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WHEN MARIA JANE IS MAYOR.

When Maria Jane's elected to the mayoralty chair,
There'll be many wrongs corrected that are now apparent there.
The sidewalks will be carpeted, the streets swept thrice a day,
The alleys be as fragrant as fields of new mown hay.

What with parties and receptions and occasionally a ball,
There will be a transformation around the city hall.
And each ward in the city will be represented then
By lovely alderwomen and not horrid aldermen.

When Maria Jane is mayor, none but ladies will, of course,
Be appointed members of the city police force,
And in their bloomer uniforms they'll look so very sweet
The gang to be arrested will consider it a treat.

The stores will be compelled to have a bargain sale each day,
And for chewing gum and soda you will not be asked to pay.
Oh, great reforms will be projected, all the wrongs will be corrected
When Maria Jane's elected to the mayoralty chair.
—William West in Chicago Record.

NEEDED NO LAWYER.

Because He Did Not Want to Take Advantage of the State.

Judge Jim Griggs was reminded of a story by the passing of an electric car and began:
"One of the funniest things that ever happened during my connection with the Georgia judiciary was when I was first elected solicitor.
"The demands of my position frequently put me in the attitude of prosecuting a friend. It was hard, but I did it.
"An ex-sheriff of a county in my circuit—a fellow that I had known and liked for a long while—was prosecuted for making away with some money. It was an ugly charge. The evidence was conclusive against him.
"When I went down to court, he came staggering into my room about two-thirds drunk. 'Jim,' he said, 'these infernal scoundrels are trying to prosecute me—perfect outrage. I told 'em just wait till I saw Jim Griggs, and we'd fix it—I told 'em we'd let 'em know who to prosecute. And we will. Won't we, Jim?'
"I looked at him very gravely, and said: 'Tom, I've got a dead case against you, I'm going to prosecute you, convict you and send you to the penitentiary. You are guilty. You got the money, and I've got the evidence to prove it.'
"He looked at me in perfect amazement. He was dumfounded. He said I didn't mean it. I told him I did. He straightened himself up and marched out without a word.
"His case was the first one called after dinner. The judge asked him if he had any counsel. He said no and didn't want any. He spoke in a half drunken fashion. 'But,' said the judge, 'you are charged here with a serious offense, and if you have no money to employ a lawyer I'll appoint one for you.'
"The defendant didn't like it. He arose with difficulty. He steadied himself against a table, and speaking in a mandlin fashion said:
" 'Yer honor, I said I don't want no counsel, and I don't want none. I meant what I said. I don't want—hic—take no 'vantage of ze state. State ain't got no counsel—what der I want with any?' "
—Atlanta Constitution.

Burmese Girls.

In every household the daughter has her appointed work. In all but the richer merchants' houses the daughter's duty is to bring the water from the well evening and morning. It is the gossiping place of the village, this well, and as the sun sets there come running down all the girls of the village. As they fill their jars they lean over the curb and talk, and it is here that are told the latest news, the latest flirtation, the latest marriage, the little scandal of the place. Very few men come. Water carrying is not their duty, and there is a proper time and place for flirtation. So the girls have the well almost to themselves.

Almost every girl will weave. In every house there will be a loom, where the girls weave their dresses and those of their parents. And very many girls will have stalls in the bazaar; but of this I will speak later. Other duties are the husking of the rice and the making of cheroots. Of course in the richer households there will be servants to do all this, but even in them the daughter will frequently weave, either for herself or for her parents. Almost every girl will do something, if it be only to pass the time.—Blackwood's Magazine.

What She Saw.

Mme. De Cornuel went to Versailles to see the French court, when M. De Torcy and M. De Seignelay, both very young, had just been appointed ministers. She saw them as well as Mme. De Maintenon, who had then grown old. When she returned to Paris, some one asked her what remarkable things she had seen. "I have seen," she said, "what I never expected to see there. I have seen love in its tomb and the ministry in its cradle."

Choosing a Wife.

The plainest features become handsome unawares when associated only with kind feelings, and the loveliest face disagreeable when linked with ill humor or caprice. People should remember this when they are selecting a face which they are to see every morning across the breakfast table for the remainder of their lives.—N. P. Willis.

Sergeant O'Keefe, who spent five years in the observatory on Pike's peak, says that the lowest temperature observed was 80 degrees below zero, the highest 62 degrees above.

Some men do as much begrudge others a good name as they want one themselves, and perhaps that is the reason of it.—Penn.

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