

**The Laugh on the Kaiser.**

Here is another good story they are telling in Europe about the German Emperor:—The Kaiser, at a recent review in Berlin, reprimanded old General von Meerscheidt for losing his presence of mind at a critical moment. "If Your Majesty thinks that I am getting too old, I beg of you to allow me to resign." "No, no," replied the Kaiser, "you are too young to resign. Indeed, if your blood didn't course through your veins quite so fast, you would be a more useful army leader."

On the evening of that day the Kaiser and the General met at a court ball. The General was talking to some young ladies. "Ah, Meerscheidt," cried William, "that is right, get ready to marry. Take a young wife, then that excitable temperament of yours will soon vanish."

The General bowed low as he retorted, "I beg be excused, Your Majesty! A young wife and a young Emperor would be more than I could possibly stand!"—*Exchange.*

**Miniature Locomotive.**

One of the smallest locomotives ever built in this country has been constructed by George William Titcomb, station agent at Saco. The engine is 26 inches in length, and is as perfect in every detail as any locomotive ever turned out, although it runs on a track the gauge of which is less than four inches. The tender is complete, although the tank will hold but a few quarts of water and the amount of coal that it will hold is but a few pounds.

The interior of the cab contains a steam gauge, throttle, reverse lever, whistle lever, and all other appurtenances. The seats of the engineer and and fireman are cushioned. When steamed up the locomotive runs over the rails as smoothly as the biggest engine and could haul several cars a number of miles if a fireman small enough to get into the cab could be found to keep up steam.—*Baugor (Me.) Commercial.*

**The Ruse That Failed.**

The Indians had bound their captive to the stake, when the conventional happy thought struck the latter. "If you burn me," he explained, "the sun will be darkened tomorrow." "You will find," replied the Indian, "if you calculate the parallax to the forty-third decimal place, that the eclipse does not take place until the day after tomorrow." Saying which, for these simple children of the forest were all graduates of the government schools, they proceeded with their barbaric slaughter.—*Detroit Journal.*

**His Own Error.**

"Did you ever make a serious mistake in a prescription?"

"Never but once," answered the drug clerk, as a gloomy look passed over his face. "I charged a man 30 cents for a prescription instead of 35."—*Washington Star.*

Customer—"What is the price of this calico?" Salesman—"Sixteen cents a yard." Customer—"Sixteen cents? I'll give you fifteen." Salesman—"You misunderstand me. I said six cents, not sixteen." Customer—"Six cents a yard? H'm! I'll give you five."—*Boston Transcript.*

**PUNGENCIES.**

"The man I marry," said she, with a stamp, "must be a hero!" "He will be," remarked the cautious bachelor.—*Exchange.*

Artistic Knowledge.—The Dilettante: "You ought to see Mrs. Thompson's magnificent home! It's just full of Corots and Millets." The Parvenu: "Terrible! Why doesn't she try insect powder?"—*Selected.*

Children's Queer Sayings.—Tom was present when his aunt, speaking of Tennyson's death, said, "After all, he was an old man: it was time for him to be in Abraham's bosom." "Abraham's bosom must be nearly full now," said Tom. "Perhaps he will have to go into Isaac's."—*Exchange.*

A city young lady was spending her summer vacation in the country. "Uncle Rasmus," she said one day, "is that chicken standing by the gate a Brahmin?" "No," said the old farmer, "that is a Leghorn." "How simple of me!" said the city young lady. "I might have known that myself! I can see the horns on his ankles now!"—*Exchange.*

One part of an elevator-boy's duty is to answer questions, but not even an elevator-boy can be expected to know everything. A guest at one of the big hotels, while going down in the elevator, remarked to the colored elevator-man, "I want to go to the wharf where the tea was thrown overboard." "Well," said the man, looking mystified, "you'd better inquire at the office. I reckon that was before I came here: I've only been in Boston about a year."—*Boston Transcript.*

Any Old Lock.—Since Paderewski's marriage the story is being revived of a well-known society woman, who wrote to him for "a lock of hair." She received this reply: "Dear Madame,—M. Paderewski directs me to say that it affords him much pleasure to comply with your request. You failed to specify whose hair you desire. So he sends samples of that of his valet, cook, waiter, and mattress belonging to M. Pullman, proprietor of the coach in which he travelled in America."—*Public Opinion.*

A Struggle for Consistency.—Prince Henry of Orleans has a pleasant system of literary work. When he travels, he takes with him a corps of talented men, including a physician, a scientist, an editor, an historian, and a photographer, each of whom makes a daily contribution to the book which is to describe the journey. In describing this method at a Paris salon, a friend ironically asked, "And what is the hard work which you do for your book?" "The hardest of all," said the prince. "I have the overwhelming duty of making the various accounts agree."—*Exchange.*

**Conceit.**

He was an earnest minister, and one Sunday, in the course of a sermon on the significance of little things, he said:—"The hand which made the mighty heavens made a grain of sand; which made the lofty mountains made a drop of water; which made you made the grass of the field; which made me made a daisy!"—*Chicago Journal.*

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