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A GIRL'S FIRST OFFER.

There are two deplorable extremes, into one of which a young girl usually falls on receiving her "first offer."

The worst and most frequent of these is that of fancying herself in love, when, in reality, she does not care a fig for her lover. The other consists in a coquettish pride which leads her, against the dictates of her own judgement, and the inclinations of her own heart, to reject a sintor, however worthy.

Now, when a man offers a woman his hand, with all the accompaniments of his heart, and name and fortune, -whether these be exalted or lowly, -he pays her the highest compliments in his power .-Undoubtedly she has a right to feel comprimented, and she must be untrue to her womanhood does she not in some measure feel so, even though her suitor be beneath her regard; and the compliment will be valued very much in proportion to her estimate of the man.

But take a young girl, whose imagination is colored with the hues of a summer's sun rising. whose dovelike soul is waiting on quivering wing for love's first message; whose gentle heart pulsates in ansage; whose gentle man parades it ticipation of love's ecstasy. When, in her Maymorn, one comes offering her the sweetest and brightest of life's fragrance and beauty-does she pause to see if there be any dust on his garments, any stain on his hands, any film on his eyes, any baseness on his heart?

No !-intoxicated with the perfume and bewildered with the beauty, he stands in the radiance of her rising sun, and sees

the lover beneath its golden light. Many a woman bas blighted her own life, and that of the one she loved, by indulging a passion for coquetry! Having charms of which she is fully conscious enpowered perhaps, with all the advantages of wealth, position and accomplishments. she proudly measures her power, and

"I am equal to great conquests; and shall I, thus early, submit to be conquer-ed? I have cords with which to lead many captives; and shall I yield my hands to be manacled? I have power to bring the proud head low-to melt the heart of stone .- to wring the nerve of steel; and shall I put my head on the block-my heart in the crncible- my own nerves in the vice? No! when I have had a sur-

feit of these delights—theu—"
But the time referred to in the long futurity of the little word "then" seldom comes to the coquette. It will always be "then." The "accepted time" is never to day, we shall commit greater ones to more near when once we have let the opportunity pass. Why will not women be warn-

Assuredly, to be loved implies some degree of loveliness, and she may be pardon-ed, for feeling gratified with this highest of all compliments-this subtleness of all flat-tery. But why should she unhesitatingly herself into aims that may be extended only to ensuare her? On the other hard, why does she turn proudly from the embrace of one who may be fitted to meet every want of her woman-

your own heart and when you receive your if its to fer" be not so flattered or self-deceived as either to accept or reject with-

out careful deliberation.

Don't imagine that this is the last "chance you will ever have; neither for the sake of

flirting throw it away.

VORACITY OF ANTS,—About ninety years ago the island of Grenada, in the West Indies, was invaded by prodigous number of a particular kind of ant, which makes its nest under the roots of plants, and the sugar-canes were so weakened and injured in consequence, that the plan-An account says: "They descended from the hills like torrents, and the plantations, as well as every path and road, for miles, with them. Rats, mice and reptiles of every kind became an easy prey to them; and even the birds, which they attacked when they lighted on the ground in search of food, were so harrassed as to be at length unable to resist them .-Streams of water opposed only a temporary obstacle to their progress; the forefresh armies instantly following, till a bank was formed of the carcasses of those which were drowned, sufficient to dam up the waters and allow the main body to pass over in safety below. Even fire was tried without effect. When it was lighted to arrest their route, they rushed into the blaze in such myriads as to extinguish it," A reward of \$20,000 was offered in vain for an effectual means of destroying them ; but in 1780 a hurricane, which tore up the canes and exposed their habitations to a deluge of rain, freed the island from this

Friends are like the nigger's moon. ber shine dark nights."

Why is a quack like a locomotive? Be cause he cannot go without puffing. "I wonder what causes my eyes to be so weak?" said a fop to a gentleman.
"They are in a weak place," was the

The following is one of the two or three lines in the English language that read precisely the same backward as forward:

What is meaner than a Black Republican? Two Black Republicans,

Snug and raw was I ere I saw war and guns.

JOSH BILLINGS ON CUPID.

It is real singular what a man-killer and woman-killer the god Cupid is, for his beft, He is pictured on paper about the size of a four year-old fat boy baby, with a pair of wings about as large as a boss but-terfly, and is armed with a bow and arrows, that might possibly kill bumble bees

at four paces.

The little fellow has bagged more game with his wooden shuteing irons than all that

has ever been built can brag of. He has in his quiver innumerable arrows, some of them dipped in genuine love, and feathered with good sense; put most of them would seem too trifling tew be at all dangerous if I hadn't with my own eyes noticed him at work with them, both on male and female game, both sitting and flying,

and seen the many ded shots he has made. I have been at some pains for the last ew sezons two watch his manoovers whare I have happened tew be, and the following to inform the others that different apartrecord is a faithful history of this little

Ben Slocum, aged ninteen years, weighed 100 pounds, and a good eater, at work by the month for Farmer Brown, hoeing corn, received his death wound from a gartet be, nging to Rachel Tucker, Brown's hired girl, as the said Tucker was learning tew

jump the rope down the garden.

Kate Freelove, youngest daughter of I.S. Freelove, esq., who could play big on the pianny, and had studied Latin one quarter, was shot thru and thru by a paper of Stuart's mixed candies that Frank Fever sent

John Davis got his mutton cooked by spit curl that was dangling on Angeline's

Sally Munson deceased without struggle. Cause-Dick Fentons No 7 patent leather boots, California solitaire.

Sam Benson butcher, wounded with a hoop skirt, got better; then was struck plump dead by a false calf on Chestnut street. Lawrence Peters, aged sixty, for thirty years a consistent bachelor, lived only an hour in great agony, after eating warm ap-ple pies at Widow Stebbin's.

Frank Hunter, maimed for life' by a black almoral with an orange stripe in it. Willie what's his name, by the flutter of Jenny Jones' velveteen, and the jingle of

her father's money

Good Maxims .- An action cannot be perfectly good, unless pure in its motives; that is, unless the motives are virtuous, and If we commit small faults without regret

Pride is the most rediculous and foolish

In everything we do, however trifling, we night to reflect and reason, otherwise we

shall never do anything well. Idleness renders us unfit for anything. Flattery is more prejudical than rude-

We owe the greatest gratitude to them that tell us the truth. Calumny is the voice of those who have

neither a good heart nor a good understanding. We ought never to believe ill of any one say anytheng that is rude and displeasing to make her sweet, if I could find some to

carry the joke too far. The longer the saw of contention is

are best. In matters of prudence, last horn, he said:

thoughts are best. Lying is a vice so very infamous that

the greater liar cannot bear it in other men.

LAUGH AND GROW FAT .- Heed ye all this command. Laugh while you may. 'Tis better to laugh than to cry. Tears are a crying evil. Don't cry for spilt milk. An ocean of tears wouldn't save a drop of it. Dry up and laugh. Laughing is catching. Laugh early and often. Laugh then, and let others catch it, and thereby become a benefactor to your kind. We will wager this is good advice. A good laughter never gets the dyspepsia. and lives to die at a good old, age, provided he doesn't travel much on railroad. Methuselah was an incessant, and he lived upwards of nine hundred years; but then provsions wern't as high as now. There were no railroads in days neither Laugh go down the street just now." -launh out but not in meetin'. Don' choke a laugh; let it come up full, clear and hearty. Even the waters laugh. Didn't Longfellw write of a "Laughig Water?" Can't you sing of a round, laughing moon And there are laughing byenas. Don't be outdone by waters, moon and byenas. can't find anything to laugh at. laugh at yourself. We warrant you have abundant | printer, papa." cause. At any rate, laugh. We never knew a jolly, good laughter to be sent to the State Prison or Congress.

OLD SPANISH PROVERBS .- He is a rich man who has God for a friend. He is the best scholar who hath learned

A handful of mother is worth a bushe of learning. When all men say you are an ass,it is time

Change of weather finds discourse for God comes to seek or look upon us with-

your friends. He is my friend who grinds at my mill. Saying and doing do not dine together.

You had better leave your enemy some

TWO YOUNG LADIES IN A FIX.

two of them attended a party, from which they returned at 121 o'clock. The third one remained at home, and to avoid disturbing her-for the three slept in the same bed-and others in the house, they entered through the window. Here a difficulty occurred, caused by the fact that after they had left home a young minister arrived on a visit. He was given the room occupied by the young ladies, and the one who had remained at home sat up ments had been assigned to them. She waited in the parlor, for that purpose, but un-luckily fell asleep, and as the two young Can't help it; shan't live till morning, luckily fell asleep, and as the two young ladies did not come in by the door, but stepped into their own room by the window, she slept on. When the two others supposed, in bed, but were puzz'ed also to see by the bedside a pair of boots. The truth flashed upon them both at once .-They saw it all. Fanny had set the boots in the room to give them a good scare.-They put their heads together and determined to turn the tables on her. Silently they disrobed, and as stealithy as cats took their positions on each side of the bed .-At a given signal they both jumped into the bed, one on each side of the unconscious person, laughing and screaming, "Oh, what a man!" they gave the poor bewildered minister such a promiscuous hug-

ging and tousling as few persons are able brag of in the course of a lifetime. The noise of this proceeding awoke the old lady, who was sleeping in an adjoining room. She comprehended the situation in a moment, and rushing to the room, she opened the door and exclaimed : "My Lord, gals, it is a man; it is a man, sure enough!" There was one prolong-ed, consolidated scream; a flash of muslin through the door, and all was over. The best of the joke is that the minister took the whole thing in earnest. He would listen to no apologies the old lady would make for the girls. He would hear no excuse, but he solemnly folded his clerical robes, around him and took his departture. - New Albany Commercial,

A To hear Gough tell the "drugger tory is worth a quarter at any time. story is a capital one, but it takes the man to tell it. This he does in some such

words as these : A long, lean, gaunt Yankee, entered a drug store and asked :

Be you the drugger?" "Well, I suppose so, I sell drugs." " Waal, hev you got any uv this here scentin' stuff as the gals put on there he-

"Waal, our Sal's gwine to get married,

around. The Yankee smelled around without drawn the hotter it grows.

In matters of conscience, first thoughts being suited until the druggist got tired of him; and taking down a bottle of harts-

> "I've got a scentin' stuff that will suit you. A single drop on your handker-chief will stay for weeks, and you can't wash it out, but to get the strength of it you must take a big smell."
> "Is that so, Mister? Waal just hold

on a minute till I get my breath, and when say neow, you put it under my smeller.' The hartshorn of course knocked the Yankee down, as liquor has done many a man. Do you suppose he got up and smelt again, as a drunkard does?. Not he; but rolling up his sleeves and doub-

ling up his fists he said : You made me smell that tarnel everlasting stuff, Mister, and now I'll make you smell fire and brimstone.

Good. - " Papa," said a little urchin to his father the other day, " I saw a printer "Did you, sonny. Why do you think that person is a printer?"

'Cause I do, papa." "But he might have been a carpenter, blacksmith or shoemaker." "Oh, no, papa, he is a printer; for he

ings on, the crown was out of his hat, and

is coat was all torn. I'm certain he is a

THE WEATHER TOY .- A Bostonian says the Commercial Advertiser, has a toy barometer on exhibition, which consists of a miniature cottage, with two doors, At one of these stands a man clad in such purple and fine linen as constitute a Sunday-go-to-meeting garb in New England, while at the other stands a female arrayed in like apparel. These twain seem to watch the impending weather. If there are signs of rain, the man, with a noble bravery worthy of a better fate, steps boldly out of doors, while the woman shrinks into the cottage. But if the sign are favorable, the woman goes forth to shop and gossip, while the man stays at home to keep house and baby. A therthing when you die, than live to beg of mometer forms part of the household fur-

A timely tune-oppor-tune.

niture of this institution.

AMERICAN HUMOR.-Colonel Isanc Banes, of Boston, who died a few weeks ago, was an officer under the United States A ludicious scene occurred within a thousand miles of Indianapolis, not a great with while ago, at least not long enough to be and humor, full of rare and racy stories, forgotten. We suppress names, and give which he always told with the most imthe story as it was told by one of the Indianapolis weekly newspapers. Two young ladies were visiting another young lady, their cousin. The three were fond voice which was quite thin and pitched of jokes, and continually playing them off upon a high key, and in his latter years, on each other. On the night in question, "turned towards childish treble."

In his last sickness, he very forcibly illustrated Pope's well known line of the "Raling passion strong in death."

His physician came in, an evening or two before he dled, and asked him how he was feeling

"Shan't live till morning," said the Col. feebly-"Oh, yes, I think you will you don't seem to be very near your end."
"Yes, I am," piped out the Colonel.

The doctor then felt of his feet, and finding them quite warm, said, "I think

persisted the sick man. "But," said the doctor, "your extremi-

ties are warm, Colonel. Did you ever entered they saw Fanny's figure, as they know one to be very near dying whose feet were as warm as yours?" "That's nothing to do with it. I shan't live till morning." wheezed out the Colo-

nel, as if he were determined to die. "You are quite unreasonable, Colonel,' gently interposed the Doctor. "I never knew a man to be very near his end whose feet were as warm as yours." "Who, I pray?"

twinkle in his eyes, he laboringly gasped out-"John Rogers." PARAGRAPHS .- Sisters of Charity-

Turning toward the Doctor, with a droll

Faith and hope.

Be temperate in diet. Our first parents ate themselves out of house and home. Give strict attention to your own affairs, d consider your wife one of them.

Never give your tongue its liberty; let it always be your servent never your mas-It is to sleep with an empty stomach than to lie awake with accusing conscience,

Soft sop, is some-shape, pleases all, and generaly speaking, the more lye you put in the better. Public Spirited. Young ladies who allow their father's house to be used for a

court house. Happiness is a perfume that one cannot shed over another without a few drops falling on one's self.

If any one speaks ill of thee, consider whether he has truth on his side if so reform thyself. It is not until the flower has fallen off that the frsst begins to ripen. So in life

it is when romance is past that practical use-I never knew how it was, but I always seemed to have the most come in when I

gave the most away. Four things come not back: the spoken the neglected opportunity.

Wear your learning, like your watch, in a

private pocket, and don't pull it out to show

that you have one; but if you are asked what o'clock it is, tell it. Afew weeks since a baby was taken to a church to be baptized, and his little brother was present during the rite. On the following Sunday, when the baby was being washed and dressed, his little brother asked his mother if she intended to carry Willy to be christened . said his mother; "don't you know, my son, said his mother; "don't you know, my son, twice?" "What. returned the young reasoner, with the ut-

didn't take first time. A little girl on hearing her mother say that she intended to go to a ball and have her dress with "bugles," innocently inquired if the bugles would blow up while she danced. Oh, no, said the mother, your father will do that when he discovers I have bought them.

most astonishment in his, face, "not if it

A boy in one of our Baptist families, the other Sunday morning, commenced blacking his boots. "Why, Barber," said the mother, "didn't you know this is the Lord's day?" "Well, "replied be, "if the Lord does come to-day, he won't find me with a print of old met better." find me with a pair of old rusty boots on."

"What's the matter, my dear?" said a wife to her husband, who had sat for half an hour with his face buried in his hands, apparently in great tribulation. "On! I don't know," said he: "I have felt like a fool all day." "Well," replied the wife, consolingly, "I am afraid you will never get any better; you look the very picture of what you feel."

A young lady being asked to waltz, gave the following sensible and appropriate answer. No, I thank you sir, I have hugging enough at home.

Mrs. Partington has been reading the health officer's weekly reports, and thinks that "Total" must be an awful malignant disease, since as many die of it as all the rest put together.

A dutch woman desired to advertise her pony, that had lost himself, mit nuncs. a tail frisky ver much, and strike ver hard

Wise and Otherwise.

"My son, would you suppose that the Lord's Prayer could be engraved in a space

no larger than a nickel cent ?" "Why, yes, father; if a cent is as big in everybody's eyes as it appears to be in yours, I think there would be no difficulty in putting it on about four times."

At a trial of negro conspirators in Lynchburg, Va., a negro witness, in reply to the question why they wanted to kill another negro, replied : "Because people said he would not vote the Radical ticket, and that he carried tales to the white people; and (raising his voice to a high key) because he was no better than a white man!"

Sentimental young lady to perfumer : "I do not think you forwarded the scent 1 meant; it seems entirely different from that I ordered,"

Perfumer, who is fond of punning : "Madam, I am sure what you meant I sent; the scent I sent was the scent you meant; consequently we are both of one sent-1-ment."

EXTREME DELICACY .- "Is there anything the matter ?" "There is, sir," was the host's savage re-"Have I given any offense?"

"Really, I am ignorant of it." "Well, sir, let me tell you such language won't suit here." "My dear sir, what language? We were

"You have, sir."

only talking of scup !" "Yes, sir, but you said ox-tail!" "Well, suppose I did ?" "Why, sir, its that very word that sent all the ladies blushing out of the room-its highly unbecoming language-very improper,

"But, my dear sir, what would you haveme say? I called the soup by its proper came didn't I ?" "No, sir, you did not; and whenever you have occasion to speak of that particular

soup again, never say Ox-tailled Say Fly dispenser soup ! that's the proper word sir." An instance of connubial affection is narrated as occuring lately in New Hampshire. A couple had quarreled during the whole term of their married life, At last the husband was taken ill, and evidently about to die. His wife came to his bedside, where,

after she had seen his condition, the following collogur ensued : "Wy, daldy, your feet are cold, your hands are cold, and your nose is cold."

"Wa'al let um be cold-" "Wy, daddy, you're goin' to die." "Wa'al, I guess I know wot I'm about."

"Wy, daddy, wat's to becum of me if you. "Dunno, and don't care! Wat I want to

know is, wat's to becum of me The nervous man is the criginal harp of

one thousand strings.

He is a riddle, past finding out The tread ov an elephant don't shake him, but he wilteth when the mouse nibbles in the wainscot.

He also tur neth pale at the coming of the

spider. He laffeth when the whirlwind iz on a bender; but shuddereth when the striped snaik walks out for an airing. He gazeth at the red lightning with joy when it gnasheth the heavens; but the

scales of his back lift up in horror when old

My advice tew the pervous man iz, tew

Baxter files a hand-saw.

drink milk for a living, and, for excitement, chaw spruce gum .- Josh Billings. Prentice, having been asked to act as

stake holder on an impeachment bet, replies

that he never holds any but beef steaks.

Behind the Scenes-Stage manager :--John, go and see if the ballet girls are all dressed, for it is time to ring up the curtain." Boy returns-"About ready, sir ; got most of their clothes off."

Running off with another man's wife is styled larceny in St. Louis,-Petty (coat) larceny probably.

Bachelor at breakfast-Dear me ,Susan

that's a very small egg ! Susan-Yes, sir, it is-but it was only laid this morning, sir ! We find recorded in a Western paper the marriage of Samuel Mann and Sarah Price .-That Mann is more lucky than most men,

having got his price. An editor out West says he would as soon try to get to sea on a shingle, make a ladder of log, chase a streak of lightning through a crab-apple orchard, swim heels first up Niagara river, or set Lake Erie on fire with a wet match, as to stop lovers from getting married when they take it into their heads

Plug tobacco packed in peanuts, is the last device to defraud the revenue, probably quid 200,000 regular enbacabers,

Time on the jump—leap years.