

HAPPY THOUGHT.

Leading Man (of the stranded troupe)—Nothing to do but walk back to dear old Broadway, methinks.
 Leading Woman—But think of the disgrace!
 Ingenue—And the rustic gibery!
 Comedian—Peace be with you all! Why, we'll send the advance man ahead to scatter the interesting tidings that you ladies are hiking suffragettes and we men the accompanying newspaper correspondents.—*Buffalo Express.*

Light Reading.

Mrs. Hi-Brow—I understand your husband is a well-read man, Mrs. O'Houlihan.
 Mrs. O'Houlihan—Bedad, he is that, mum. He reads the livelong day. Shure and he do be wan of thim constant readers.
 Mrs. Hi-Brow—I'm glad to hear that. What does he read?
 Mrs. O'Houlihan—Gas meters, mum.

Envy.

"If I had my life to live over," remarked Mr. Dustin Stax, "I'd be a moving picture star."
 "But you have amassed wealth."
 "Yes. But a moving picture star can make a million dollars a minute without having the finger of scorn pointed at him as a profiteer."



WHY HIS HEAD IS BANDAGED.

Wife: Henry, if some bold, bad man were to kidnap me would you offer a reward?
 Certainly, I always reward those who do me a favor.

Papa and Clara.

Clara wears fine silken hose Purchased with her papa's rocks, but the old man always goes around in 10-cent socks.

Pa Appreciates a Good Thing.

Kind Father—My dear, if you want a good husband, marry Mr. Goodheart. He really and truly loves you.
 Daughter—Are you sure of that, pa?
 Kind Father—Yes, indeed. I've been borrowing money of him for six months and still he keeps coming.

Such Is Fame.

"Did you see the house where the great poet lived?"
 "Uh, huh."
 "And the landlord, did he have no reminiscences of the great poet?"
 "None beyond the fact that the great poet moved away owing him rent."

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Original fairs were held at stated times and places, some for the sale of a particular class of merchandise, others for the sale of goods of a general character. People resorted to them to exchange goods and to collect their stores to last for several months. Princes and the magistrates of cities encouraged them and some of the privileges granted long ago still remain in force.

Such fairs as these flourish today on the outskirts of civilization, as in Siberia, Manchuria, Asiatic Turkey, where people live isolated for long stretches of time and do their buying no oftener than once or twice a year. They originated in the church festivals, which were found to afford the best opportunity for commercial transactions, the concourse of people being such as took place upon no other occasions.

Other European Practices.

In some parts of Europe persons of all ranks still wait for the great annual fairs to make their principal purchases of articles of every description. This applies especially to parts of Europe where trading facilities—including transportation, advertising announcements and the like—are not as highly developed as in all parts of America today.

One of the most noted of the old fairs was that of Saint Bartholomew in London, founded at the beginning of the twelfth century.

The greatest fairs in Germany are those of Frankfurt, Leipzig and Brunswick. Other noted and historic fairs held yearly or semiannually in Europe are those of Zurzach, Switzerland; Budapest, Hungary; Sinigaglia, Italy; Lyons, France (before the war), and Nizhni-Novgorod, Russia. The last named yearly attracts buyers from all parts of Europe and central and northern Asia, and merchandise worth \$100,000,000 changes hands. At Mecca, in Arabia, the fair is held in connection with the annual pilgrimage of Mohammedans, and is one of the most picturesque in the world.

We hope this array of solemn facts—all guaranteed to be reasonably true—will not put a damper on your frivolous mood and spoil our own fair for you. Doll up in your gayest drapery and set your heart on having a regular picnic this year—just like the year you were sixteen and had a sweetheart; when you had tintype pictures made together and exchanged them. Remember?

Lost Opportunity.

"My first patient called on me today," said the young doctor. "He's rich, too."
 "Congratulations," replied the elderly doctor. "What was the matter with him?"
 "Nothing. I couldn't find a thing wrong with him."
 "Ah, my boy, you still have a great deal to learn about your profession."

Making Matters Worse.

"When that irate woman was giving you a tongue lashing why didn't you aim a little tune?"
 "Just to show her that she wasn't hurting my feelings any?"
 "Of course."
 "I was afraid I might find out that Kipling was right when he said the female of the species is more deadly than the male."

Doing the Honorable.

Doctor Dosem—You have been spreading the report that I have poisoned several people in this town. I want you to take it back.
 Doctor Scroggins—Certainly. I don't hesitate to say that there are several people in this town whom you have not yet poisoned. Hope you are satisfied now.—*London Tit-Bits.*

Naming a Star.

"What's your star's name?" asked the theatrical angel.
 "Venus," replied the manager.
 "Why Venus?"
 "Well, Venus is a star, you know."
 "So is Mars, and Mars would be more appropriate."
 "That's right. She does seem to start all the fighting."

AUCTION SALE

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Farm Lands

My plantation at Middendorf, S. C., has been subdivided into 20 small farms and will be sold at auction, to the highest bidder, RAIN OR SHINE.

ON

FRIDAY 7 November

The Sale Will Commence at 10 O'clock in the Morning.

The town of Middendorf and the Seaboard main line bounds these lands on one side and the National Highway runs through the place, approximately two miles. Nearly all of the tracts have a frontage on the Highway. Several hundred acres of the land is under cultivation and every acre of the balance can be cultivated. The soil is sandy loam and most of it has clay subsoil. The land grows cotton, corn and small grain to perfection and has been pronounced by some experts to be as good tobacco land as there is in the State, and the best fruit section in the South. Tobacco is being grown on these lands and the lands adjoining very successfully. We have tobacco barns, tenant houses, barns and stables on the plantation.

Middendorf is a logical location for a good town. Has large two-story brick school building, Methodist and Baptist churches convenient.

We have laid off a beautiful town site at Middendorf and will sell at auction to the highest bidder on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 100 business and residential lots for white people and 40 residential lots for colored people.

This section possesses the greatest possibilities of any section in the State and within a few years these lands will be selling for three to four times the price they can be bought for today. Good roads, good schools and good railroad facilities and healthy.

Give these lands a thorough inspection before the day of sale. This is one of the best propositions in the State. Look it over carefully and you will agree with me.

This property will be sold, RAIN OR SHINE, to the HIGHEST BIDDER. The sale will be held on each tract as it is offered for sale. Ladies especially invited. Come whether you buy or not.

We will give away twenty-five \$1.00 bills during the sale. Music by good band.

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