 04 2 30 |
| Rynd Farm                    | 6 20 8 40 8 04 12 25 2 40 | 6 20 8 40 8 04 12 25 2 40 |
| Tarr Farm                    | 6 25 8 45 8 10 12 38 2 55 | 6 25 8 45 8 10 12 38 2 55 |
| Columbia                     | 6 29 8 49 8 14 12 48 3 10 | 6 29 8 49 8 14 12 48 3 10 |
| Pot Centre                   | 6 34 8 55 8 21 1 03 3 20  | 6 34 8 55 8 21 1 03 3 20  |
| Pioneer                      | 6 36 8 59 8 23 1 25 3 36  | 6 36 8 59 8 23 1 25 3 36  |
| Shaffer                      | 6 42 4 00 8 20 1 45 3 45  | 6 42 4 00 8 20 1 45 3 45  |
| Miller Farm                  | 6 52 4 10 8 30 1 55 3 50  | 6 52 4 10 8 30 1 55 3 50  |
| Hydrotown                    | 7 05 4 25 8 45 2 10 4 05  | 7 05 4 25 8 45 2 10 4 05  |
| Tryonville                   | 7 17 4 35 8 54 2 20 4 15  | 7 17 4 35 8 54 2 20 4 15  |
| Centerville                  | 7 27 4 45 9 04 2 30 4 25  | 7 27 4 45 9 04 2 30 4 25  |
| Glyndon                      | 7 44 4 55 9 20 2 40 4 30  | 7 44 4 55 9 20 2 40 4 30  |
| Sparksburg                   | 8 14 5 27 9 50 2 40 4 30  | 8 14 5 27 9 50 2 40 4 30  |
| Corry                        | 8 24 5 38 10 02 2 40 4 30 | 8 24 5 38 10 02 2 40 4 30 |
| Oil City                     | 8 55 6 10 10 32 2 50      | 8 55 6 10 10 32 2 50      |

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No. 15, Oil City 6:55 a. m.; Rouseville  
7:20; Tarr Farm 7:40; Columbia 7:57;  
Pot Centre 8:10; Pioneer 8:40; Miller 9:25;  
Titusville 9:55.

No. 7, Titusville 9:00 a. m.; Corry 11:25.  
No. 11, Oil City 11:20 a. m.; Rouseville  
11:40; Rynd Farm 11:53; Tarr Farm 12:03;  
Columbia 12:10; Pot Centre 12:20; Miller  
12:25; Tionesta 2:00; Corry 4:42 p. m.

No. 21, Tidoute 12:45 p. m.; Trunk-  
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