

THE JOKERS' BUDGET.

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

AN ADAPTATION. Lives of great men oft remind us...

EXPERIENCED. Mand—What is the best way to manage a birthday party?

DODGING THE QUESTION. Miss Roxy Goldust—Would you think I was more than twenty?

GEOGRAPHICAL. Teacher—Do you know what a State is?

FOR EFFECT. The next day after the wedding. "I suppose, Henry," said the old gentleman...

A COMING QUANDARY. Teacher (of a class of physics)—Of what is paper now chiefly made?

MIGHT JUST AS WELL HAVE LOST. Banker—Nice hat of yours.

A SERIOUS FAULT. "Do you think my son will ever make an artist?" asked a fond parent of the painting-master.

NOT A SUCCESS. Inventor—What do you think of my flying machine?

TOO INDEFINITE. The Voice from the Telephone—Is this Mr. Titters?

TAUGHT HOW TO SHOOT. "The young idea how to shoot," he taught, And with success, to me he proudly said,

THE REASON. "Do you wear eye-glasses because you think you look better with them?" asked Miss Pert.

DON'T HIS TO GIVE. "Your money or your life," said the gentleman at the safe end of the revolver.

VERY CONSCIENTIOUS. Student—Waiter, where is my bill?

EXPLAINED IN PART. Tanks—What led you to suspect last night that I had been drinking?

WONDERFUL FLIES. At the Post Office. Postmaster—What a wonderful insect flies have!

THE P. S. BOTHERED HER. "Haven't you written that letter yet, Anne?"

HONORS STILL EAST. Mother—The paper says a cat out West has four kittens with six legs each.

A CASE OF LOCKJAW.

"Lockjaw must be a very unpleasant thing to have." "It is indeed. I carry a scar in the calf of my left leg from a case of it."

A POPULAR TAX. Binks—I read a curious article the other day advocating a tax on beauty.

GREEN ENOUGH. She—Did your grandfather live to a green old age?

MUST BE WORN OUT. I imagine the Statue of Liberty in New York must be cold these wintry days...

A MOTHER'S DESCRIPTION. "Your little girl has red hair, hasn't she, Mrs. Minks?"

COLUMBUS POSTAGE STAMPS. To be on Sale for One Year and Then Withdrawn.

What is expected to be the finest lot of postage stamps ever issued is now being prepared by the American Bank Note Company for the United States Government.

The new issue will be a complete set of fifteen different values to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus.

One-Cent—"Columbus in Sight of Land," after a painting by William H. Powell. On the left is an Indian woman with her child...

Two-Cent—"Landing of Columbus," after the painting by Vanderlyn in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington.

Three-Cent—"Flagship of Columbus," the Santa Maria in mid-ocean, from a Spanish engraving. Color, medium shade of green.

Four-Cent—"Fleet of Columbus," the three caravels—Santa Maria, Pinta and Nina—in mid-ocean, from a Spanish engraving.

Five-Cent—"Columbus Soliciting Aid from Isabella," after the painting by Brook in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Six-Cent—"Columbus Welcomed at Barcelona," from one of the panels of the bronze doors in the Capitol at Washington, by Randolph Rogers.

Seven-Cent—"Columbus Presenting Native," after the painting by Luigi Gregori at the University of Notre Dame.

Eight-Cent—"Columbus Announcing His Discovery," after the painting by R. Balaca, now in Madrid.

Nine-Cent—"Columbus at La Rabida," after the painting by R. Maso. Color, sienna brown.

One-Dollar—"Isabella Pledging Her Jewels," after the painting by Munoz Degrana, now in Madrid.

Two-Dollar—"Columbus in Chains," after the painting by Lentze, now in Providence.

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

He Discourses Upon the Observance of Jackson's Day

And Recounts Some of the Deeds of Valor of the Hero of New Orleans.

Just seventy-eight years ago today, (January eighth) there took place a memorable battle, the most extraordinary perhaps, that is recorded in the annals of all history.

It was not a very great battle, for there were only 18,000 men engaged. It did not last but forty minutes, and yet the results were wonderful, and their influence is felt to this day...

But it was fought at New Orleans, away down south in Dixie, by southern men, who were under the ban—the ban of tolerating and defending slavery—the ban of being barbarians.

And it did. The victory was as amazing, so unexpected, 6,000 southern men armed with old-fashioned rifles, and untried in modern warfare, pitted against 22,000 English troops, the flower of Wellington's army...

Wonderful man that Jackson, for he had to fight a foe within and without. There was no telegraph to bring him orders from Washington, and when the mail brought them in the old-fashioned stage he had already done what they forbade or what they commanded.

When the British, under Pakenham, were marching on to the city, Jackson, with a mere 7,000 men, stood in the way of their march, and, as it were, by a single word, he turned back the British.

General Winfield Scott reported him as "a man of an open countenance, a smiling and friendly aspect, a calm and collected mind, and a heroic and generous heart."

But this is enough to know of him. He lived long and he lived much. His whole life was marked by truthfulness, integrity and courage. No wonder that the good people of New Orleans celebrate this day, and thus hand down from generation to generation the memory of one of the most remarkable victories ever achieved.

John Augustus O'Shea, in his "Round about Recollections," tells a story of Victor Emmanuel, whom he describes as "a squat Hercules—ugly to such a degree that his ugliness had the charm of the unique."

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Most sheep die before they are a year old. A vast mine of superior fire-clay has been discovered in Vincennes, Ind.

A method of compressing wood, so that it becomes as hard as iron, has been discovered.

An eminent authority has it that the death rate of the world is calculated to be sixty-seven per minute.

It has been observed that the children of very young parents rarely attain vigor of mind or body, while the children of aged parents are usually old-fashioned and sedate.

According to a paper recently read before the Statistical Society in Paris, there are in use in France 78,600 steam engines, having a total of 5,360,000 horse-power.

Dr. Morris Gibbs contributes to Science an interesting paper on the food of humming birds both old and young, but has never found anything to convince him the birds live on insects.

It has been found by Dr. Riley that the larvae of both the bean and the pea weevil when hatched have thoracic feet and other structures which admirably serve their needs of locomotion until they enter the bean or pea, when with a cast of the skin they are discarded, and the grubs assume the ordinary footless shape of larval weevils.

The report of a commission appointed at the instance of the Massachusetts Railroad Commission for the determination of the best form of fender for use on electric cars contains a recommendation of the invention of a master mechanic of the Boston West End Railway.

Electric heaters are found to be excellent for use in conservatories on account of the absence of all unwholesome gases or vapors which might injure the plants, simplicity of construction in the parts conveying the energy, perfect safety as regards heat, which can be regulated at will, cleanliness and convenience and rapidity in starting and extinction.

The increasing value of effective insulators in electrical work causes importance to be attached to the statement that India rubber will soon be made commercially. The discovery made by Dr. H. A. Tilden, some months ago, that isoprene, which can be prepared from turpentine, under certain conditions changes into what appears to be genuine rubber, has been followed up by experiments, the result of which points to an early utilization of the new process.

Popular Similes.

As wet as a fish—as dry as a bone. As live as a bird—as dead as a stone. As plump as a partridge—as poor as a rat.

Atlantic & N. C. Railroad.

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Mixed train leaves Keyville daily except Sunday 3:30 a. m.; arrives Durham 11:55 a. m. Leaves Durham 7:45 a. m. daily except Sunday; arrives Oxford 9:30 a. m., Keyville 3:00 p. m.

Sleeping Car Service. On trains 9 and 10, Pullman Buffet Sleepers between Atlanta and Augusta.



What is CASTORIA? Castoria is Dr. Samuel Pitcher's prescription for Infants and Children. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance.

Castoria.

"Castoria is an excellent medicine for children. Mothers have repeatedly told me of its good effect upon their children."

Dr. J. F. KINCHLOE, Conway, Ark.

The Centaur Company, 77 Murray Street, New York City.

Castoria.

"Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any prescription known to me."

H. A. ANCHER, M. D., 111 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Richmond and Danville R. R. Co.

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Between West Point and Richmond.

Leave West Point 7:50 a. m. daily and 8:50 a. m. daily except Sunday and Monday; arrive Richmond 9:05 and 10:40 a. m. Return-leave Richmond 3:10 p. m. and 4:45 p. m. daily except Sunday; arrive West Point 5:00 and 6:03 p. m.

Between Richmond and Raleigh via Keyville.

Leave Richmond 12:45 p. m. daily; leave Keyville 3:45 p. m.; arrive Oxford 6:00 p. m.; Henderson 9:10 a. m.; Durham 7:20 p. m.; Raleigh 6:00 p. m.; Selma 10:45 p. m.

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On 11 and 12, Pullman Buffet Sleeper between New York, Washington and Hot Springs, via Salisbury and Asheville.

Wilmington & Weldon R.R. & Branches AND FLORENCE RAILROAD

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Train on Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 5:20 p. m., Halifax 1:45 p. m., arrive Scotland Neck 6:40 p. m., Greenville 8:18 p. m., Kingston 9:20 p. m. Returning, leaves Kingston 6:40 a. m., Greenville 7:47 a. m., arriving Halifax 10:20 a. m., Weldon 10:45 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 6:40 a. m., arrives Parmelee 8:10 a. m., Tarboro 9:10; returning leaves Tarboro 7:05, Parmelee 8:00, arrives Washington 9:00 p. m. Daily except Sunday. Connects with trains Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., via Albemarle and Raleigh R. R., daily except Sunday, 6:00 p. m.; Sunday 3 p. m. arrive Plymouth 10:10 p. m., 5:20 p. m. Returning, leave Plymouth, N. C., daily except Sunday 5:25 a. m., Sunday 10:00 a. m., arrive Tarboro, N. C., 9:45 a. m. and 12:30 a. m.

Train on Midland, N. C., Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 6:00 a. m.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 7:30 a. m.; returning, leave Smithfield, N. C., 8 a. m., arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 9:30 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 6:15 p. m., arrives Nashville 6:50 p. m., Spring Hope 7:15 p. m. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8:00 a. m., Nashville 8:35 a. m.; arrive Rocky Mount 9:15 a. m., daily except Sunday.