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OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR

LAUGHTER-PROVOKING STORIES FOR LOVERS OF FUN.

On the Bridge at Midnight—Art Cookery
—Needed Explanation—Calmer Topics—A Leading Question—Extenuating Circumstances, Etc., Etc.

I stood on the bridge at midnight, As the clock was striking the hour, And I wondered what the hour had done That the clock should strike it twice times one.

Within the old church tower,
—Philadelphia Record.

Art Cookery.
"What lovely brown biscuits she makes!"
"Yes; in colorature cooking she is quite unexcelled."—Puck.

Needed Explanation.
Mrs. Homer—"My oldest boy is getting to be just like his father."
Mrs. Gadsby—"Is that complimentary to the boy, or otherwise?"—Chicago News

Calmer Topics.
"Our next-door neighbor is getting old."
"What do you go by?"
"He's quit talking baseball and gone to talking garden."—Detroit Free Press.

A Leading Question.
Hebb—"I put one hundred dollars in the bank for my baby the other day for his majority."
Nobb—"That's good. How long are you going to keep it there?"—Harper's Bazar.

Extenuating Circumstances.
She—"You know we are told to love our neighbors as ourselves."
He—"Yes; but when that was written it wasn't known that I was going to have my mother-in-law for a neighbor!"—Youkers Statesman.

Could Peep Over It.
I entered the place trustfully, as is my wont.
"I should like to look over your collars," said I.
"Alas!" giggled the haberdasher, "I fear your neck is too short!"
For, in despite of our vast commercial expansion, there are still among us those who would rather be brought than succeed in business.—Detroit Journal.

An Optimistic Confession.
"Don't you think you are a little extreme in your optimism?"
Possibly. But it is due to my love of originality. This world has so many conspicuous faults that there is no use of trying to make any impression by pointing them out. But if you can call attention to anything that is in the least degree praiseworthy the chances are that you will be hailed as a discoverer."—Washington Star.

Friendly Treatment Bad Enough.
Towne—"I'd hate to have that man for an enemy."
Browne—"Who is he?"
Towne—"I don't know, but he punched my head once."
Browne—"Well, if he wasn't an enemy I'd like to—"

An Objector.
"I nearly fainted during the ceremony," said the bride.
"Really? Why so?"
"Well, you know, when the minister asked if any one knew any reasons why the couple should not marry?"
"Yes."
"Well, in the intense hush that followed, Mr. Longwed leaped over to Jack Davis and I heard him whisper: 'I do; thousands and thousands of 'em.'"—Indianapolis Sun.

Mashed.
The beautiful Griselda beamed radiantly upon me.
"I do not care for potatoes unless they are mashed!" said she.
"Showing," said I, "that woman's love is for the most part responsive, merely!"
Here the waiter came with the beef-steak, smothered, and as we filled our faces with these our conversation became naturally less philosophical and more desultory.—Detroit Journal.

Sweet Conceit.
There was moonlight and the waters of the lake glistened like molten diamonds. A thrush sang sleepily from a boat rocking on the bosom of the placid waters came the faint tinkle of a guitar.
"What would you say," he cried in low, husky tones, leaning toward the dainty vision occupying the other end of the boat, "if I were to tell you that I think of you day and night, and even dream of you?"
"Well," she replied, with a soft-stop gurgle, "I would say you were capable of most beautiful thoughts."
After that he roved viciously.—Denver Times.

A Cautious Millionaire.
Mr. Midas (about to make will)—"In disposing of my estate, while I am anxious that my son should have the benefit of a goodly share of it, I do not wish him to become possessed of it in bulk."
Lawyer—"Excuse me for saying it, but the inference of that instruction seems to go your son injustice. He has always seemed to me to be a young man absolutely free from any tendency to dissipation."
Mr. Midas—"Very true, but you cannot tell it. What channel ambition for notoriety may lure him; he may take it into his head to become a United States senator."—Richmond Dispatch.

INSIDE JAPAN.

Fist Fights Preface Death Struggles—No Wife-Beating.

In spite of qualities of easily aroused antagonism, of pride and Spartan ideals, the Japanese are an essentially gentle race—more so than the Anglo-Saxons. Brawls in which one man hits another are of rare occurrence; blows are generally the preface of a death struggle. The women may often suffer from the prevailing ideals of morality, which are yet much lower than ours, but there are few wife-beaters, and the home atmosphere is almost always outwardly peaceful. It follows that a little true politeness on the part of the foreigner goes a long way, and almost invariably meets with a warm recognition; you rarely appeal to the Japanese in vain. They are as quick to respond to an act of real kindness as they are to resent an act which has a tinge of arrogance. Our Government allowed several transports with returning volunteers to stop at Yokohama, and so hundreds of American soldiers visited that city and Tokio. One of them hired a bicycle and was taking a ride about the streets of Yokohama when he ran down an elderly Japanese man. The soldiers rang his bell several times, but the Japanese apparently paid no attention to it, and the American found himself promptly arrested and taken to court, where he was fined ten "yen" (\$5). He protested that he had done everything possible to avert the accident, and asked why the man made not attempt to get out of the way. The policeman then told him that the man was blind. The soldier looked dazed for a minute, then felt in his pocket and brought out a ten-dollar bill. "Here," he said, "it's the last I've got, but he can have it," and he turned it over to the blind man. The Japanese were deeply touched, and that same day a delegation of policemen hunted up the soldier and gave him back his fine.—Anna N. Benjamin, in *Ainslie's*.

Dislike the Illustration.

Superintendent Bright takes exception to a brightly colored chart in use in country schools which represents the farmer as painfully mowing grass with a scythe at \$18 a month, while opposite an elegantly dressed clerk costily sells a bolt of gingham to a beautiful young lady at \$40 a month and another city clerk below keeps books on a little mahogany desk at \$200 a month.

Mr. Bright objects that the chart conveys a false idea, for the farmer, who really does his mowing by machinery, gets board and lodging with his \$10, while the dapper clerk has to pay \$30.50 a month out of his \$40 for board, lodging and car fare. Also the business houses which are looking for bright young men to keep books at \$200 a month, carefully keep their wants out of the small "ad" columns of the newspapers.

The only defense of the chart is that it is calculated to "make pupils think." This is true. It will make them think that the authorities which display the chart have something the matter with their intellectuals.

It is rather odd that so much energy is devoted to making pupils think when very likely a small part of the same energy directed to the desirable end of making the educators think would have a much better result.—Chicago News.

Remarkable Power.

A dear old lady was taken one day to a musical service in a Boston church. She had heard much about the fine voice of the soprano and was prepared for a treat.
She sat in rapt enjoyment until the service was over, and then turned a radiant face toward her escort, who was a young grandson.
"Dear boy," she said, "you've given me a great treat. Her voice is perfectly beautiful. It made cold chills run all up and down my spine."
"It's too bad, grandma," said the boy, "but she didn't sing to-day, though she was there. The gentleman next to me says she's been suffering from a bad cold, and one of the chorists had to sing the solos for her."
"What, dear?" said the old lady, looking momentarily distressed. Then her face cleared, and she patted his arm reassuringly.
"Never you mind," she said. "We can come again some time; but after all, if she can make me feel that way without singing, I don't know as 'twould be wise for me to hear her, now would it?"—Youth's Companion.

A Much-Looked-At Clock.

There is a clock on a building near the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn Bridge which is looked at every day by more persons than any other clock in the city, perhaps in the whole country. The clock is in plain view from the promenade and from the cars. The hundreds of thousands who sleep in Brooklyn and work in Manhattan regard it as an infallible guide, and every morning four-fifths of them set their watches by it.

Every one knows when he arrives within seeing distance of the clock, and there is a general craning of necks to get a peep at its face. If it should ever run slow or fast, the business engagements of 100,000 persons might be disarranged.—New York Mail and Express.

Sandwich Man's Day is Over.

The twentieth century and the passing of the old-time "sandwich" advertising pedestrian made their advent simultaneously. Instead of the historic canvas-back-and-front sign waverer, it is the custom nowadays to see on the populous city thoroughfares the banner supporter, who has troubles of his own at all times, but especially in windy weather.—New York Sun.

The rarest dog in the world is said to be the magnificent Tibet mastiff, Dsamu, belonging to H. C. Brooke of New York, a known lover of pets and curious and unique reptiles. At the last great dog show in the Crystal Palace Dsamu took the first and special prize for the best dog of any variety. He is a beautiful and docile creature.

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The reason given for the substitution of the drum for the trumpet in the Italian army is that in these days of short service a young soldier learns to march to the drum far sooner than to the trumpet. Again, it is found that trumpeters are very subject to pulmonary affections.

Phosphate comes largely from Florida, Tennessee and South Carolina, and by the improved process now in use makes the best fertilizer. The potash used comes principally from Germany.

The government statistician gives the approximate result of the census in New South Wales as follows: Population, 1,302,232, comprising 715,207 males and 587,025 females. Increase during the past decade, 229,908, comprising 102,645 males and 127,263 females, or 1.87 per cent per annum.

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