

Sayings Wise and Witty.

Octave Thanet's popular novel, "The Man of the Hour" (Bobbs-Merrill Co.), is full of sayings at once witty, wise and graceful.

"Nothing is so bracing to courage as company."

"I'm afraid I came awfully near being bumptious . . . I shall never learn to hold my opinions and my tongue at the same time, I guess!"

"If the council don't put that feller out for heresy they ought for foolishness! If a man's outgrown his church clothes, why don't he clear out to some other gospel shop where he can get a bigger suit? I say if you are playing a game and don't like the rules, quit! It's better'n trying to kill the umpire."

"There isn't a labor leader going who doesn't have to swap some of his opinions for his place."

"Mighty little taste's inherited, none of it's made; the big majority just contagied like the measles! That's why these big exhibitions are so useful. Most anybody can catch things!"

"The unions are a good deal like a lawyer. If you've got anything coming he'll see you ain't beat out of it. But he can't make it for you."

"We've got to judge a man by what he does, but I guess the Lord will judge us more than our doings!"

"I shouldn't have said she had enough distinction about her to be disliked; she always seemed to me like apple dumpings, wholesome but not intoxicating."

"It is true that I have been exposed to education, but I only took a very mild type."

"He drank only in the presence of ladies because he was sure, as he explained, that if he followed such a rule, he should never exceed moderation."

The Best Selling Books.

The current issue of *The Book and News-Dealer*, the official organ of the American Booksellers' Association, contains an interesting summary and analysis of the best selling books in America in 1905, based on reports prepared expressly for the purpose, by more than one hundred of the chief booksellers of the country.

There were twenty-four different titles reported during the twelve months of 1905 as of the best selling books for the entire country.

It is a striking fact that every book on the list is a work of fiction. And of the fiction, novels of character drawing are vastly in the lead with thirteen titles to their credit. The other classifications stand: Political and Sociological, four; Historical, three; Novels of Travel, two; Detective Stories and Miscellaneous, one each.

From the standpoint of the publishers, the following will be of interest. Of the twenty-four successes, The Bobbs-Merrill Company published five; the Harpers, four; The Century Company, Dodd-Mead, F. A. Stokes and Henry Holt, two each; and Revell, Houghton-Mifflin, Macmillan, Little-Brown, Appleton, McClurg, and Doubleday-Page, one each.

A final analysis of these figures develops perhaps the most interesting fact of all, that the largest number of "best sellers" was sold by the most extensive advertisers, The Bobbs-Merrill Company.

"In the face of these figures," asks *The Book and News-Dealer*, "who shall say that advertising does not create a demand?"

Judith.

Miss Grace Alexander, the author of "Judith" (Bobbs-Merrill Co.), has always lived in Indianapolis. For ten years she was on the staff of the *Indianapolis News* as music critic, editorial writer, editor of the woman's page and acting literary editor. The story grew out of vacation times spent in Corydon, the first capital of Indiana, whose hazy purple hills, red roads and quaint charm of a bygone day seemed a suitable setting for a tale of the fifties. However, the Camden of the story is not quite Corydon, for Camden is directly on the Ohio River, while Corydon is perhaps a dozen miles away. The events of the book have nothing to do with Corydon historically; the author has simply attempted to tell a love story of what is perhaps our most picturesque period—the period of high white hats and hooped skirts, of formal elegance, sense and sensibility, having, indeed, somewhat the kind of atmosphere that invests Mrs. Gaskell's "Cranford."

The story is a fascinating one and the book is meeting with a large sale.

His Offense.

The kindhearted fireman dropped two pieces of money into the Salvation Army lassie's contribution receptacle and furtively wiped away a tear of sympathy for the poor he was doing his little all to help.

The lynx-eyed inspector spoke to him, saying:

"How much money did you leave in that box?"

"Two twenty-five cent pieces," meekly replied the fireman, wondering.

"Had you asked any one if you might give that amount?" continued the inspector sternly.

"I had not," replied the fireman, still wondering.

"Then you must go before the chief for reprimand on the charge of leaving quarters without permission"—*Baltimore American*.

April First, 1906.

- C. Depew and Platt resign—
April Fool!
- Carrie Nation's drinking wine—
April Fool!
- Colonel Mann has joined the church;
Kaiser Bill's come off his perch;
Poultney's got 'em "in the lurch"—
April Fool!
- Rockefeller's lost a cent—
April Fool!
- Cassie Chadwick's paying rent—
April Fool!
- Tommy Lawson's stricken dumb;
Roosevelt's under Lodge's thumb;
Bishop Potter's selling rum—
April Fool!
- K. & E. are daft on Art—
April Fool!
- Smart Set's really getting smart—
April Fool!
- Henry James is full of snap;
Tanmany don't care for "pap";
Fairbanks is a jolly chap—
April Fool!
- Hall Caine's name is Sunny Jim—
April Fool!
- Taft is getting very slim—
April Fool!
- Ryan is the poor man's friend;
Hetty Green just loves to spend;
Football's reached its final end—
April Fool! —*Life*.

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