

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

And Silence Fell Upon Them—An Excuse—An Accommodating Man—All Relatives, Etc., Etc.

Write me an epic, the warrior said, "Victory, valor and glory wed," "Frithee, a ballad," exclaimed the knight, "Prose, adventure and faith unite."

AN EXCUSE. "And you allowed your girl's father to kick you?" "I did. But how can a fellow help what's done behind his back?"

HOW HE DOES IT. "I don't see how that merchant across the street makes a living. He sells all his goods at cost price."

CUT SHORT HIS REJOICING. "I've made my will, Joseph, and it's so well drawn it can't be broken."

THE DEAR GIRLS. Flossie—"I made a large collection of beautiful stones while I was at the seaside."

AN ACCOMMODATING MAN. "How are you getting on with your new house?" "I have had to tear it all down."

A CAUTIOUS LOVER. "Look here, Fritz; why don't you make up to the little Fraulein? Go in and win, man!"

PRECAUTION AGAINST ASPHYXIA. Gentleman (to barber who is shaving him)—"Hold on a moment. I want to ask you a favor."

A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE. A broker addresses a friend who is about to begin a letter: "How can you say 'Honorable director' to a man who has done enough to send him to the gallows?"

KEPT THE OLD MAN BUSY. "What is your father's output this year, Maud?" inquired the cautious young man of the manufacturer's popular daughter.

TEXT BOOK REVISION. Teacher of Natural History (to a class of young women)—"Is it true that animals feel affection?"

THE DIFFERENCE IN MIND. The conversation turned on literature. "I hope you are not an admirer of Fielding, Mr. Cahokia," remarked the young woman from Boston.

MODERN ROMANCE. Miss Sweetlips (just after the proposal)—"Oh, Mr. Poseyboy, you don't know how glad and grateful I am."

A JUNEBUG'S TRIALS. Teacher—"Give me the name of some quadruped—that is, an animal with four legs."

A SUDDEN CHANGE OF MIND. "Clara," said the old man, "that young fellow can't have you. He smokes cigarettes, I know, for I smell them when he is around."

smokes them, but he owns a cigarette factory." "So? Then, my darling, he can marry you when he will. There's money in the business."—Bazar.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN

Dyed-haired women multiply. In bangles there is a bewildering variety. Close-fitting collars are still fashionable.

English girls are wearing the blouse waist. Mrs. Philip Sheridan has large faith in Chicago property. The Empress of Germany is an accomplished needlewoman.

Plush and velvet are not used any more for covering sofa pillows. Sarah Bernhardt, the French actress, keeps 120 birds in one cage.

Among new thin stuffs are lace-figured grenadines and printed bareges. You can buy a silver dollar now with a Swiss watch set in its circumference.

Silver jewelry of all kinds was never quite so fashionable as at the present time. The Queen Dowager of Portugal, an Italian Princess, married at the age of fifteen.

The musical tinkle of silver bells is now heard above the swish of silken skirts. Laundered percale shirt waists are found easy and slightly and are much worn.

Imported dorothe blouse vests with Stanley jacket and sash are already popular. Some of the full sleeves are tied at three places with bands and bows of bright ribbon.

Mrs. William G. Choate, of New York, established the first woman's exchange twelve years ago. All the beach shoes are dark almond in color and generally made of suede kid or ooze goat skin.

Mrs. Mary Logan, widow of General John A. Logan, has put all her money in a monthly magazine. Some of the English frocks are the strangest combination of colors, as olive green and dark blue combined with black granadine, moss green with chocolate, pink and shaded greens; white, with green and purple and pink; gray, with yellow, etc.

Deep girdles, well boned after the peasant bodice, are put on the new toilets of white and figured silk. Mrs. Mackay, wife of the California millionaire, has made her house one of the most popular in London.

Belle Holmes has recently been awarded a Government contract to carry the mails over a certain route in Texas. There is an exquisite fabric manufactured in Japan known as moon cloth, whose silken web is of silvery white.

It is a great mistake of vain women to think the very high-heeled shoes or slippers add either grace or beauty to the feet. The women students have finally conquered Basle, which, alone among Swiss universities, has hitherto refused to admit them.

The big, billowy sleeve has about run its course. Autumn styles show a reduction of shoulder and elbow measurements. There are castor gloves in stock of gray castor that button on the side with a single hook and are intended for steamer wear.

Cheviot shirts fit in nicely with a romp rig. The woman that wears one feels at ease, perfectly comfortable, and is quite presentable. Now that the ruby looms up as the fashionable stone, it is reasonable to suppose a great many garnets will masquerade as such.

One hundred women exchanges are now in existence in different cities, and not less than \$1,000,000 has been paid for work in twelve years. Miss Helen Gould, the only daughter of Jay Gould, owns the rarest private collection of orchids in the country and is an accomplished botanist.

Checks are very popular. The newer checks are irregular or broken. The sleeves of checked dresses are made in gigot style and ended with a small cuff. Reefer coats are very popular. They are lined with brilliant-hued silk, cut hip-deep, are double-breasted, closed with eight brass buttons and finished with a step collar.

Mme. Rosa Kirschbaum, the first lady admitted to medical practice in Austria, has recently been authorized by special imperial decree to conduct a hospital for eye diseases at Salzburg. The new light cashmires, with embroidered borders at the edges and embroidered flowers, quite diminutive, strewn all over the surface, are among the prettiest of the woollens.

Fashion's latest fancy in hair dressing is a double Grecian or Alsatian bow on the top of the head. The hair is drawn up on the crown, tied invisibly and then knotted in this pretty fashion. A fresh and charming effect is given to tailor-made gowns of light-weight wool goods by narrow stripes of rosin-gene blue, with hair line stripes of amber, all upon a ground of pinkish cream.

The report of the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that while in 1875 there were nineteen branches of industry in which women were not employed, in 1885 there were only eight. Mrs. Henry M. Stanley's bridal shoes were made out of a new and beautiful material which has just come in for evening wear. It is silver kid, a curiously pretty material, sure of a great success.

After Captain Kidd's Treasure.

The "money diggers" are back again to their old haunts in Pittston, near the east shore of the river, six miles below Gardiner, says the Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

There are three of them, one coming from Nebraska and the others from Franklin County. Their operations are confined to the old lot of land called the "money hole," where men have been digging for Captain Kidd's buried treasure a long time.

They have sunk one shaft, five by four feet and ten feet deep, near a small brook. They first struck clay and then a bed of sand. Ten rods up the hill they have excavated another hole, perhaps six feet across. The "money diggers" are in dead earnest and toil away with shovel and pick in the hot sun, as if certain of finding Kidd's money.

Fantastic Uniforms. Some of the troops of San Salvador have a fantastic uniform. "A few wore sandals," writes one who saw them, "but the most of them were barefooted. They had huge straw hats with red bands on them. Most of them wore overall suits trimmed with red braid; others were dressed in go-as-you-please fashion, with all manner of uniform. Every man in the company had a big revolver strapped around his waist. Some of them carried rifles and muskets.

Big Peaches. The champion peach, so far as our knowledge is concerned, was brought into the office by B. F. Corbin. It measured 1 1/2 inches in circumference and weighed 13 ounces.

This was followed by William Johnson, of Pleasant Hill, who brought in six, the average weight of which was ten ounces. The largest was only a trifle smaller than Mr. Corbin's.

Renting Clocks. Renting clocks is a new business in New York. Over 1300 clocks of this kind have been placed already in that city at rental of seventy cents a month. In some cases where the time of operatives in a factory demands careful adjustment an employe of the company visits the place daily and regulates the clock so far as may be necessary.

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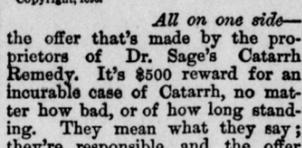
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