

Humorous

A German shoemaker left the gas turned on in his shop one night and upon arriving in the morning struck a match to light it. There was a terrific explosion, and the shoemaker was blown out through the door almost to the middle of the street.

A passer-by rushed to his assistance, and, after helping him to rise, inquired if he was injured. The little German gazed in at his place of business, which was now burning quite briskly, and said:

"No, I ain't hurt. But I got out shust in time, eh?"

In the hall of a Philharmonic society the following notice was posted:

"The seats in this hall are for the use of the ladies. Gentlemen are requested to make use of them only after the former are seated."

"You, George Washington Calhoun Pinckney," screamed his mother, "what you doin', chile, settin' dere a-hollerin' an' a-mutterin' to yo'sef ober dat book? An' what you froffin' at de mouf laik dat fo'? Is you havin' er fit?"

"No, 'n deed, maw. I'se steddin'," replied George, with dignity.

"Steddin'? Huh! What in de wor' am you steddin'?"

"Nuttin' but my new piece to recite, what teacher gib me."

An old darkey, with an old gray mule hitched to a ramshackle wagon, stood on the incline of Capitol Hill in Washington during one of the worst sleet storms in January.

The old man huddled in his rabbit-skin cap, shivering; the mule was trembling with the cold. Two Congressmen, waiting for a belated car, were attracted by the strange outfit and wondered, as time went on and the darkey made no effort to depart, what ailed the old fellow.

One of the Congressmen walked over and said: "Why don't you move on, uncle?"

The old darkey pointed a trembling finger at his "team" and replied: "'Cause dis yere mule won't go 'les' I whistle at him, and it's so cold I cyarn't whistle!"—Everybody's.

"Do you love me very much mamma?"

Mamma (a widow): "Yes, of course, my dear."

"Then, why don't you marry the man at the candy store?"—Life.

Young Doctor: "Your pulse is 150."

Patient: "Impossible, doctor."

Young Doctor: "Of course. How stupid of me. I was counting both hands together."—Satire.

Farmer Rootdigger was digging out his potatoes when fourteen-year-old Sarah Deal came along on the way home from school.

Mr. Rootdigger asked her how their potatoes were turning out.

The bright-eyed little miss replied: "Our potatoes didn't turn out. Dad had to dig them out."—Exchange.

When Edward D. Pomeroy was buried to-day in the little mountain town of Buckland in a coffin that he made with his own hands, a strange plea made by the old man to a doctor to save his life for two weeks came to light.

"Can't you keep me alive two weeks," asked the ill man, anxiously.

"Why do you want to live just two weeks?" asked the doctor.

"Well, you see," he replied, "I have six hens setting in that coffin and I'd rather not disturb them until they've hatched."

But Pomeroy died yesterday and new nests were found for the hens.—North Adams, Mass., Dispatch to New York Press.

EXCHANGE OF COMPLIMENTS.

What Mr. Taft Thinks of T. R. and What T. R. Thinks of Mr. Taft—Some Warm Language.

What President has said of ex-President Roosevelt and the latter's policies:

"Treason to the party."

"Unfair tactics."

"Unfounded accusations."

"He has certain faculties and tendencies that would make it unsafe to put him back in office."

"Is unsafe, is dangerous."

"Is strong-headed."

"Is impatient of legal restraint."

"Has very unsound constitutional views."

"An unsound man."

"Utter wreck he would have made."

"His many flimsy contests."

"Arrogance of his statements."

"A campaign of bluff and bluster."

"A soap-box primary."

"Only his selfish ambition is to be consulted."

"Mere assertions without reference to records."

"Refuses me a square deal."

"His theories crude and revolutionary."

"I wonder why he has stopped his abuse and misrepresentations."

"He has called me every name on the calendar."

"Dangerous to give Roosevelt a third term."

"He certainly does not lack imagination."

"I know the difference between truth and fiction, between a deficit and a surplus."

"I know what a square deal is and I know he does not resemble Abraham Lincoln."

"He is fond of making general and irresponsible charges."

"I suppose I will have to look for votes among the unindicted."

What ex-President Roosevelt has said of President Taft, the National Republican Committee, etc.:

"He and his advisers care nothing for the will of the people."

"Pure political brigandage." (Taft got the six delegates-at-large in Ohio.)

"One district in Alabama represents naked theft."

"The Taft leaders speak as if they were the regular Republicans. I do not concede that theft is a test of regularity."

"A receiver of stolens goods."

"Acts which if done to influence would be criminal can be perpetrated with impunity so far as national nominations are concerned."

"We have stood 'em all on their heads."

"He has no right by tricery or violence to try to impose his own will."

"Is neither sincere nor serious."

"The powers that prey."

"He began to wobble."

"He is not a progressive because he lacks imagination."

"He lacks sympathy."

"He is puzzle witted."

"Patronage has been used barefacedly."

"They have tried every kind of a lie on the canal subject."

"A dreadful doctrine."

"The primaries in New York City were an infamy unmatched even by the kindred infamies perpetrated in behalf of Mr. Taft in Indianapolis and Denver."

"In the most bare-faced manner cheated the people out of their right to vote."

"He shows himself a reactionary."

"The convention is stacked against me."—Lexington Dispatch.

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