"COMIC" VALENTINES.
they make one man lavoh


 an awe-struck whisper, after a p pro-
longed survey of the peculiar features
of the guest . that must have loved children mighty well."
"Why so, my dear?" inquired the un "Oh," returned the eliild in the same
audible whisper, "cause she raised
him:'- Youth's Companion.

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Gladness Comes With a better understanding of thee
transient nature of the many phys.
forts which whanich vanish before proper ef. Torts-gentle efforts- -pleasant efforts.
righthly divected. Thereis comfort
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knowle
sieke siekness are not due to many actual dis. ease, but simply to a constipate conci-
tion tho system, which the pleasant
family lamative, Syrup
 who value good headtho hithlly by bene
effecta are dun to the fact, that it is th
one remedy whith cleanlimess, which promotes internal
organs on organs on which it acts it is therefons
all important, in order toget its bene-
ficial eflects. to note when our-
chase, that you have the genuine art chase, that you have the genuine article
Which is manufactured by the Califormie
Fig syrup Co only, and sold by all rep If in the enjoyment of good health,
and the syster is regular, then laxa-
tives or ortier remedies are not needed
If a fictect Tr amictea with any actual disease, one
may be comende. to theonost skillul
physicians, but if it in need of a laxative, phen one shourd have the bestit and with
the well-intomedeverywhese Syupo
Tige stands highest
F Figs stands highest and in most largely A Fortune for Market Gardeners!


che person to whom I have referred
draws about 900 valentine pletures
every year, and each of them is printed every year, and each of them is printed
in edittons of 15,000. Most of them are
sold in this country, soid in this country, but there is also most popular of them run through many
editions. But let us suppose that each of them has two us suppose that eacing. That will
sive a total of $27,000,000$ a year. Now, reflect, further, that everyone of them
is designed to make somebody swear designed to make somebody swea
and you begin to ket an de of the tor-
tible businegs ible business in which this artist
ongaged. Let us suppose that 20,000 and that each individual reciptent
and swears only five times. We have a to
tal of $100,000,000$ cussiiiy friend, the artist, is directly respon-
sibhe, every year. Suppose, further, hat the artist holds his job thirty-sis prece in of purgatory one day for ever
piolent language caused b hm, as computed above, he will b
there $10,000,000$ years, and I do not cal

t enough, writes Howard Fielding | fo |
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ounded uponematical operations a facts. In this le
er I am site of news in plain words.
Chave known the valentine artist for
a long time, but never suspected him
of doing anything of thet of dolng anything of that kind. It was
only yesterday that I learned about it. I went into his work shop just as he
anished a drawing. 1 looked over his shoulder expecting to see a pretty pli-
ure designed for one of the magaline inth the familtar signature, C. Howar a white apron a horrible freak wearing cats thto a sausage-min.
"That's a sweet thing,
UFoward," zaid "For a butcher," said he. "Its in body's regard on Feb. 14. I've made 11
 THe besboon vaisentine. nearly a thousand of these things twi:
year. What do you suypose o.u Sata
Valentinus, patron of the;pleasant ocenslon, will do with me when he gets hol
of me?" That naturally led tox discussionco
the whole subject. It appears that
Howard does not allow these drawings to interfere in any way with his a
work. He has a very nice moments of dissatistaction. In thase
ordinary man would wasth an or in throwing a fellow creature down-
stairs Howard simply draws valentines. It relieves hits feelings penfectly. I was
glad to kow this, for It tad been at ness of his ulsposition. It would be be mill
nujust, of course, to compare so favor
und ed a person with ourselves, We do not
have the opportunity of hisulting 27,-
000,000 strangers every year. We mus. do the best we can with ouly our fam-
ilies and friends. It appears that comic valentines are
all oftensive. THey are divifed broadly
into two classes, which are known tech into two classes, which are known tech
nically as the "Hitcem-Hards" and the
"Tong Jokers," By the rules of ord Long Jokers." By the rules of ordi-
nary socal courtesy a person may reply
to a Long Joker with a club; but if he
gete a Hit-em-Hard he takes down the
 proves that they must fill a longing of
the human heart. The two sexes feel
this want about equaly. Just as many
are painted for men se for women regard that an an Introresting fact whlt
might easily escape the notice of a le might easily escape the notice of a less
acute stadent of human nature than
ayself. Just how bady you have myself. Just how badly you have to
hate a person before you feel impelled
to insult bim pietorially on the 14th of February in am unable to state. Bu the ple in this conntry who could tell from
their personal experience. This practice shows the general recognstion o
the artistie value of contrast An aded charm must cling to the pic
ture of a jackass labelled "This is You when it is recely
to lovers' tokens. Hir. Howard tells me that these valen
tines are all directed to the pletoria
xhibition of some human fault or folly

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| LET THE EARTI REJOICE AND farmers sling, With our new hardy grasses, clovers and fodder plants the piece of land can be made as fertile as the valley of the Nile. Only takes a year or so to do so! At the same time you will be getting blg crops! Teosinte, Giant Spurry, Sacaline, Lathyrus, what a varlety of names! Catalogue tells |
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THE MODERN DUDE. of course, there were many other dude
caricatures that year, but the nost offenslve by long oddd. Was hap
pened that a young man of Mr. Howd's acquanintance got three vaientine that year from three dirierent cities,
and every one of his unknown admirer
pleked vut this 1denticat valentine What could a man think ander suc
exceptional circumstances except the there was a distinct reaemblance be
tween himself and the fellow in the plc
ture? It must have been deeply de
presing. I learn ture? It must have been deeply de de
pressing. I learn from Mr. Howar
thast this gentemana dua mot commits sul
cidae, but he would have committe
burder under favorathe condition watithis gentleman dis mot commit suit
tate, but he would have committed
wurder under favorable conditions.
onre of the most saccessful valentines
over sent out was extitiled "The Slug-
 A pair of naked and zigantic feet hun
over the footboard, which was in the
foreground: and the sun, with a smil oreground: and the sun, with a smill
of derision on his countenance, Faa seen looking in through an open win
dow. Mr. Howard gave this to me in a philosophical spirit as a sample of
what is consideree a rare joke by many
thousands of persons, Perhaps the
richest What is considerec a rare oke by many
thousands of persons. Perhaps the
richest thing-if popular applause b
the criterion-in the line of comic vai
entines for women was a pieture en
titted "coing to Seed." It represented
a particularly in-conditioned plant ta
ind large red fower-pot, and the flower wae
the typical headiof an old mald. Thou-
sands upon thousands of these were sands upon thousands of these were
sold, and they ferved, doubtless, to em Ditter the thourats of a corresponding
number of women who ought rather to
have been congratulated. While masy number or women who ought rather
have been congratulated. While masy
of these valentines are used in mallece of these valentines are used in mallice
the real reasom why they sell is that the
people think that they are funny
There's a very deep theme made a s vecery deep duty of the problem,
What do people daugh at? And I have myself laugh a ${ }^{\text {al-but the reamaining }}$
persons mentioned in Mr. Porter's cen persons mentioned in Mr. Porter's cen-
sus have thus fare eluded me. And even in my own case the result is not con-
stant. One day, perhaps, I can laug
at one of my ows jokes, and a few day
later, when I run across it in a copy

the old maid alyays seem an old magazine whtch ated before
was born, it don't seem funny at alt has not only discovered the secret of
what in humor to a great class of our
cltizens, but he bas learned make
swear.
umph.

## Featherstonc-Willie. I don't eee Fet valentine that I gave your sister hat vile

 Wille-No; she gave it to the baby towithy.

Wineglussfult hree of azee madtikn The best kind of apron to use when
bathing the baby is made of two thicknesses of flemel, with a piece of rubeer coth haid between. The rabber
prevents sll possibility of the dress get-
ting wet, and can easily te removed Waiter Baker Co Co. Limited, Dor-
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turers of Breakfast Cocon nid other




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The Pasulng of the Outlaw.
The woadertul strides of devel
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les during the past threo years, and the
rapld advancement of clvelization and Christlanity in those territories during hat time, leave the outlaw no long
resting place oa this continent.
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