

PUNGENCIES.

Englishman: "I wouldn't want to hear more than the first two words of 'The Star-spangled Banner' to know it was written by an American."—*Pacific Unitarian*.

The reported question of a man in Washington soon after Dewey's victory was, "How did the Philipians fall into such gross savagery that Paul wrote his Epistle to them?"—*Exchange*.

An Irishwoman in W. was once asked where she lived. "I live," said she, "corner Grove and Willer, No. 100." "Is it 100 Grove street or 100 Willow street?" "I dunno; it's just 100, with a 'lectric light in front of the door."—*Exchange*.

This woman was once cleaning silver; and, picking up some coffee spoons, she asked, "And what do those things be doon?" On being told they were coffee-spoons, to use with small cups, she remarked, in a tone from which all concealment of disgust had been removed: "I know a lady and she do have finger-bowls. Humph!"—*Exchange*.

Miss Josephine Kipling, the eldest child of Rudyard Kipling, was whipped for telling a fib, and went to bed, sobbing rebelliously: "I think it's real mean, so there! My pa writes great big whoppers, and everybody thinks they're lovely; while I just told a tiny little story, and gets whipped and sent to bed!"—*Methodist Churchman*.

From the Bank.—When Flynn heard that Mr. Smith was afflicted with softening of the brain, he thought it a great disgrace; and, when he was told he might have the same trouble himself some day, he brought down his hand with emphasis on the marble counter, and said, "I want you to understand that my head is just as solid as that slab!"—*Exchange*.

A servant who lives in a Unitarian family is quite fond of the young minister, who is a frequent visitor. One day, while preparing dinner, she gave some extra care to the preparation of a dish in his honor. Some one said to her, "Mary, you mustn't make it too nice, or you will spoil the young man." "Shure, ma'am, there's nothing too nice to spoil the minister!"—*Exchange*.

Julia Marlowe received from Rudyard Kipling, as a Christmas present, a copy of his latest book, "The Day's Work," with this verse in autograph on the fly-leaf:—

"When skies are gray instead of blue,
With clouds that come to dishearten,
When things go wrong, as they sometimes do,
In life's little kindergarten,
I beg you, my child, don't weep and wail,
And don't, don't take to tipping;
But cheer your soul with a little tale
By Neighbor Rudyard Kipling."

A triple-barrelled case of heterophemy occurred not long ago at a meeting of the licensing sessions in an English city. The chairman, discussing the law requiring *bona fide* traveller to go a certain distance before being entitled to liquid refreshment, referred to it as being "three miles as the flow cries." A superior person hastily rose to correct his worship, but could get no nearer than, "Your Worship means 'as the fly crows,' or, rather," he added hastily, "as the cry flows." No one was rash enough to

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make a further attempt, and the magistrates went on with their efforts in behalf of sobriety.—*Exchange*.

Not Up to Expectations.

"What are you fellows all laughing at?" asked a Woodward avenue business man as he approached a half-dozen men about a dowa-town lunch table, relates the *Detroit Free Press*.

"We're not laughing," responded the big man at the head of the table. "Look at Jones. A weakly smile is the very best that he can do. He had an experience. He—"

"Never mind," interposed Jones; "I'll tell it myself. The truth is bad enough without having it ornamented with a lot of imaginary filigree work. I had an immense gilt sign to put up across the front of my establishment. Three carpenters came to size up the job, but it was soon evident to me that they were in a combine. Their figures did not vary materially and suggested that I might be going to build or paint instead of place a sign. One of these perambulating mechanics, with his tools in a pushcart, came along while I was trying to talk reason into the carpenter trust. He promptly entered into the competition and cut their rates 70 per cent.

"Can you do it right?" I inquired.

"He was very positive that he could, and I gave him the contract. He went to work about 3 o'clock and finished after dark."

"Good work?"

"Good work? Solid as a rock. Thought we'd never get it down."

"What under the heavens did you want it down for?"

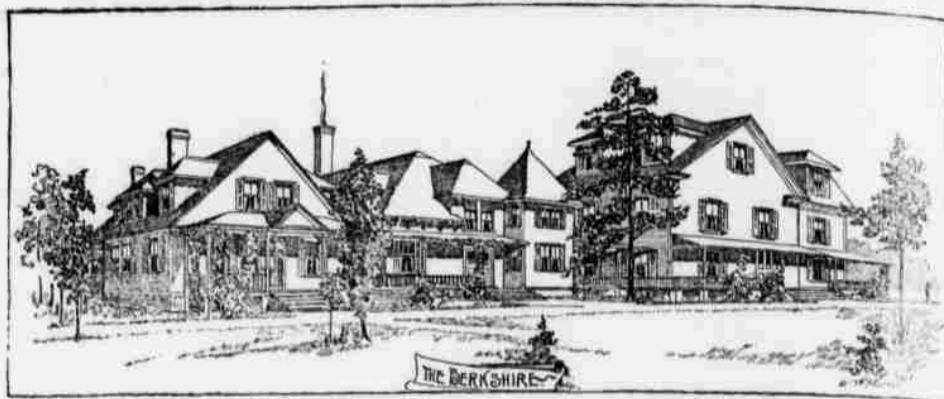
"Oh, nothing special," sighed Jones. "It was only wrong side up."

At The Pinehurst Alleys.

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