

shelves of fake books to enlarge the library so that it would have an impressive appearance. Glass doors covered the shelves and whenever a visitor expressed a desire to consult any particular book the key of the doors could not be found. Each banker seemed to have some story to tell, even "Silent Clarke," as one of the members was known because of the few stories he told, startled them all by reciting the methods employed by a man he knew and whose desire was to impress everyone that he was rich.

"Why!" he said, "That man was so crazy to show off that he blacked himself each morning and washed the windows to make people think that he could afford a negro servant."—National Monthly.

**Conflicting Opinions**

Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois smiled the other evening when reference was made at a social affair to the large amount of money railroads are frequently compelled to pay out in damage suits. He said he was reminded of the case of Jim Smith.

Jim Smith was riding in a railroad train one day when he got tangled up in a wreck. For a month he was confined to the house, and then he slowly emerged on crutches. Two weeks later, still on crutches, he was met by his friend, John Jones.

"Hello, Jim," happily exclaimed John, stopping to shake hands. "How is the bum leg getting on?"

"Pretty fair, John," answered Jim, not too enthusiastically, "I suppose I should 't complain."

"Let's see," mused the other. "It has been more than six weeks since you were hurt. Do you mean to tell me that you still have to use crutches?"

"Well, it's this way, John," responded Jim. "My doctor says I don't, but my lawyers say I do."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

**Some of Our Famous Criminals**

Following are a few excerpts from petty-court dockets in various parts of Alabama:

George Washington — Vagrancy, sixty days.

Andrew Jackson — Drunk, five and costs.

U. S. Grant — Stealing cow, bound over.

Hans Wagner — Violating meat ordinance.

Jim Jeffries — Carrying concealed weapons.

Theodore Roosevelt Jones — Disorderly conduct.

Abraham Lincoln — Larceny, ten and costs.

William Taft — Speeding.

—Montgomery Advertiser.

**Health Hints for Hot Days**

Don't eat anything.  
Chew it thoroughly.  
Don't drink ice water.  
Boil it.  
Let your wife have her way.  
Give your thermometer to your enemy.

Avoid excursions, vacations, cha-tauquas.

Avoid strange dogs and your wife's relatives.

Don't discuss the following: Heat records, immigration, tariff reduction, socialism, minimum wage, gas bills, franchises, graft, tire trouble, new thought, cubist poetry, creditors and debtors.—Kansas Industrialist.

**Busy**

The suffrage parade was rounding the plaza. A jeering youth with his velvet hat far back on his head and a pair of large yellow shoes, made facetious remarks as the marchers trailed by.

"Back to the cook stove," he cried.

An elderly man looked around at him.

"Is your mother in the parade?" he asked.

"My mother!" gasped the youth, "Well, I should say not! My mother ain't got no time fer such foolin'. She goes out washin'." — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Wife's Mistake**

Husband—Did that dress suit case come?

Wife—The one full of dreadful clothes from the office? Yes; and they came just in time to give away to the missionary society.

Husband (in a sepulchral voice)—It belonged to an Englishman I have invited home for dinner.—(Door bell rings.)—Life.

**Pointed Paragraphs**

Men without enemies have but few friends.

It is not necessarily a small matter when a woman puts her best foot forward.

You can't flatter an honest man by telling that he's honest.

If a friend pulls his watch on your funny story cut it short.

By covering up their tracks some men get credit for walking in the straight and narrow path.

Some are born rich, some acquire riches and some get into politics and thrust riches upon themselves.

Almost any young man will do anything a pretty sister asks—that is, if she happens to be some other fellow's sister.—Chicago News.

**Quaker Quips**

Every man was born at a very early age, but some of them never seem to get over it.

The girl who is fond of jewelry is the one who is addicted to the habit of wringing her hands.

The suffragette, who takes a cocktail before breakfast says it makes her feel like a new man.

No man is such a stickler for harmony of effect as to marry an old maid just because she goes well with his antique furniture.

News value is a curious thing. Many a couple get only an inch in the papers when they get married who get columns when they get divorced.

False modesty is illustrated by the woman whose blushes come from rouge.

The optimist who doesn't mind being short, says that is the weight of the world.

Many a man prides himself on being good looking just because babies can look at him without crying.—Philadelphia Record.

**The Priceless Spell**

I do not know what I would give  
If I could have again  
The ecstasy of little child  
Back in the golden "Then."  
The wilding heartbeat and that throb  
Of old excitement, we'll,  
I do not know what I would give  
Again to feel that spell!

To feel the spell of Christmas come  
As once it came to me;  
That vision of the ball and drum,  
That tinsel pageantry;  
That wild, impatient waiting till  
The glad day rolled around,  
With dancing feet no word could still  
And the whole world holy ground.

I do not know what I would give  
If I could be at night  
And summon from the vasty space  
Those visions of delight;  
And there across the little room  
With chatter sweet and wild  
Tell all the little thoughts that bloom  
Forever in the child.

—Baltimore Sun.

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