

Being out of debt is the best thing out.

When a woman loses her temper she shows her age.

Lots of people come to grief by meeting trouble half way.

About the time love lets up on a man rheumatism takes a fall out of him.

Shortly after getting the political bee in his bonnet the average man gets it in the neck.

If all women who look back were turned into salt pillars the streets would be full of statues.

Another feature of the Japanese-Russian struggle is that it is a contest between meat eaters and vegetarians.

It always angers a girl who breaks off an engagement if the young man in the case refuses to make a fuss about it.

When a young man is old enough to cast his first vote what he doesn't know about running the country isn't worth knowing.

It may be that every college professor needs a wife, but the question is, How can he support her in the style to which she has been accustomed?

A court has decided that a man must treat his mother-in-law with respect. Mighty few mothers-in-law need any order of the court to make the young man do the proper thing.

But if China should get courage enough to cry, "Asia for the Asiatics," would it be so very different in principle from "Germany for the Germans," or "America for the Americans."

Walking on all fours is said to be a cure for appendicitis. Why not have parties where the guests may cure their appendicitis in this way and at the same time compete for prizes, the one who can go it on all fours longest and most gracefully taking the honors?

The negro in the South is coming to the front as a money-maker. If the cotton crop yields \$650,000,000 he will get \$200,000,000 of it. He is better off than ever before. But this prosperity is said to have made him uneasy and migratory. Still very few of the great mass of negro workers emigrate to the North. The fact is that the South is growing rapidly. The white population of Mississippi, the banner negro State, is growing faster than the black.

It is said that Egyptian and Turkish harems are being demoralized by the fashion plates. The European "delineators" tempt the plural wives of the eastern potentates to extravagant expenditures for dress, and it is becoming impossible for the poor kings and princes to keep more than one wife dressed in the Parisian fashion. Instead of 200 wives, some of the old fellows are finding it difficult to support two, it is said. The same evil cause is producing what we Americans call a desirable reform in Utah. The modern mormon finds it too expensive to support a bunch of wives. He finds it cheaper to obey the law of monogamy.

The ashes of Chicago were not cold when temporary places of business were provided and men were making contracts for the upbuilding of their warehouses, their stores and their homes. In a couple of years nearly the whole of the burned district was again covered. In Boston the losses were much less and the local capital was greater. Baltimore is making arrangements to rebuild her business center at once, and in a handsomer and more substantial manner than before. The fire in which granite crumbles and steel melts does not destroy the ground or the commercial advantages of the city's location. Very much of the property of the people is beyond its reach, and their courage and their credit—a very great part of the stock in trade of any community—are absolutely proof against it.

All over the land there is a dearth of schoolmistresses. Even in the East, where women are superabundant and the schoolma'am was always noted for her staying qualities, there is now a cry for more teachers. School agencies say that never before were so few well-trained women instructors obtainable. All give marriage as the cause. Time was when the schoolmistress was a drug on the matrimonial market. A woman put off as far as possible the evil day of entering the schoolroom, knowing that it meant for her a lonely life with no

hope of marriage. "Old maid school teacher" was the offensive phrase which labeled her social status. All that is now changed and the schoolmistress is having things her own way. Her college education, her vacation trips abroad, her leadership in clubs, have made her a most delightful companion, fitted for any social station. She has free scope for the development of her talents and is using her opportunities to advantage. Men have been quick to see the change and have learned that now the schoolmistress is the most companionable and efficient of women. She is skilled in household arts and in kindergarten as well as in the ancient and modern languages. She understands how to keep the home sanitary and how to make the purse serve the best interests of the entire family. What wonder, then, that boards of education and school superintendents are at their wits' ends to secure teachers willing to sign a contract containing an anti-marriage clause covering a specified period. They will soon have to be thankful if they can get them on any terms which the women themselves are pleased to make, for just now the way to the schoolhouse seems to be on the direct road to matrimony.

The chairman of the Western Passenger Association says the great increase in immigration during 1903 was due largely to the inducements offered by the railroads to settlers on the farm lands in the northwest, the south west and the far west. Nearly all the railway systems, it is said, have their agents in Europe drumming up immigrants. When the question of restricting immigration by imposing an educational qualification was before the last Congress representatives of several large western roads were heard in opposition to it. They did not say that the proposed restriction would interfere with the work the roads are doing in planting settlers on their own lands or on other untitled lands in the regions traveled by their lines. It was claimed then that the railroads were hard put to it to get all the common labor they needed and that it would be an injury to them to cut off the European supply in whole or part. The railroads do not feel so prosperous as they did two years ago. They have not the need of labor they had then, or which their officers said they had. Immigration is stimulated now not to get labor but to get settlers—and also to get the sums which they pay for their transportation. It has been surmised that as the steamship lines solicit immigration because they make money out of it, so many railroads are governed by the same motive. It will be admitted that an immigrant planted on a western farm is a desirable acquisition. That is not necessarily true of an immigrant who, when he lands, plunges into the overcrowded slums of New York City and stays there either because he prefers to stay or has not the money with which to make his escape. Only a small proportion of the steerage passengers of 1903 appear to have found their way to the far west. While 4,778 settled in Colorado, 2,438 in Texas, 6,967 in Washington, and 7,996 in Oregon, 254, 445 made their homes in New York, 177,169 in Pennsylvania, and 65,757 in Massachusetts. There came to Illinois 63,378 but of those who remained here the larger number probably settled in Chicago. If last year's increase in immigration was due largely to the efforts of the railroads the roads did much more to increase the population of the great cities of the east than of the rural districts of the west. It may be that their efforts brought more undesirable than desirable immigrants to this country. Railroads and steamship companies should let the matter of immigration regulate itself and not attempt to stimulate and direct it to promote their selfish interests.

**Taking No Chances.**  
A new reason "why men do not go to church" has recently been discovered by an English clergyman. Walking along a lane one day, says Tit-Bits, the village rector noticed an old man ahead of him. Seeing that it was one of his congregation who had not been to church of late, the vicar hurried and soon caught up with him.  
"Hallo, John!" said he. "How is it that I haven't seen you at church lately?"  
At first the rector could get nothing out of him, but after a little persuasion the parishioner said:  
"Well, zlr, it be your youngest darter, Nelly, I be afraid of."  
"What, afraid of Nelly, a girl o' nineteen, and only just returned from school?"  
"Yes, zlr. You see," replied John "when I went courtin' an old forchin teller told me as 'ow I should be spliced three times. First to gray, an' then to a yeller, an' then to a ginger. Now when I buried my poor yeller Sally three months ago, an' your darter w' the ginger 'air comed 'ome from schule, I says to myself, I says, 'That'er; that's the ginger 'un; an' if I don't keep away from church she'll nab me.'"

It is every girl's secret hope that some day she will be hugged so tight that a rib will be broken.

**AN EASTERN WAR JOKE**  
Japanese Emperor—"What news?"  
Japanese General—"We have met the enemy and they are hours—behind us."

New Boy—"Lady wants to see you sir?"

Fortune Teller—"Who is she?"

"I don't know."

"Then follow her home and find out. How the dickens am I going to tell a woman's fortune if I don't know who she is?"

**THE SOUP INDUSTRY**  
Steward (writing bill of fare)—  
"What sort of soup will you have today?"

Cook—"I will tell you zoon, Zam!"

Sim—"H re!"

Cook—"Haf all yesterday's scraps been added to zee stock-pot?"

Sam—"Yep."

Cook—"Vat zort of soup does it smell lk?"

**THE PATERNAL RACK**  
Young Man—"Why does Mr. Jinks have such a hang-dog, no-account look? Is it because he is in financial troubles?"

Old Man—"Oh, no. It is because he is the father of children of school age, and they have begun to ask him to help them with their arithmetic."

**His Friends' Remedies**—We desire a remedy for a cold, and for the information of those who may make suggestions, we mention that we have already taken the following: Quinine, rock and rye, lemon hot, hot toddy, Irish moss tea, beef tea in quantities, hot milk, mustard plaster (externally), mustard plaster (internally), hot water bag, steam bath, hot irons, X's mixture, bronchial troches, hot baths and infinitum, flaxseed, naseau, all the ten minute remedies, Sticken's Corn Cure, Bump's Sure Cure for Hog Cholera, Dover's powders, two different prescriptions of unknown character.

We will be genuinely obliged for a long list of other things to take, N. B.—We have also taken a fresh cold.—Baltimore News.

The St. Edmondsbury Weaving Works of Heselmere, England, has sent me most exquisite productions of their looms to the World's fair. These fabrics of silk and satin, include a chalice veil of crimson satin brocaded in gold thread with a symbolic design. There are priestly vestments and hangings of silk and hand tufted rugs. Queen Alexandra recently ordered an alter cloth of similar design, red and gold being the combination selected.

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