

IN THE OLD BARN LOFT.

Th thirty years or thereabouts
Since I used to roll and play
And turn all kinds of somersaults
On the fresh and fragrant hay;

How the pigeons used to flutter,
And strut about and cool
And make love to one another,
Like the sweethearts used to do,

How I used to frighten sister,
Who was looking for the eggs,
As I dangled there head downward,
Holding by my little legs.

The twittering of the swallows,
While making homes of mud;
The gleeful game of hide-and-seek,
The slip, the sudden thud;

HUMOROUS.

Taking perious—Policemen.
A fast gait—One that is bolted.
The lay of the land—"Hail Columbia."
Always out of countenance—The nose.

A water-course—A series of temperance lectures.
Misses don't count—except in the treasury department.

No veteran smoker would enjoy smoking in the dark, because to smoke properly one must have a light.
She—What is that dreadful noise overhead? He—Oh, that's Sprocket in the flat upstairs learning to ride the silent steed!

"How do you stand on this irrepressible financial question, Chumpley?"
"Sorry, old man, but I can't spare you a cent today."

An exchange has found out when Adam was married. Of course it was on his wedding Eve; most everybody knew it before.

Mrs. Newrocks—I like our new butler very much. Mr. Newrocks—So do I; but, sometimes, I'm afraid he has a poor opinion of us.

Father—This likeness of my son is very much like him. Has he paid for it? Photographer—Not yet. Father—That is still more like him.

Hobson—I've seen a drop of water run an electric light plant. Dobson—Where did you see a drop of water do that? Hobson—At Niagara Falls.

Thompson says you may talk about your water cures, your movement cures and your blue-glass cures; but there is nothing like the sinecure, after all.

It was a delicate piece of sarcasm in the boarder who sent his landlady a razor neatly inclosed in a handsome silk-lined case and labeled "butter-knife."

"What was the peculiarity of Methusalem?" asked the teacher. "He lived to be very old without ever learning to ride a bike," answered the smart boy.

Visitor (shivering)—Do you always have this kind of weather here in April? Resident—Not at all, sir. Sometimes we have this kind of weather here in July.

The Colonel—So poor old Mike has committed suicide, has he? Well, I should have thought that would have been the last thing he would have done. Tenant—Which it were, sor.

"Edith, I noticed last night that Mr. De Rich paid you considerable attention. I hope you showed him a proper amount of civility." Ingenious Debutante—Oh, yes, mamma, I did! I'm sure he knows he can have me for the asking.

A raw Scotch lad joined the volunteers, and on the first parade day his sister came with his mother to see the regiment. On the march past Jock was out of step. "Look, mither," said his sister, "they're a'oot of step but oor Jock!"

"I don't see why you consider your political career a failure," said the man. "My friend," said the citizen, with an earnest sigh, "I have been in politics for fifteen years and have never yet attained the prominence of being called a Judas by the newspapers."

"I'm sorry, Mr. Tympany," said the leader of the brass band to the big drummer, "but we shall have to dispense with your services." "Why?" "Why? You ask me why? A man who has got so fat that he can no longer hit the middle of the drum asks me why!"

Animals Live Without Water.
There are many different kinds of animals in the world that never, in all their lives, sip as much as a drop of water. Among these are the llamas of Patagonia and the gazelles of the far East. A parrot lived for fifty-two years in the London Zoo without drinking a drop of water; and many naturalists believe the only moisture imbibed by wild rabbits is derived from green herbage laden with dew.

The railways of the world carry over 40,000,000 passengers weekly.



The Courting.
Once there was a maiden fair,
A many years ago,
With laughing eyes and misty hair,
A many years ago.

Adown the winding lanes they strayed,
A many years ago,
While Cupid on their heart strings played,
A many years ago.

He told the story new yet old,
A many years ago,
The sweetest story ever told,
A many years ago.

The maiden fair and gallant swain,
A many years ago,
Husband and wife at last became,
A many years ago.

Two little feet, so small that both may nestle
In one caressing hand;
Two tender feet upon the untrod border
Of life's mysterious land;

Love, for a while, will make the path before them
All dainty, smooth and fair;
Will cut away the thistles, letting only
The roses blossom there;

Will they go stumbling blindly in the darkness
Of sorrow's fearful shades?
Or find the upland slopes of peace and beauty,
Whose sunlight never fades?

War Song of the Greeks.
Sons of the Greeks, arise!
The glorious hour's gone forth,
And, worthy of such ties,
Display who gave us birth.

Sons of Greece! let us go
In arms against the foe,
Till their hated blood shall flow
In a river past our feet.

Then manfully despising
The Turkish tyrant's yoke,
Let your country see you rising,
And all her chains are broke.

Sparta, Sparta, why in slumbers
Lethargic dost thou lie?
Awake, and join thy numbers
With Athens, old ally!

In Blossom Time.
It's O my heart, my heart,
To be out in the sun and sing!
To sing and shout in the fields about,
In the balm and the blossoming.

Sing loud, O bird in the tree;
O bird, sing loud in the sky;
And honey bees, blacken the clover seas;
There are none of you glad as I.

For oh, but the world is fair, is fair;
And oh, but the world is sweet!
I will out in the gold of the blossoming
And sit at the Master's feet.

In Austria the man who loses both his hands in an accident can claim the whole of his life insurance money, on the ground that he has lost the means of maintaining himself. Loss of the right hand reduces the claim from seventy to eighty per cent. of the total.

WOUNDED IN THE WAR.

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