WIT, HUMOR AND WISDOM.

"BLESSED IS HE WHO CAN UNDERSTAND A JOKE, FOR VERILY THERE BE SOME WHO KNOW NOT A JOKE WHEN THEY SEE IT."

—*A more or less ancient proverb.*

Don't say you will thrash a man until you have done it. There is always an element of uncertainty in such statements which is bound to be respected.—*Merchant Traveler.*

'Nellie, dear, will you share my lot?' pleaded a Bissel avenue swain of his best girl.

'Yes, George, if you will put a five thousand dollar house on it,' was the provisional reply. —*Oil City Derrick.*

'Sam,' said Mrs. Weeks to the secretary of the Republican national committee, 'there's a man outside with a wagon load of apples.'

'Well, go out and claim 'em. Claim every one of 'em,' said her husband.—*Boston Globe.*

Scene—Hotel in Texas. Native (at the dinner table)—Gimme the salt!

Dry Goods Drummer from New York (with hauteur)—Excuse me, sir, but I am not the waiter.

Native—Gimme the salt!

The drummer gives him the salt.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Congressman-elect Truman Adams Merriman of New York is said to be a 'lady's man' beyond compare. It is alleged that when the Goddess of Liberty on the Capitol at Washington was informed of Colonel Merriman's election a flush mantled her forehead and she exclaimed: 'When the members-elect ascend the steps I shall bow to him alone.'—*Phila. Times.*

'I tell you what,' airily exclaimed Perkins, as he sat down to the supper table, 'I was in a tight place this afternoon.'

'Yes, I know you were,' interrupted his wife, in a clear, cold utterance that cut like a knife 'I saw you coming out of it.'

And then it flashed across Perkins' mind that he had incidentally stepped into a saloon with a friend for the purpose of examining a doubtful political statement, and the supper was finished amid a silence so profound that he could plainly hear a napkin ring.—*Rockland Courier.*

A friend of mind was awakened at 2 30 o'clock the other morning by a ring at the bell, It was a policeman.

'Do you know that young son of yours is holding a torchlight procession out here all by himself?'

The father grew pale. He had given the boy who was of very tender years, a torch and a bundle of matches and told him that next morning he might light his torch. The house was immediately in a turmoil.

'Where is he?' yelled the father.

'I guess the milkman has run him down by this time,' said the policeman. 'I chased him awhile, but I thought I'd let the milkman go after him and come up here and tell you.'

In a few minutes the youngster was hauled in.

'Its all right, pa; the policeman's got me.— 'Rah for Blaine!'—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

'If Smith don't keep his cow out of my garden I will kill her. I have shot her hide full of beans every night, but she gets in my garden the next night just the same as if nothing had happened. I believe he turns her in my garden.'

'Of course he does,' said Jones, 'for I saw him do it.'

'What the dickens does he do that for?'

'To get you to shoot his cow.'

'What does he want me to shoot his cow for?'

'Because he is a Boston man and his cow brings home enough of your beans to support his family. He keeps his boys busy picking the beans out of his cow's hide. Take him over a bushel of beans and his cow won't get in your garden for a week.'—*Paris Beacon.*

The Poorhouse the Grave and Victory.

ASHMORE, ILLINOIS.—The *Citizen* publishes the following facts: Abram Beaver, an inmate of the Coles county, Illinois, poorhouse, certifies that he suffered several years with the most acute rheumatism, so that he could not labor and finally became so poor and prostrate he was sent to the poorhouse. The physicians there gave him up and said he must die, but, as a last chance, they tried St. Jacobs Oil. A few applications gave relief and by its continued use he was enabled to leave his bed. To this is added the certificate of the Superintendent, to the truth of the statement and to his belief that the man's life was saved by the use of the Great Remedy. Commenting upon the foregoing, the *Citizen* says, editorially, as follows: 'We are pleased to be able to testify to the correctness of the above, as the case came directly under our notice: anyone desiring further information can correspond with this office.'

I'm acquainted with a maiden
In whose rosy lips, deep laden,
Lies a hive of kisses longing to be free;
And her figure something odd is—
That is, something like a goddess—
Say a Venus rising from her native sea.

And her cheeks—ah! all the roses
Where the sad bulbul reposes,
And the water lillies whiter than the snow.
Mixed and tinted to perfection,
Couldn't match the sweet complexion
Of this little dimpled maiden whom I know.

BUT

I have found, on close inspection,
That the tints of that complexion
Are acquired by painting with a little brush,
And that figure like a Venus—
Mind I whisper this between us—
The result of puffing, lacing is, and—hush!

For behold! yon little maiden
Gliding like a thing from Aden
Toward us, is the maid of whom I tell;
And should she but chance to hear it,
In her heavenly eyes her spirit
Would, like Satan, in that heaven, soon rebel.
—*Halifax Morning Chronicle.*

Children grow up fat when fed on bread and biscuits made with Drew's East Powder.
Dec. 4—4t.

A tramp entered a Chatham street beer saloon and said to the gentleman behind the bar: 'I want a partner, with a small cash capital, to embark in a little business enterprise, the profits of which will be beyond all computation by the ordinary rules of percentage.'

'Keep right on,' said the bartender.

'I am a gentleman by birth and education,' continued the tramp, 'and would be in personal appearance if I weren't handicapped by a want of suitable habliments and—and—'

'Soap?' the bartender suggested.

'As I observed, the scheme will require a small cash capital.'

'I'll furnish the capital.'

'Thanks, that will simplify matters amazingly. The scheme is this: You and I have made a wager on the late election, the loser to stand in City Hall Park from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. and grind a hand organ, with the announcement conspiculously displayed that all moneys taken in at the door will be devoted to the pedestal fund. I, unfortunately, am the loser. I will grind the organ, but I must be handsomely dressed, and an instrument obtained. When I am fashionably attired I resemble a cross between a Wall street banker and a Presbyterian preacher. There will be lots of excitement and plenty of money. I estimate the profits at $260, after deducting all expenses. This amount will be equally divid—'

Presently the tramp picked himself up from the pavement and said:

'My mistake was in attempting negotiations with a man who lacks business foresight and ability.'—*N. Y. Sun.*

How he Got a Position.

'I applied for a position in a banking house in Wall street six months ago, and although I proved my competency, they would not take me ... had been down on my luck and looked old and ... An idea struck me, I got up a new ... of hair with Parker's Hair Balsam, raised ... suit of clothes, applied again, and they ... a minute.' So writes a clerk with ... The moral is plain. Parker's ... gives a person a new face.
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FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

Madge's Party.

FLORENCE B. HALLOWELL IN GOLDEN DAYS.

When Madge was six years old, her Grandma Barlow gave her a birthday party. Twenty-five little children of about her own age were invited from three o'clock until six, and though it was a rainy day, they all came promptly.

The party began with a lunch of sandwitches and chocolate in the dining-room, for Grandma Barlow knew the little ones had been too much excited over the prospect of the entertainment to eat anything before starting from home.

After the sandwitches were all gone, the children went into the parlor and had a game of 'Hunt the Slipper.' When that was over, Aunt Kate announced that a lady named Miss Polly Shortcake had called to see them. As she spoke the door opened and in the lady came.

She was so short that she seemed almost a dwarf; but she had hardly entered before she grew so tall that her head almost touched the ceiling. Oh, how the children laughed, though some of them were a little frightened, never before having seen a lady grow so fast.

'You're as tall as this room, Miss Polly,' said one of the boys.

But scarcely had the boy said the last word, when Miss Polly suddenly grew short again; and there she stood, bowing first on one side and then on the other, and growing first tall and then short in the most astonishing way.

'Trotty, Madge's little sister, who was only two years and a-half old, at last became frightened at these strange changes, and finally burst into tears; whereupon her aunt Kate caught her up and carried her into the hall.

'Don't cry said aunt Kate. 'I will call Miss Polly out, and you shall get acquainted with her.

Trotty screamed louder than ever then, but her tears were quickly dried when she saw that Miss Polly was only her own papa and a broom dressed up in a sheet, shawl and cap, and that he raised the broom when he wanted to make Miss Polly tall, and lowered it when she was to appear short. And her face, Trotty saw, was only a handkerchief stretched over the brush part of the broom, and the eyes, nose and mouth were made of burnt cork.

She went back into the parlor entirely satisfied as to the mystery, and when Miss Polly came in again she enjoyed her as much as the others did.

When the funny old lady at last went out, aunt Kate announced that there would now be an exhibition in the dining-room of animals and birds of all kinds, but that only one child at a time would be admitted, and that every one must make a choice of what they would see.

While they were making up their minds what to choose, they heard loud growls and cries from the dining-room, and it seemed as if whole cages of wild beasts had been let loose in there.

So it was with some fear of the danger of being eaten alive that Dick said he would see a lion, and allowed himself to be led blindfolded into the dining-room by his aunt.

He was led across the room, the handkerchief was taken off suddenly, and he looked—into a small mirror held by his grandma.

'There's your lion,' said aunt Kate.

Dick stared a minute, not quite understanding the joke, then laughed, and felt rather ashamed of himself for being so much frightened.

He stood by grandma's side and watched the other children come in one by one.

Trotty, who had a wholesome fear of bears, lions and tigers, asked to see a goose, and looked very much disappointed when she saw only her own chubby face in the glass.

'Me isn't a doose,' she said, panting. 'Me is a itter dirl.'

One boy asked to see a donkey, another to see a rat with ten tails, and a little girl wanted to see a blue monkey. When all had had a look in the mirror, they had a good time laughing at each other, and they said it was the queerest menagerie they had ever seen.

'Ring around a rosy' came next, and was followed by a game of 'bean bags,' which was played by all. The children were divided into two rows, and a bean bag given to the child who stood at the head of each row. He passed it to the next one to him, and so it went from hand to hand until it reached the bottom. The fun of the game was to see which row could pass the bag fastest, and there was great noise and excitement as first one side and then the other won.

When this game had been played some time, Aunt Kate took away the bean bags and told the children to sit down quietly, for they were to have another visitor.

This time it was a gipsy, and a very good-looking gipsy she was, too, in spite of her dark face. She was dressed very gaily in a red skirt, gold-braided jacket and blue cap, with nodding plumes. All around the edge of her skirt were tiny bells, which tinkled as she moved. On one arm she carried a big basket covered with a red cloth.

She looked like a kind, good woman, and the children, who had all heard of gipsies, but had never seen one, crowded about her, admiring her gay dress, and asking her all sorts of questions. Even little Trot was not afraid of her.

At last, the gipsy said she must go, but before she went, she opened her basket and took from it twenty-five little packages, which she distributed among the children, with kisses and smiles.

Then she went out, and not a child there suspected that the good gipsy was only Aunt Marian, who had darkened her face with liquorice water, and worn a fancy ball costume which she had found in an old trunk in the garret.

What fun it was to open the packages! and what pretty little china and wooden toys were found! Madge had a black china baby about two inches long, Dick a snake, Edith a china rabbit, and Trotty a little basket.

When all the presents had been examined and admired, the dining-room doors were thrown open again, and the children were treated to ice cream, jelly, little cakes, lemonade and home-made chocolate drops.

When they went back into the parlor, it was nearly six o'clock; so the party wound up with a Virginia reel, Aunt Kate and Aunt Marian (who had washed off the liquorice stain and changed her dress) piloting the children through the figures, while grandma played some old-fashioned tunes on the piano.

'It was a splendid party,' said Madge, the next day. 'I would like to have one like that every week.'

And I think it likely the other children also thought it was a splendid party, for they talk of the gipsy and funny Polly Shortcake to this day.

DOCTOR PRIME, a noted lover of birds and student of their habits, says that the most disobedient bird in his private collection was a siskin. He was about the size of a small canary-bird, and was of a greenish yellow color.—In the same room with the siskin was a Hartz finch, a bird three times his weight, but easily whipped by him. Doctor Prime thus relates how the siskin was made to reform: 'He would chase the poor Hartz for a half hour at a time, frightening all the birds and making a fearful row. He understood a scolding, and when I looked at him he would keep quiet. The instant I moved away he would dart like a bullet through the air straight at the Hartz finch, and unless the latter dodged him he would have a bunch of feathers in his sharp little bill. One day, after two or three talks, I caught him and cut some of his wing feathers, to impede his flight. He was quiet enough in my hand till I put him back, and the moment I opened my hand he stood up and went like a rifle-ball from finger, and knocked the astonished Hartz finch off the perch. I caught him again, and cut off so much of his wing feathers that he could not fly at all. Then I put him on the bottom of the aviary. He shook himself, tried his wings, and, finding something wrong, jumped up on the perches one by one till he was well up. Here he paused for a moment, and then caught sight of the Hartz finch on a perch about on his own level and some five feet or more away. He forgot his faulty wings, and leaped for his enemy. The force of the spring took him more than half way, but there were no wings to help him, and he fell to the bottom with a thump. A more thoroughly abashed scamp never was seen. He picked himself up, looked at me, and then at the birds around him, He was conquered.'

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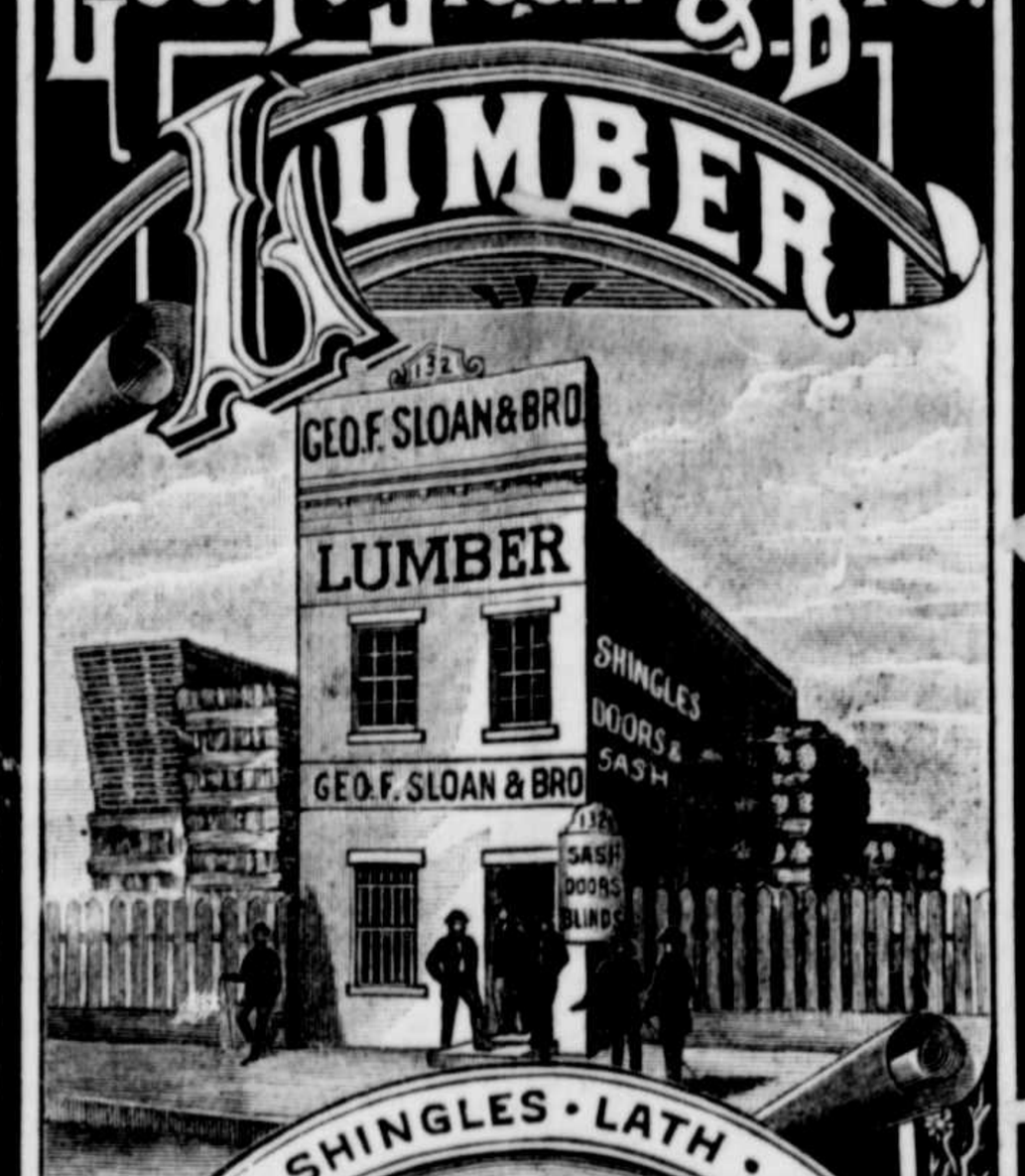
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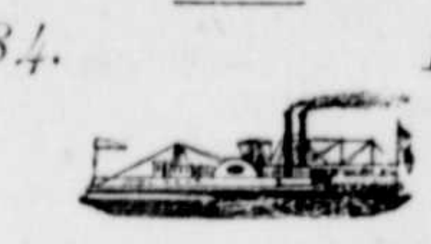
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Delanys	8 12	3 25
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leave "	11 17	4 55
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Delanys	11 40	5 10
Masseys	11 55	5 25
Lambson	12 10	5 35
Blacks	12 25	5 45
Kennedyville	12 40	5 55
Still Pond	12 50	6 02
Lynchs	12 55	6 07
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