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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

The Deal Fell Through.
He had been drinking. That was very evident to the woman who came to the door in answer to his ring. "Shay," he began after looking up and down the street nervously, "you put advertisement (hic) in paper shmorning?"
"I did," she replied.
"You shed you (hic) would give good home to cat?"
"Yes. Have you a cat you wish to get rid of?"
"Besher life!" he replied heartily. She was about to ask for further particulars when a stocky built, an ery looking woman stopped at the gate and motioned to the man with the remark:
"Jake, you drunken fool, come down here to me this minute!"
"Thash her—thash old cat I want to get home for," he whispered. "Shay, when?"
The lady who wanted a feline, however, quickly closed and locked the door, while her caller stunk down the steps and was led away by the ear.—A. B. Lewis in Judge.

Unchivalrous Grump.
"Do you believe it's right that women should propose in leap year?" asked the bachelor girl.
"I'd be tickled to death to give 'em the privilege one year in four," replied Mr. Grumpy, "if they could only be made to quit doing most of it the other three."—Kansas City Times.

Anything at a Pinch.
The goat peered into the yard. It was Monday, and he was hungry.
"I'm starving," quoth he, "but I must do it."
"Do what?" inquired a stray horse.
"Take in washing," responded the goat as he broke through the fence.—Judge.

Reciprocal Favors.
"It is useless to ask me," said the candidate firmly. "I shall not name the delegates."
"But you favor reciprocity, don't you?"
"Of course."
"Then you'd better name them."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Twin Propeller.
Miss Elder—I'm having just the loveliest gown made. It's tan cloth with old rose trimming. Don't you think that will be becoming?
Miss Cheims—Yes. The "old" rose will be especially appropriate for you.—Catholic Standard and Times.

His Vocabulary.
The Doctor—I am always at a loss for words when I try to tell the janitor of our apartment house what I think of him.
The Professor—Naturally. You can't swear in the presence of the other tenants.—Chicago Tribune.

A Paradoxical Temperament.
"Your friend Robinson is such an entertaining man. He is always so full of spirits."
"That's odd."
"Because he is a Prohibitionist!"—Baltimore American.

A Heart Grown Fonder.
"You have a beautiful home," said the relative. "I hope you appreciate it."
"I do," answered Mr. Meekton, "especially after Henrietta has taken me with her on a shopping tour."—Washington Star.

A Bad Impression.
"And how does her mother regard you?"
"She despises me."
"Eh! What's the trouble?"
"I was her partner at bridge last night."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Barely In Evidence.
"Young Kallow's mustache is pretty weak."
"Of course, but how in the world did you come to notice it at all?"
"Well, I noticed that it was down and out."—Philadelphia Press.

Cleanliness and Godliness.
Dusty Dan—De parson said as how sinners would be washed white as snow.
Sulled Sam—Gee! If dat's right, we'd better be gettin' out uv de sinner class.—Detroit Tribune.

Walks Now.
Footie Lighte—So the doctor said your brother needed more exercise. Is he getting it?
Miss Sue Brette—Oh, yes. He's joined a road company.—Yonkers Statesman.

His Preference.
"Are you fond of rare birds?" the enthusiastic naturalist asked Trelawney.
"Not too rare," replied Trelawney. "I like 'em pretty well done."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Falling Market.
Bacon—Do you ever buy when things are going down?
Egbert—Oh, yes. That's the time I buy my lunch!—Yonkers Statesman.

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HINTS FOR FARMERS

Molasses Feeds.
A number of molasses feeds were tried at the Massachusetts experiment station the past year and are the subject of a special bulletin. The experiments seem to have been largely with feeds made of molasses and ground grain, with no trial of those made of molasses and beet pulp or molasses and distillers' grains.

The common molasses feeds are found to contain about the same composition as wheat, bran or middlings and produce about the same results. Some kinds of the feeds contain whole weed seeds, which are of course objectionable. It is found that digestible organic matter in molasses feeds cost about the same as in home mixed feeds.

The best effects of molasses and molasses feeds seem to have been obtained as a tonic and appetizer, especially for horses, and with good results also for cows and pigs. In feeding to dairy cows good results were obtained with a combination of a ration of soy bean ensilage and hay.—American Cultivator.

Weaning Colts.
In the course of an address delivered before the Wisconsin State Institute W. L. Houser said: "I like to wean my colts at about four months of age. If they have been taught to eat grain they will make the shift without any loss of flesh or impairment of the growth. A little cow's milk, skimmed is good and helps amazingly to keep the colt going ahead at this time. Feed liberally of oats and bran, about all the colt will eat, and keep him going in this way until he is a year old, when he should be thrifty and strong, weighing from \$50 to 1,000 pounds. He will not be much trouble after that time."

The Farm Workshop.
On the farm there is always something being broken or wearing out, and in order to replace it with the least cost the farmer should have a workshop if possible and if not then at least a good set of tools, and he can do his work out of doors in good weather and in the barn or elsewhere in bad. But it is far better to have a room fitted up for a shop with the tools in place, plenty of light and a stove to keep it warm. And in this shop there ought to be kept not only the tools, but some material to use, both wood and iron.

Dairy Notes.
Ample and frequent watering does much to keep up the flow of milk.
Clean stabling, well ventilated, but comfortable smells, are the exception. Health and profit go with them, however.

No farmer is rich enough to afford to feed away his time with a milk cow that does not give enough to pay for her feed and care.
It is well to keep cows comfortable. It is costly not to do so, but in overheated, foul smelling stables cows frequently lose their appetites.

The Farm Garden.
The up to date farmer who appreciates the good and wholesome things that grow in the garden is now enjoying on his dinner table celery, cabbage, salsify, parsnips, beets, onions, dried lima beans, navy beans and other things that came from his own garden. All these things contribute greatly to the comfort of living, besides being conducive to health. The garden is a blessing both summer and winter to those who take the little trouble and care necessary to make it so.

Give Pigs Plenty of Room.
Crowding ten many pigs together has much the same effect as crowding chickens in too small a space. Professor Haywood of the Pennsylvania station says that half if not more of the outbreaks of disease are due to the overcrowding of young shoats. The younger and weaker ones become so unresistant that finally they succumb to the germs of cholera or swine plague, which are always present even in healthy pigs.

The Profitable Cow.
Some cows will produce twice as much butter fat as others of the same family, and this the dairyman will not know unless he tests his cows frequently. In a comparison of the individual records of two cows at the Ohio experiment station it was shown that the cost of food for one cow was \$40, while for the other it was \$34. The former cow gave a profit of \$50 over feed, while the latter gave a profit of only \$25.

The Valuable Sheep.
The sheep ranks above the dairy cow as a money producing machine. There are several good reasons for keeping sheep. They are able to graze on land useful for little else, consume all kinds of fodder and hence are good weed destroyers and give the biggest returns for the least care.—Professor F. C. Minkler, New Jersey Agricultural College.

Ashes Good For Hogs.
The successful swine breeder does not forget that ashes are essential in building bone in hogs. When wood ashes cannot be obtained, corn cobs can be burned to a charcoal or to a fine ash and kept in some clean place to which the hogs have access at all times. There need then be no special work in feeding it to them at any time.

The Pure Bred Ram.
A good ram will put from one to three pounds of wool per fleece on the average grade flock, which will pay for the ram the first year aside from the added value of the lambs. Indeed, if a ram does not pay for himself the first year he never will pay for himself.—W. N. Cowden.

In Spite of Hunt Merrivale.

By ETHEL DOUGLAS.

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Nancy started angrily as the porter dropped a suit case into the front seat of her section and Philip Graham followed him to the seat.

"This is ungenerous," she said tensely when the porter had taken himself off. "How did you discover that I was coming?"

"I am afraid that you will not credit my protestations," said Graham solemnly, "but I assure you that my surprise equals your own. I was telegraphed for not two hours ago. I had just time to throw a few things into the suit case and run for the train. I was under the impression that you were to remain with your aunt a week and that—last night would make no difference in your plans."

"Last night had nothing to do with it," disclaimed Nancy. "Father wired for me, I am afraid that it is serious, and you elect to follow me and annoy me with your arguments."

"I have already assured you of my entire ignorance of your presence on the train," said Philip stiffly. "In proof of my good intentions I shall betake myself to the smoker until I am able to arrange an exchange of seats with the conductor."

He raised his hat and stalked forward in the direction of the cafe car, leaving Nancy with her feelings sadly ruffled. Only the night before Graham had proposed to her and had been refused. She was certain that her aunt, Mrs. Merrivale, had managed to get word to Philip that Nancy had been telegraphed for. His presence here was a part of Mrs. Merrivale's matchmaking plans.

Had she been left to herself Nancy would have accepted Graham; but, being a young person of spirit, she declined to be forced upon Graham or to have him forced upon her. From the beginning Aunt Merrivale's plans had been too obvious.

They were flying through the yard now. She could not leave the train.

Of course Philip would be back later to explain that he was unable to effect an exchange into another car. Probably he would spend the evening across the section from her, and, like the men, there was no place to which Nancy could retreat.

She was genuinely surprised when presently a strange porter came for the suit case, placing another in the seat in its place. She smiled to herself with satisfaction. It was plain to be seen that she had shown Graham how she had penetrated his plan, and he had acknowledged his defeat. Evidently he would not leave the train at Philadelphia; then mentally she scolded herself for taking any interest in Philip Graham's movements.

They were well past Philadelphia when Graham passed her on his way to the dining car, and Nancy rather admitted him for his persistence in remaining away from her. At least he was too clever to betray his disappointment that his ruse had failed.

The night had settled down. Lights were dim, and reading was impossible. Nancy had answered the first call for dinner, and she resigned herself to idling the long hour until the berths were made up. The message calling her home had been vague in its extreme, and in its very vagueness it was the more alarming. Her father might be dying for all she knew, and the thought bore down upon her.

She was peculiarly sensitive to moods, and the atmosphere of the half deserted car was depressing. Through the closed door of the stateroom at her back came the wailing cry of a baby, to which was occasionally added the more lusty note of a growing child. Across the aisle a man played innumerable games of solitaire, the sharp whirr of the shuffle punctuating his grunting, half audible comments at the turn of bad luck. Just ahead two women were discussing dressmaking in shrill tones which rose above the steady rattle of the train, and here and there some man leaned killy back in his seat and turned his newspaper with a rustle that jarred on nerves already at a tension.

Nancy felt that she must scream. She had slept little the night before after her interview with Philip, and when at last she had been able to doze off she had been aroused to read the telegram calling her home. From then until train time it had been a steady confusion, and the meeting with Philip in the car had added the final touch to her nervous condition.

As he returned from the diner to seek the car ahead she half started from her seat, but sank back in confusion. It would never do to tell Philip that she needed him. He would think that she was seeking to reopen the question of last night, and he would suggest that the need was permanent.

As the minutes dragged past Nancy's discomfort increased, and at last she signaled the porter and directed him to go after Graham. The porter grinned understandingly as he went forward to the cafe car and presently returned with Graham, whom he presented with the proud air of accomplishment worn by the magician who extracts a rabbit from a hat.

"You are ill?" Philip asked, with grave concern, as he noticed the drawn lips and the feverish sparkle of her eyes.

"Not ill," she explained, "but I shall be presently if I have to sit here and listen to the wailing of those children, with no one to talk to. I thought—perhaps you wouldn't mind doing a charitable act and talk to me for a little while."

"Philanthropy becomes a pleasure when it assumes so inviting a form," he declared, with a smile, as he sank into the seat beside her.

Graham was a capital conversationalist, and almost before she realized it the porter had begun to take down the berths, and Graham glanced at his watch.

"Don't go yet," pleaded Nancy, and Graham smiled.

"I was going to ask permission to wait until after the next stop," he said. "We can take a little walk on the station platform and get a breath of fresh air before we face the smother of the berths."

"There's the whistle now," said Nancy as she reached for her hat.

The train slowed down, and presently they were pacing up and down the platform. There was a sharpness in the air that was grateful after the overwarmed car, and Nancy was sorry when the warning came to get aboard again.

The porter from Graham's car approached them as Nancy resumed her seat. He handed Graham a telegram.

"I wired your father for more particulars," Philip explained when he had read the message. "Your aunt from San Francisco is visiting your father and wished to see you before she returns to the coast."

"Is that all?" Nancy's face expressed the relief she felt. "Isn't it odd I never thought of that? But I never told you that I was worried about father," she added.

"Not in words," he admitted. "I could see it in your face. And now that your mind is set at rest I shall say good night."

Nancy watched him until he had almost reached the end of the aisle; then she ran after him, catching up with him just as he reached the vestibule.

"Is that all you wanted to say?" she asked as she swayed lightly toward him.

"Not all I wanted to say," he replied, "but all that I was permitted to say."

"The rest is permitted, and the answer is 'Yes' this time," was the impulsive reply. "I'll marry you even if Auntie Merrivale does want me to."

FACTS IN FEW LINES

A drug store in Moscow has a staff of 700 employees.
Alexander the Great when on a campaign ate the rations of a common soldier.

The passenger traffic over the English channel last year was 418,480, an increase of 15,000 over the preceding year.

The aggregate value of Canadian cheese and butter exports for 1907 was about \$23,000,000, which is \$6,000,000 less than the figure for 1906.

The Times of Ceylon says that the lottery operated in Colombo and made attractive by specious advertising is a fraud and warns the public against it.

The stamps at Kalgul's golden mill, New South Wales, have produced gold valued at \$100,000. It costs \$25 to haul a cord of sagebrush, the miserable fuel used at the batteries.

Because the clerk of the license court had lost the key to his office J. P. Bartholow and Miss Nina M. Pedcock of Chicago were forced to climb a twenty foot ladder to get inside the house in order to get their marriage papers.

French business interests in the western Sudan have grown until the telephone has become a necessity. Hundreds of natives are now engaged in stringing telephone wire to the Niger and down that river to Timbuktu.

All the dramatic critics of Lugano, Switzerland, have gone on strike. They refuse to attend the theaters unless they are given three tickets for the first performance of each new production.

A stamp collector, aged fifty-six, at St. Joes, Belgium, was so overcome with grief because his album had accidentally been burned that he committed suicide by suffocating himself with the half charred pages of the book.

By the use of steam launches in the rubber industry on the upper Amazon the town of Iquitos has risen to such importance that a monthly steamship service has been established between that town and Liverpool, only rubber being carried.

Zhu Hsi, the dowager empress of China, has issued an edict giving the servants of the imperial palace three months in which to abandon opium smoking. Any one caught using the drug after that date is to receive 100 strokes with an iron rod.

A gigantic tray of solid silver weighing more than 10,000 ounces has just been made by a firm in London for an oriental potentate. The tray is seven feet in diameter and is said to be the largest ever executed. It has been in the hands of workmen for over a year.

Conrad Skarstedt, a prominent Swedish horticulturist, is in New York, having come from Sweden with the object of attempting to introduce into America the Ilgon berry, which is similar to the American cranberry. The berry is one of the popular fruits of Sweden, and Mr. Skarstedt believes that it will prove no less popular in America.

Colonel Edward B. Fox, who has retired as executive clerk to the governor of New Jersey after a continuous service of more than forty-two years, has been accorded by the legislature the unusual privilege of taking with him into private life the well worn desk at which he has labored so long and so faithfully.

While it is estimated that there are in British Columbia approximately 150,000,000 acres of timber lands remaining unsold and unleased, it is also true that so far 6,500,000 acres, comprising the most valuable and necessary portions of the whole, have already been staked and generally are in possession of nonresidents, mostly Americans or syndicates backed by American capital.

Frequently the real estate transfers in New York remind us that the wife of Bishop Henry C. Potter is a woman of vast wealth. The latest report shows that she has taken title to the entire block on Washington heights bounded by Broadway and St. Nicholas avenue, One Hundred and Seventy-first and One Hundred and Seventy-second streets. The block contains about fifteen lots.

"The Heavenly Twins" is the appellation attached to two members of the house. They are James Sherman of New York and John Rothermel of Pennsylvania. Sherman is a Republican and Rothermel is a Democrat. That seems to be the only difference between the two. Otherwise they might well pass for twins, for their facial appearance, physical build and peculiarities seem almost identical.

A Paris dispatch declares that continental sleeping cars will soon have a strong rival in the "randeville" car, of which the chief feature will be an all night continual performance. French capitalists, who make frequent trips between Paris and the Riviera, have formed a company which will launch the enterprise. Half a dozen such cars will be built. They will resemble the ordinary chair car, with a small stage at one end, with a piano.

The plaza in front of the new Union station in Washington has been selected as the site for the proposed memorial to Christopher Columbus, the discoverer, for which congress has appropriated \$100,000 by the memorial commission. This location is said to be favored by the Order of the Knights of Columbus, which society is given the principal credit for securing the appropriation for the memorial. The character of the memorial has not been finally decided upon.

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