

THE HUMORISTS.

A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN IS REMISSION BY THE WISEST MEN.

Pupil (in class of punctuation, reading)—I saw Alice a charming girl. Teacher—Well, what would you do? Pupil—Make a dash after Alice. Teacher—Right.

"This," said the pale young man to the editor, "is the only poem I ever wrote."

"Indeed—keep it, my boy. No one shall ever say that I deprived any one of his only poem," said the editor.

"H'm! That young man of yours—is he worth anything financially?" "Why, yes, papa. He says he is worth at least \$35 a week at the store, though they only give him \$10."

"Just see how fondly that man kisses his wife good by. There is no sham demonstration there." "Oh, that is because she is going away," said the pessimist.

Mistress—Tell the milkman to bring us a pint of cream. Maid—No use, mum, he hasn't any cream. Did he say so. No'm; but his milk doesn't raise cream I've tried it often.

Jim Hickney—So Charlie ordered the wine last night? Tom de Witt—Yes, but when the waiter brought it he said he meant it as a joke. Jim—And how did the boys take it? Tom—O, we took it—as a joke.

Mrs. Dimsite—Willie, have you seen my sleeve buttons. Willie—Yes'm. Pa couldn't find his own this morning, so he took yours. Mrs. Dimsite—All right. I'll wear his. They must be in plain sight somewhere.

Quester—Can you tell me how they came to nominate old Humber for collector of this town? He doesn't seem to me to possess any qualifications for the office.

Jester—Doesn't, eh? Well, can't name any one that ought to know more about back taxes than he, for he's had lumbago off and on for the last fifteen years.

Doctor—Notwithstanding the fact that there are new disease coming up every day, the old ones seem to hold their own all the same.

Tarter—Yes? Well, that may be but there's one of the old sort that don't seem to affect my out of town customers at all.

Doctor—What is that? Tarter—The remitting fever.

What have you been doing lately, Jones?" "Writing a dialect story."

"Yes. What's the subject?" "Calvinism."

"How absurd! How can you connect the two?"

"Easy enough, of course. Didn't every good Calvinist believe in the dialect principle?"

"Women dress very ridiculously," he said, as he watched his wife finishing her toilet.

"It is the fashion, John," she said pleasantly.

"Fashion be hanged," said he. "I would be superior to fashion if I were a woman."

Five minutes later he asked her to sew a button on the back of his coat.

Mrs. Lovely—My dear, you must accept some one of your many admirers soon.

Miss Vera Lovely—Why, mamma? "Because the parlor carpet near the sofa is getting all worn out where they have got down on their knees to propose."

Tourist—What do you mean by striking me on the ear?

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