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Talked Just Like a Man.

Miss Florence Marryat, the novelist, daughter of Captain Marryat, had some mannerisms of her own. The following anecdote was told by William Downey: "'Here is a letter from Florence Marryat,' said Mr. Tinsley, the publisher, to me one morning. 'She wants me to buy a new three volume novel from her. If I'm out of the way when she calls you can talk to her.'



"YOU'RE MISS MARRYAT?"

"I asked how I was to recognize her. 'You'll recognize her easy enough,' said Mr. Tinsley. 'She is a tall, striking looking woman, and she'll talk to you just like a man.' A few days later a tall lady called. I fancied she might be Miss Marryat. She looked around the office, and then, addressing me, she said, 'Is Bill in?'

"To this I replied that Mr. Tinsley was not in. Could I do anything for her? 'I must see Bill himself,' she said. 'Tell the old bounder I called.' 'You're Miss Marryat?' I ventured. 'Yes. But stop! How the dickens do you know I'm Miss Marryat? I never saw you before.'"

A Word and a Smile.

If I knew that a word of mine,
A word not kind and true,
Might leave its trace on a loved one's face
I'd never speak harshly, would you?

If I knew that the light of a smile
Might linger the whole day through
And brighten some heart with a heavier part
I wouldn't withhold it, would you?

He Was Paying Himself.

Tommy Deagen, soldier of fortune and distinctive character, worked for the trolley company in the old days—"the good old days," he called them, but that is largely his point of view. He had worked five or six days, and he had worked hard, as conductor. He liked the work, and he found it worth while. One day as he hopped off his car at the division office he saw a crowd of conductors standing around in an expectant attitude.



"WHAT'S THIS, BOYS?"

"What's this, boys—a strike?" he asked in surprise.

"Nope," was the reply. "This is pay day. Didn't you know it?"

"What?" faintly ejaculated Deagen. "Pay day, pay day! Does the company pay us too?"—Boston Record.

Their Two Medicines.

The native pharmacopoeia in Skye used to be of the simplest character. A man from the island, during his first week of night duty as a Glasgow constable, went into a chemist's shop and expressed frank astonishment at the bewildering array of bottles. "These medicines are ferry numerous—yes, ferry numerous indeed." "Yes, we have to keep a great many," the chemist said blandly. "Now, in Skye, where I come from," the constable went on, "the medicines are not what you might call numerous at all." "No?" said the chemist. "How many do you have?" "Juist two. There is tar for the sheep and whisky for the people."

Breaking the Chain.

In 1881 a bill was introduced in the Massachusetts senate which provided a bounty of $5 for the killing of "a ... or wildcat." When the bill was under discussion Senator Rice of Essex, who had a habit of asking the committees to explain some parts of ... they had reported, said he would ... ask the committee who reported the bill whether the term "lynx or ..." referred to two different species of animals or whether it was the name of animal called by different ... Senator Rockwell of Pittsfield ... let an opportunity to say a ... pass, arose and said, "In ... ence of the chairman of the ... who reported this bill I ... for the information of the ... senator from Essex, who ... ways lived in the eastern ... state, is not probably aware ... there has been a chain ... rowing over the Berkshire ... the object of this bill is to ... of the links out of that ...

...t to the Point.

... Williams says the best ... speech he ever heard was ... John Allen, who used ... of the house from ... man Allen wished to ... was an ex-Confederate ... had lost both legs and ... There were many ... have been said about ... word, but Allen wished ... got up, looked at the ... the entire gather... ... his speech. He said: ... nate all that's left ..." — Philadelphia ...

... ughen, 512 Jay ... writes that she ... pains in her ... unt of kidney ... got some of ... after taking ... there was a ... case, for ... back and ... here is such ... ney Pills." ... enton Md.

Thoroughly Inspected.

Goethe was so often intruded upon by the curious in his house in Weimar that one day, made impatient by the determination of an unknown Englishman to force an entrance, he suddenly ordered his servant to show him in. The Englishman entered. Goethe planted himself erect in the center of the room, his arms crossed, his eyes on



LIKE A STATUE.

the ceiling, motionless like a statue. Surprised for the moment, the stranger soon comprehended the situation, and, without being in the least disconcerted, he put on his glasses, walked slowly around Goethe, inspected him from head to foot and went out.

The Difference in Icebergs.

No two icebergs appear to be exactly alike in size and shape. Some look for all the world like Arabs' tents as they glide along and others like cliffs, castles, cathedrals, yachts, and occasionally they resemble some well known animal. Some of the pinnacles of a large berg rise nearly a thousand feet above the water, while the base may occupy an area of ten or twelve acres. Seen through a powerful glass, one may detect waterfalls upon these islands of ice and all kinds of arctic birds and perhaps a few seals. Then the colors are almost beyond description. The stately pinnacles glisten in the sun like powdered glass. At times the berg is pure white; at others it looks greenish.—Harold J. Shepstone in St. Nicholas.

Great Tonic.

Drug Clerk—Say, you remember that bottle of the new tonic you sold Bill Martin? The Proprietor—Yes. What about it? The Clerk—Why, Bill drank the whole bottle and went home and whipped his wife. And she wants to know what we are going to do about it. The Proprietor—Going to do about it? I have it! Sell her two bottles and tell her to go home and get even.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Just Suited Him.

Landlady (warningly to impecunious student applying for board)—I had my last tenant thrown out for failing to pay his rent for four months. Student (cheerfully)—That's all right. I will take the room under the conditions.—Meggendorfer Blatter.

Emphatic.

"Speaking of etiquette, did you send the dollar for those advertised instructions on 'What to do at table?'"

"Yes."

"And what did you get?"

"A slip with one word printed on it 'Eat?'"—Boston Transcript.

Taming Tennyson.

Of Tennyson it is related in "Nuts and Chestnuts" that at a club dinner he insisted on putting his feet upon the table before the guests had risen. All efforts to make him "behave" failed until Brookfield (Old Brooks of the sonnet) whispered: "Do take your legs down, Alfred. They're saying you're Longfellow." Down went the legs.

Rough on the Major.

Captain Jinks was giving a party and had arranged a nice little toast list in deference to the presence of Major Claequer, an able after dinner speaker. The latter was attended by his wife, a very deaf old lady, who was much attached to him. As the gallant officer was to reply to the toast of "The Babies," his wife, knowing his fondness for children, judged that it would suit him admirably. At the last moment, however, the major's subject, unknown to Mrs. Claequer, was changed to "The Ladies." But it made no difference to the officer, and his sparkling speech delighted the company.

A lady congratulated the major's wife upon her husband's brilliant effort.

"Oh, Mrs. H.," she replied, "you don't know how fond the major is of them. I've seen him with two or three on his lap at once"—

"Oh, Caroline!" gasped the major, who had overheard the conversation.

"Just teasing the life out of the poor things," went on his wife, wholly oblivious to the shouts of laughter.

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