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Weak Human Nature.

"Talk about the frailties of human nature," said a well known insurance agent the other day. "No one else has so good an opportunity to discover them as an insurance man. An incident occurred a few days ago that showed me a side of a neighbor's character which I had never suspected to exist. A fire broke out in his home, and, do you know, that man went three blocks to a telephone to report it when there was a phone right in his house.

"I saw the fire soon after it started and rushed to give assistance. It was while helping to pack things up that I discovered the phone and turned in the alarm. Now, it takes a strong stretch of the imagination to believe that the owner had forgotten there was a telephone in his house. That he should have acted as he did undermines one's faith in people in general.

"Think of it. There I was sweating and endangering my life to save his property, while he was anxious, evidently, to have it burn. Such conduct doesn't encourage one to exert himself for others"—

"By the way," interrupted a listener, "did any of your companies hold a policy on that house?"

"Now you are asking a leading question," replied the insurance man, with a guileless smile. "What I am saying is that the actions of that man are a sad commentary on human nature."—Kansas City Journal.

Used Against Her.

A certain music hall belle who had just successfully "landed" an old and wealthy nobleman sued an unpopular manager, alleging that he had not paid her sufficiently well for her engagement at his hall. She won the case and was immediately inundated with flowery congratulations from her friends, all of whom were glad to see the manager go down.

Not content with her victory, however, the belle must needs crow over her beaten rival by packing up the choicest telegrams and dispatching them to his house, with the intimation that he might make what use of them he thought proper.

She regretted this last concession the next morning. Taking her at her word, the manager pasted the telegrams on a board outside the music hall, headed them "What Miss Flightie's friends think of her engagement" and left the public to assume which engagement, the professional or the matrimonial, was meant.

Then followed such messages as "Good for you, old girl!" "Pinned the old horror at last!" "Don't let him wriggle off the hook!" "Stick to him till you get the dibs!" "Congratulations on your splendid haul!"

Another action is pending.—London Tit-Bits.

Found a Sympathizer.

"Yes; I went to New York to see if I could get word of my brother," said the Pittsburg man in the smoking compartment. "He went on a voyage to Japan on a sailing ship, and I heard that the ship was wrecked and all hands lost."

"And did it turn out to be true?" was asked.

"Not altogether. The ship was lost, but three or four men were saved."

"And your brother?"

"He was saved at first, but after the boat had drifted about for weeks some one had to die to save the others. They cast lots, and it fell upon my brother Poor Ben!"

"But the survivors apologized to you, of course. They said they were sorry to be obliged to eat your brother."

"Oh, of course. Yes; they excused themselves and seemed to feel for me. These tears! Please excuse me."

"Certainly," replied the other. "I had a grandfather scalped by Indians, a father carried off by a cyclone, a mother eaten by an alligator, a sister lost in a quicksand and two brothers baked, seasoned and devoured in the Fiji islands, and I know how you feel and can excuse you. I'll leave you alone, and you can give your emotions full play."—Chicago News.

He Paid the Freight.

"Boss," said an old negro, looking in through the postoffice stamp window, "how much does hit tek ter sen' fo' letters?"

"Eight cents," said the gentleman within.

"Hush!"

"Fact!"

The old man studied awhile, got out his leather book, vintage of 1855, and worried eight coppers out of the lining. Laying these on the counter, he drew a long breath and said:

"Well, you c'n let 'em go 'long!"

"But where are the letters?"

"Whar is dey? Why, I done drap' 'em in de hole roun' yonder!"

The letters were fished out, stamped and allowed to "go 'long."—Macon Telegraph.

Obligations Discharged.

Mrs. Buggins—I did something today that I've been screwing up my courage to do for a long time. I paid that odious Mrs. Bjones a call I've owed for a long time.

Mr. Buggins—I can sympathize with you, my dear. I paid the odious Mr Bjones a bill I've owed just as long.—Philadelphia Record.

Helpful Child.

Caller—My, what a big girl you are getting to be! You'll soon be able to help your mother about the house.

Ethel—Oh, I do that already. Whenever she says "For goodness' sake, get out of my way!" I do it.—Philadelphia Press.

The eastern edge of the North American continent is overflowed by the sea, and that is why the water near the coast is so shallow. To find the true edge of the great continental land mass one would have to travel about 30 miles due eastward from New York

Dosed Her With Cold Water.

"One autumn in Naples I was suddenly and seriously seized with a severe cold," says a society woman. "I couldn't but be frightened, away off there in a strange land from my own doctor, and my husband was more frightened than I was. By the advice of the hotel proprietor, however, we did not call in the resident American physician of the place. There always is one, you know, but his chief use I've observed, seems to be in Mr. Howells' and Mr. James' international novels, where he acts as a splendid foil to the foreign lover of the heroine by falling in love with her himself too, but always being rejected.

"No foreign hotel proprietor was ever known to recommend a resident American physician. Our Neapolitan host sent out for a regulation 'dottore,' who prescribed no more stringent course of treatment than drinking as much water as possible; not a pennyweight of medicine. I simply kept a pitcher of pure cold water and a glass upon the table at my side, and about every 15 minutes I quaffed a good, long draught. That cold was scattered like magic. After the first day I should scarcely have known I had been on the border of one. Here at home in America whenever I want to scatter a threatened cold I promptly follow the prescription of my Neapolitan 'dottore' and dose myself with pure, cold water."—New York Sun.

Cigars as Clews.

"Valuable clews toward the detection of criminals are obtained through an examination of cigar stubs," said a Scotland Yard detective. "This applies to those who smoke cigars, the stub of which they carelessly throw away in the street or elsewhere.

"If you pick up any stub and examine it closely, you will be able to learn something as to the personality and social position of the man who threw it away. In the case of criminals the first point to be considered is the manner in which the end was cut off from the cigar. If a knife or any other instrument was used for this purpose, then this instrument will doubtless be found on the criminal; if, on the other hand, it was bitten off with the teeth, a thorough examination of the tip will show what kind of teeth were used for this purpose.

"A man with a row of even teeth will bite off the end of his cigar squarely and evenly, whereas one with jagged, uneven teeth will bite it unevenly and in such a manner as to leave clearly visible the marks of his incisors. By comparing the marks on cigar stubs with the teeth of suspected criminals prosecuting officers and detectives are able to obtain information which they could not possibly obtain any other way."—London Answers.

Not Her Father's Friend.

A doting Chicago father whose first name is Arthur has a little daughter 4 years old. The family recently moved to a new locality in the city only a few doors away from a street car barn, where several mules are kept.

The next morning after arriving at the new home the little girl heard one of the street car mules braying. It was the first time she had ever heard a mule bray, and she listened for a long time before she said:

"Mamma, is that one of papa's friends calling him?"

"No" said her mother; "I hear no one calling your father."

"Yes, there is," said the small girl "Listen now. Don't you hear him calling, 'Ar-thur, Ar-thur, Ar-thur?'"

"Oh, yes," replied the mother; "I hear him calling now. But that isn't one of your father's friends. He has more sense than most of your father's friends."—Chicago Tribune.

Smart Electors.

At an open air political meeting in the north of England a man cried, "Hurrah for Jackson!" to which a bystander replied sarcastically, "Hurrah for a jackass!" "All right, my friend," exclaimed the first speaker; "you can hurrah for your candidate, and I'll do the same for mine!"

All electors are not so gifted, as the following experience of a canvasser in Devonshire clearly indicates:

"Whom are you voting for, my good fellow?" he asked.

"I votes for the lady."

"But there is no lady candidate standing."

"Well," replied Hodge, "Poll Early's name comes on my voting paper before the names of the two men, and I thought I'd vote for her. See?"—Chambers' Journal.

Sixteen to Two.

An instance of the humor which the civil war called forth is found in a story told of old Parson Helton, a Baptist preacher of Tennessee.

He had 18 sons, 16 of whom were in the Union army and 2 in the Confederate.

When the old minister had reached his eighty-eighth year, some one, who did not know about his sons' views, asked him where his sympathies lay during the war.

"My sympathies were with the Union by 14 majority," said the old man.

The Dignified Frogs of Korea.

Frogs in Korea do not hop or jump. They walk like well ordered animals, quietly placing one foot after another until they arrive at the end of their journey. It is an amusing sight to one who has always seen the frog of America jump.—Baltimore Sun.

At the battle of Hastings (A. D. 1066), the weapons being swords and battle-axes, 500 fell, fatally wounded, out of every 1,000 soldiers.

Fully two-thirds of a woman's troubles result from reasoning with her heart instead of her head.—Chicago News.

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