

POINTLESS

The disappointed humorist was inclined to be rather bitter.

One day he said to the editor of a comic paper:

"Hang it all, sir, you sit on every joke that I submit."

"But there's a reason," said the unsympathetic editor.

"There always is, as far as you're concerned," snapped back the humorist.

"And the reason is quite plain," continued the other. "I should certainly not sit on them if there was any point to them!"

A Testimonial

"The world with all its faults," declared the speaker, "is a good place to live in, and it is doubtful whether any of us could conceive a better one."

In view of this whole-hearted indorsement, we accept the world and as long as possible will use no other.—Detroit News.

Scared Him

Bill—Farmer just offered me a job.

Hank—I suppose you escaped by pulling a cigarette on him?

Bill—I didn't hev one! I escaped by telling him I was just graduated from an agricultural college!—Brooklyn Eagle.

At the Parrot Shop

"You say there is nothing wrong with our parrot and yet you say we cannot have it back for six months?"

"Well, to t-t-tell th-th-the tr-tr-truth it h-h-hh-has b-b-begun t-t-t-to st-st-st-stutter."—Stockholm Vart Hem.

EXPENSIVE LOSS OF COLOR



"What's Annette worrying about? She seems to have lost color since last night."

"That's precisely it—a big box of it—and it's so expensive, too."

All but the Laces

Customer—Are these shoes worth repairing?

Shoemaker—Oh, yes; I can put new soles and heels on them, and also new uppers. The laces seem to be all right.

Misunderstanding

Nell—I hear their engagement was broken off through a misunderstanding.

Bell—Yes; he understood she had money, and she understood he had.—Tidings.

What Did He Expect?

Traffic Cop—Pardon me, lady, but didn't you see me wave at you?

Lady Driver—Of course, I saw you wave. And didn't I wave back? Did you expect me to throw you a kiss?—Foreign Service.

Warding Off the Wallops

"Do your new spectacles help your eyes, Johnny?" asked the neighbor.

"Yes'm. I never have my eyes blacked now like I used to before I wore 'em."—Boston Transcript.

Hot Dogs!

Sophomore (inspecting freshman)—What are you doing with your socks on wrong side out?

Freshman—My feet got hot and I turned the hose on them.

MONKEY BUSINESS



"What's your uncle doing?"

"He's a collector for a gentleman with a music box."

Popular Girl

"Oh, yes, Sybil has often been asked to marry."

"By whom."

"Her mother and father."—Sidney Bulletin.

Reflection

"I'd like to see something cheap in a felt hat."

"Certainly, sir. Try this one on—the mirror's on the left."—Tit-Bits Magazine.

Easy Matter

"What can be done about protecting the dignity of the United States senate?" asked the worried patriot.

"The question is easily answered," said Senator Sorghum. "All that will be necessary is for senators to agree to protect the dignity of one another."

Reason Aplenty

Teacher—Johnny, why does Missouri stand at the head of mule-raising of the United States?

Johnny—Because the other end is dangerous.—Prairie Farmer.

Self-Revelation

We ourselves are the real word, the life utterance which speech often falsifies. There are faces which never deceive nor mislead us. A spiritual nature can but be frank and honest, because its foundation stones are laid in the truth, and it knows that nothing else holds. It is in us as human beings instinctively to recognize and hate insincerity. Nobody is in the end deceived by expression which is merely outward and perfunctory. Our inner life is transparent; it cannot conceal itself; if it is a true life it has no need or desire of concealment.—Lucy Larcom.

One Enough

The word "pianos" was in the spelling lesson, but when the teacher looked at the papers she found that John had written the singular instead of the plural form.

"I gave you 'pianos', John," complained the teacher. "It was not one; it was more than one."

"But, Miss S——," remonstrated John, "there's no use in learning how to spell more than one piano; we'll never have any more than that."

"Shooting Stars"

A "shooting star" is a meteorite which has entered the field of the earth's gravitational attraction and by friction with the earth's atmosphere has been heated to incandescence. Most "shooting stars" never fall upon the earth because, in their rapid flight through the air they are completely consumed by frictional heat and are dissolved into gases. Larger ones occasionally fall to earth as blackened masses of stone or metal.

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That Home Environment, as Teacher Found It

"So many lecturers prate of home environment," said Mrs. Ramsey Sherman at a New York luncheon, "but investigation has proven that the public school environment is far higher than one finds in the average home. America as a whole is shockingly illiterate.

"A Brooklyn school teacher, finally getting out of patience over the language used by one of her pupils, took the trouble to go to the boy's home and complain to his parents, whom she knew to be in very good financial circumstances.

"'You must do something about Johnny's language. I've tried and tried, but it does no good.'

"'What does he say?' asked the fond father.

"'Oh, lots of things. Why, only today he said: 'I ain't never went nowhere.'

"'He ain't, ain't he?' exclaimed the father in astonishment. 'Why, the young whelp's went farther and saw more places than most kids twice his age.'"

Credit Wisconsin Man With Ice Cream Sundae

According to the Two Rivers (Wisconsin) Reporter, the modern ice cream sundae was invented by George Hallauer, of that city. E. C. Bernes, retired Two Rivers confectioner, is quoted as saying that trimmings on ice cream dishes were not known 40 years ago. Chocolate sirup was used only for flavoring sodas.

One night young George Hallauer dropped into the Bernes ice cream parlor. He ordered ice cream and then noticed the chocolate sirup bottle. He asked for some on his ice cream.

"Don't spoil a dish of ice cream," said Mr. Bernes.

"Oh, I'll try it," said George, the pioneer.

He tried it all right, and liked it, and pretty soon the whole town was asking for ice cream "with stuff on it."

A competitor of Bernes resented the fad that increased the cost, to the dealer, of an ice cream portion, so he announced he would only serve the new dish on Sunday. Hence the name. —Detroit Free Press.

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