

Forfeits for Fun.

A list of amusing forfeits, which will make the company laugh and not offend the persons called upon to pay them, is herewith given:

1. Put a newspaper upon the floor in such a way that two persons can stand on it and not be able to touch each other with their hands. By putting the paper in the doorway, one-half inside and the other half outside of the room, and closing the door over it, the two persons can easily stand upon it and still be beyond each other's reach.
2. To go out of the room with two legs, and come in with six. Not difficult, if one thinks to bring a chair along on his return.
3. To act the dumb servant. The person who has the forfeit to pay must act out the answers to the questions put by the master of the ceremonies; "How do you make bread?" etc. This forfeit will cause much merriment, if properly questions are put.
4. Put one hand where the other cannot touch it. One can get out of this difficulty by putting one hand on the elbow of the other arm.
5. Place a pencil on the floor so that one cannot jump over it. May be done by putting it close to the wall of the room.
6. Put a question that no one can answer with a "no!" This is not hard if one thinks to ask: "What does y-s spell?"
7. Push a chair through a finger ring. This forfeit is made by putting the ring on the finger and pushing the chair—any other object will do as well—with the finger.
8. Put yourself through a keyhole. This was a great puzzle to us for a while, but when a piece of paper was taken with the word "yourself" written upon it, and pushed through the hole, it was all clear.

Some Facts About New York Undertakers.

There are more than 175 undertakers in the city of New York, and the number is swelling to 200 by the addition of coffin-makers and furnishers of undertakers' goods, hardware, etc. The undertaker's lot is not generally looked on as a happy one, but the men in the business are not apparently gloomier as a class than those in other trades. The undertaker's work does not seem repulsive to him, however it may appear to other people.

What does this work consist of? He first makes his bargain. Then he prepares the body for burial. This done he places it in the coffin. Frequently he is called upon to insert the funeral notices in the papers. He furnishes candelabra when desired; he gives notice to the minister and sends a carriage for him; he places the invariably squeaking camp-stools in position; he seats the people; he sees the body laid in the grave; in fine, he superintends the entire funeral. But does he weep with them that weep? No, for he is simply earning his livelihood. He becomes hardened to tears and mourning, in fact, he is complacent and happy, though through constant practice he wears a long face; he is earning his money and rejoices in the prospect of speedy payment.

The prices of coffins range all the way from \$3 for children and \$10 for adults up to \$100. "Caskets," as coffins of a certain shape and style are called, cost from \$12 for children and \$30 for adults up to \$200 and over. The average "casket" therefore is worth twice as much as a coffin of corresponding material. A "casket" requires far more trimming and work than a coffin; in fact, the finishing alone of a casket is worth more than a complete coffin of the same grade. There are fluctuations in the styles of coffins just as there are in those of clothes and household decorations. At present cloth-covered "caskets" are in favor. "Undressed caskets" are manufactured on a large scale in Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Brown, former sexton of Grace church, who died recently, was the most noted sexton in the city, and his prices were the highest. He charged \$500 for a "casket" which any other undertaker would have furnished for \$200, and he always had a host of customers in spite of such charges. A certain class of people always pay the highest price for everything, and seem to delight in it so doing.

A large stock of shrouds and habits is frequently to be found in some room at the undertaker's at prices ranging from \$2 to \$25. "These are often prepared with great ingenuity," remarked one of the trade, "so that in a darkened room the most common ones will pass for a big thing. One of the 'tricks of the trade' is the placing of the wrong plate and inscription upon the coffin lid. This only occurs where great haste must be made, and the persons present at the funeral are likely to be illiterate. There being no time to engrave a plate, some ancient cast-off one and bearing a totally different inscription and culled from a pile of store rubbish is substituted."

Illuminated Manuscripts.

The latest catalogue issued by Mr. Quaritch, the London bookseller, indicates that he is the possessor of perhaps the richest collection of illuminated manuscripts ever offered at one time by a single dealer. It includes specimens of every century from the ninth to the sixteenth, inclusive, and represents an aggregate monetary value of about \$75,000. The MSS. are nearly all of a devotional character, and some were executed for crowned heads and pious women of rank. The gem of the collection is John Lydgate's "Boke of the Segre of Troy," executed by the author himself. It contains seventy large miniatures, and can be purchased for \$8,000. A copy of Wyckliffe's New Testament, written about A. D. 1380, and one of the seventeen genuine ones in existence, is offered for \$5,000. An Evangelarium, written about A. D. 870 for Charles the Bald, is valued at the same amount. Of still greater value is a copy of Beatus' "Commentary on the Apocalypse," about A. D. 1150, and declared by eminent bibliophiles to be the finest MS. of the twelfth century in existence. The price is \$8,000. Lorenzo de Medici's prayer book, an exquisite MS. on vellum of the best period of Italian art, executed about A. D. 1470 for Lorenzo or Giuliano de Medici, is offered at the moderate sum of \$400. There are numerous other MSS. in the collection, with prices affixed to them varying from \$50 to \$2,500.

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The Science of Kissing.

Science in the last few years, says the New Orleans Times, has gained a terrible foothold in this world. It has rattled the dry bones of old fogymen, made pi out of worn-out theories, and upset ideas which have been established for centuries. The latest and most astonishing fact that has been developed is that there is a scientific mode of kissing. The day when a young man could grab a girl around the neck and gobble a kiss in a rough but comfortable manner, is past. The time when he could circle her waist with one arm, get his shirt-bosom full of hair-oil, and pirouette his lips over every square inch of her countenance, is no more. Science has proclaimed against it, and man shudders, but remains silent. The old style of kissing, which sounds like some one tearing a clap-board off a smoke-house, is now considered bad taste, and consequently is rapidly going out of fashion, although the majority of girls admit that science has cruelly destroyed all the comfort of a long, lingering, heart-thrilling kiss, and causes them to express no little regret at the change.

The improved scientific method of kissing is to throw the right arm languidly around the fair one's shoulder, tilt her chin up with the left hand until her nose is pointed at an angle of forty-five degrees, or rather until it has an aspect resembling the bowsprit of a clipper-built sloop, then stoop slowly and gaze about her lips in a quiet, subdued sort of a way, and tickle her nose with your mustache until she cries "Ouch!" This is scientific kissing, but there is no consolation in it—nothing to make a man feel like a couple of galvanic batteries were galloping along his spinal column. It is flat, lukewarm and lacks substance, and if not stale is at least unprofitable.

Agencies of Presidents.

James A. Garfield was forty-nine years old the nineteenth of November. When he takes his seat in the White House next March he will be the third youngest president the republic has ever had. Grant was the youngest president, having lacked one month of forty-seven years when inaugurated. Franklin Pierce was four days younger than Garfield will be next March, when he will be inaugurated. Two other presidents were in their fiftieth year when inaugurated—James K. Polk and Millard Fillmore. The next youngest was John Tyler, who was over fifty-one when he succeeded to Harrison's barely-begun term of office. Abraham Lincoln was fifty-two years old, and Martin Van Buren and R. B. Hayes not quite fifty-five. Andrew Jackson lacked eight months of being fifty-seven, and George Washington had passed that age when inaugurated. Oddly enough, the four consecutive presidents, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, and John Quincy Adams, were each in their fifty-eighth year when inaugurated. Zachary Taylor and Tippecanoe Harrison were sixty-five and sixty-eight respectively, when they took the oath of office, and neither lived to fill out his term. In point of age, James Buchanan came between the two, being in his sixty-sixth year when inaugurated. The average age of presidents when inaugurated has been fifty-seven years.

I have suffered from a kidney difficulty for the past ten years, accompanied with nervous spasms. Physicians gave me but temporary relief, but after using three one-half bottles of Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver cure, my nervous spasms were entirely relieved. My age is seventy-seven years. I heartily recommend it to all suffering from nervous troubles.

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A monument has been placed at Litiz, Pa., over the grave of General Sutter, the discoverer of gold in California. General Sutter's body lies beside that of his wife in the Moravian graveyard at Litiz, and it is said that this is the first instance where it has been allowed, as there the bodies of men, women and children are buried apart.

Almost Young Again.

My mother was afflicted a long time with neuralgia and a dull, heavy, inactive condition of the whole system; headache, nervous prostration, and was almost helpless. No physicians or medicines did her any good. Three months ago she began to use Hop Bitters, with such good effect that she seems young again, although over seventy years old. We think there is no other medicine fit to use in the family.—*A lady in Providence, R. I.—Journal.*

Marrying for Love.

The man who marries for love has generally the vital temperament—is combative, sagacious and independent, and takes a general view of everything. A life of indolence and stagnation has no charms, for one whose blood is warm and whose hopes are high; he likes to be in the thickest of the fight, giving blows and taking them; watching for the turn of events with coolness and foresight; pleased at his own independence and struggles; eager to show the world what he can achieve, and the contest rouses all the strength and manliness of his nature. He wins the respect of his fellows by his own worth. He often brings home pleasant surprises for his wife and children. You may recognize him in trains loaded with parcels, which he good-naturedly carries in perfect unconcern of what others think—a new bonnet, music, books, a set of furs for his wife; while in another parcel, the wheels of a cart, a jack-in-the-box, a doll or skipping-rope intrude through the paper and suggest the nursery. He never forgets the dear ones at home; the humanizing influence of that darling red-cheeked little fellow who calls him father brings a glow of rapture of the purest pleasure earth holds; for the man who has never felt a tiny hand clasp his will always lack something—he will be less human, less less than others. This is the noble, the honest, the only form of life that imparts real contentment and joy, that will make a death-bed glorious, and love peace through his tears. It is so purely unselfish, so tenderly true, it satisfies the highest instincts, it stimulates men to the best deeds they are capable of. By studying how to live, we must know how to die; and the finest life is that which ministers to others needs and increases the joys of those dependent on us, whom we love, and who look to us for support, solace and light, even as the earth is revived by the sun; for feeling is life, the pulsation of delicious sympathy, the spring in a desert, the manna from the skies.

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While he was engaged in feeling the heads of the male Esquimaux, an old woman, named Paigun, highly respected in the tribe as a potent witch, watched his movements with manifest distrust and perturbation of spirit. When, however, he approached her in her turn with outstretched hands, the conviction that he was a white sorcerer, bent upon robbing her of her supernatural powers, completely overcame her sense of decorum, and she fled from him round the room, leaping over tables and chairs with astonishing agility for one of her sex and age, and yelling out the strongest spells she could think of as likely to prove efficient against the professor's necromantic manipulations. Somewhat startled by good Mother Paigun's gymnastic feats, Virchow and his two assistants instinctively drew back; whereupon the Esquimaux Abraham, who had been converted to Christianity, but obviously retains a respectful recollection of his former faith, grew deadly pale, and was heard to mutter: "The gods of my country are mightier than the Christian Deity. See how the white magician recoils from Paigun's words of power."

Over-Confidence.

Don't be over-confident, young man. Don't carry your pet hobby too far. Take note of the shoulders and legs of a man before you sass him. Out here on West Hill there is a goat that for three long years has butted everything and everybody the broad empire of Burlington could send against him. He ate the circus posters before the paste was dry, and when the advance agent demonstrated, the goat just stood up and crowded the rasher man clear through the bill stand. He once upset a hay wagon; jammed his head through the end of a wood shed and flattened an officer up against a brick house. And one day he wandered down into a saw-mill and butted the fly-wheel. Only once. When he came down in a sack of meal, now. Young man, be content with reasonable victories. Some day you, too, may run against a fly-wheel.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

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