

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Changed About.
 "It is always amusing to me," said the thoughtful man, "when I receive a reward being offered for the return of lost money. It always seems to me that if the money falls into the hands of an honest man he would be only too glad to see that the loser got it, but if, on the contrary, it should fall into the hands of a dishonest man, why, money spent on the advertising of a reward would be merely thrown away unless the reward equaled the amount lost."
 "A number of years ago an old man living in the same town that I did and who had the reputation of being very close lost a roll of bills amounting to several hundred dollars. It was a mystery to every one how he let go of it long enough to lose it, but he did, and he spent several days rushing around town looking for it, but without success."
 "Finally some one suggested the advisability of offering a reward for the return of the lost money. He objected to this as costing him too much, but at last he opened his heart and offered the sum of \$1 to the finder. A few days later he received by mail a dollar note, together with a letter to the effect that he could have the reward and the finder would keep the rest for his trouble."—Detroit Free Press.

Satisfied.
 "My friend," said the very severe person, "treasure the precious moments. Think, with the deep awe which the subject deserves to command, upon the fact that time is swiftly fleeting and stays for no man."
 "That's all right," answered the cheery citizen. "I want to fleet. If time were stationary, I'd be out of work. You see, I'm a watchmaker."—Washington Star.

The Professor.
 In front of the house, a two-story brick, with stone trimmings, was this sign, painted in big red letters:
 "How much will you give for this choice property?"
 "That," said the professor, stopping a moment in his walk to look at the sign, "seems to be the only question before the house."—Chicago Tribune.

Those Dear Girls.



Miss Brown—Loss of sleep, you know, means loss of beauty.
 Miss Smart—You've never been much of a sleeper, I believe.
 Then it Wouldn't Hurt.
 "Sometimes," said Willie ruefully after a brief session in the woodshed with his father, "I wish I was an elephant."
 "Why?" demanded his mother in surprise.
 "He has such a thick skin."—Chicago Post.

His Bad Half Hour.
 "Colonel," she asked, "what was the most trying half hour of your life?"
 "It was a half hour I spent in a parlor full of people when I wanted to blow my nose and remembered that I had only a soiled handkerchief in my pocket."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Speculative Reflection.
 "Do you regard the isthmian canal as a good thing?" asked the interviewer.
 "It may be," said Senator Sorghum thoughtfully, "for somebody, if it is worked right."—Washington Star.

What Gray Meant.
 Brown—Funny about Gray. He will insist upon calling Bowes, the eyeglass man, an oculist.
 Green—Yes, Gray is a great blunderer. Of course he means that Bowes is an optometrist.—Boston Transcript.

Some Editors Have No Mercy.
 "Oh, father," exclaimed the budding poet, bursting into the library, "I had a poem published!"
 "Serves you right," snapped the father, without looking up from his book.—Ohio State Journal.

A Boy.
 Mrs. Smithers—I can't get Willie to carry in the coal or do anything any more. I wonder where he is?
 Mr. Smithers—He's over to Jimson's helping their boy carry in their coal.—Indianapolis Sun.

Not So Serious.
 "Say, Trigger, there's a price on your head."
 "What's that? A price on?"
 "Yes, and there will be till you take the tag off of that new hat."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

His Profession.
 Tramp—Yes, madam, I've been a solicitor for nigh twenty years.
 Mrs. Farnkins—A solicitor?
 Tramp—Yes'm, I solicit bread and meat.

Special Correspondent.
 There has been a great deal of talk about the fact that Senator Mason's speech on the last session of congress was of the purity of American wine. It has been sent all over the country by enterprising wine makers under Senator Mason's name, thus securing the distribution of a valuable endorsement without the payment of postage.
 "So far as I am concerned," said Senator Mason the other day, "I have no apology to make. It is true that certain American grape growers and wine makers took the speech and printed it, just as a political party prints and circulates a political speech. They went to the public printer, paid him for printing the speech and for the envelopes, paid for having the addresses written and then mailed the speech as a public document. I have great confidence and respect," added Senator Mason laughingly, "for any gentleman who will circulate a speech that I deliver."
Blue and Gray.
 In the senate friendships are not limited by party lines. Some of the strongest personal attachments exist between men of exactly opposite political views. Senator Bacon of Georgia, who might be termed a hard shell Democrat, has many warm friends on the Republican side, while Senator Aldrich, one of the most prominent leaders among the Republicans, has very close personal relations with the older Democratic members. Senator Proctor, the rock ribbed Republican from Vermont, has a great attachment for Senator Mallory, an extreme southerner from Florida. Mr. Mallory served in the Confederate army and in the Confederate navy; Senator Proctor was a colonel and served on the staff of Major General "Baldy" Smith in the Union army. This makes no difference, however, and it is a very common thing for ex-Confederates and ex-Federals to be found in the house and senate the most intimate of friends.

A Convention Building.
 A bill to provide for the construction of a building for exhibition and assembly purposes in the District has been introduced in the senate by Mr. McMillan, chairman of the senate committee on the District of Columbia. This bill is in response to an urgent appeal that has frequently been made for a building in which exhibitions may be held and in which assemblies of a semipublic nature may be convened.
 The bill introduced by Mr. McMillan provides for an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to carry it out. This amount is for the purchase of a site and the construction of a building suitable for conventions, exhibitions, assemblies and concerts. It is provided that this money is to be expended under the direction of the president of the United States. The bill was referred to the senate committee on public buildings and grounds.

Damon and Pythias.
 Speaking of friendship, Bard of California and Quarles of Wisconsin are the Damon and Pythias of the senate. Every morning they walk down Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol and look so much alike that they might naturally be mistaken for brothers. Bard has slightly the advantage in height, but he cannot boast a mustache as handsome as Quarles possesses.
 When they get together for a talk, Quarles is fond of relating his experiences during the civil war, for Bard never was a soldier, while Bard tells of his struggles in the early days of California, for he went to that state nearly forty years ago. Both men belong to the self made class. They have worked hard, Quarles in the practice of law and Bard in the railroad and mining businesses.

Curious Indian Names.
 "The government pays money to Indians with the most curious names in the world," she asked, "what was the he labored hard the other day in countersigning five or six hundred warrants for small sums to Shawnee Indians. "These names I have here are beauties compared to the names of some of those farther west than the Shawnees, who are now wearing common names, with few exceptions. One of these checks here is for the chief of the Shawnees, whose name is Johnson Blackfeather. The name is not so curious, after all, but all through this list are such names as Bigknife, Bluejacket, Blackfish, Greyfeather, Whitedeer, Squirrel, etc. These are among the most honored names in the Shawnee country."

When "Cinch" Meant "Bounce."
 He was a rough rider of rather small stature who was earnestly conversing with the president in the crowded reception room on Saturday. He had served under Colonel Roosevelt in Cuba, and there was an air of familiarity about the meeting. Finally the president in an impulsive tone that could be heard all over the room said:
 "William, I will appoint you marshal. Go ahead. Do your duty. But remember, the minute I catch you napping at your post that minute I will 'cinch' you."
 And William went out, smiling and happy. To "cinch" means to fasten the saddle tight to the back of a horse. The prospective marshal later, when Major Brodie of the rough riders told him the president meant "bounce" instead of "cinch," became downcast.

Dean Cox's Retirement.
 Judge Walter A. Cox, former chief justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia and for twenty-seven years the dean of the Law school of Columbia university, owing to illness, has been forced to resign the latter position, much to the regret of the faculty and student body. Judge Cox is a Harvard graduate and began his career as a lawyer in the office of his father, who was also an eminent lawyer of the Washington bar. CARL SCHOFIELD.

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