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SHE WAS FROM BOSTON.

Why the Professor Left the Ballroom to Look for Refreshments. The dry as to marrow, the lather as to heart...

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Would Do Just as Well.

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FOOLING THE OLD MAN.

A Smart Boy Who Thought He Would Get Even with His Father. My boy Sim has a passion for dogs. He is not particular about the kind of dog it is...

My boy Sim has a passion for dogs. He is not particular about the kind of dog it is. Anything that has hair on it and runs on four legs is good enough for him. I object to dogs myself. A dog is no use on earth. He gets away with more food than a large sized, overgrown family, and then lies around all day and digests it. If your best friend comes to call on you at night your dog will jump on him and tear him limb from limb, but a burglar can come in and ransack the place while the dog lies on the door mat with one eye open and says nothing. I am speaking now of big dogs. A small dog is worse than a big one. A small dog is all lung. If a pin drops in the back yard he will rouse the neighborhood. He sticks up his nose at bread and butter and his meat has to be cut bias or he won't eat it. A dog is a manufactory for fleas. A dog so small he gets lost in a tiger skin rug will breed fleas enough to worry an army. These are some of my objections to dogs. I have tried to bring Sim over to my view, but without avail. He don't see it in that light. He will spend hours trying to think up some scheme to entice our next door neighbor's dog over in my back yard. Then he will throw one arm around the dog's neck and tie a can to his tail with another, and have a great time generally.

The other day Sim came into the house and said: "Pa, I want a dog." "Oh, you do, do you? Well, you won't get one." In a few minutes he came around again. "Say, pa, I want a dog." "Get out." A pause. "Say, pa." "Well?" "Jim Todd's got a dog he don't want. Jim says he'll sell him for a dollar. He don't eat much. Jim says so. Say, pa, can't I get him?" "No," I roared. "Get out of here or I'll wallup you."

In about half an hour Sim came back. "Say, pa." "What do you want?" "To-morrow will be April Fools' day." "What of it?" "Nuthin'. But I heard Sam Tucker say he and some other fellows was going to raise the mischief 'round here to-morrow mornin'." I knew Tucker. He'd played tricks on me before, and he was one of the worst boys in the neighborhood. "What are they?" said I. "Well, what are they going to do?" "Sam said they was comin' 'round in the mornin' before you was up and going to make things lively. He said they was going to take the front gate and put it on one of the trees in the orchard. They was going to take down the clothes line and do lots of things besides."

"Huh!" said I, "we'll see about that." That night I set the alarm clock at 4. I woke up promptly the next morning and went out in the back yard to wait for Sam Tucker and his gang. While I was sitting behind the tree waiting, and looking at the barn, suddenly the door opened and a big dog with blood in his eye came bounding out. Right after him came my boy Sim. Sim wasn't afraid of the dog, but I was. So I climbed up the tree just as the dog arrived. He seemed disappointed. "Sim," said I, "where did you get that dog? Didn't I tell you I would allow no dogs around my premises? Take that beast away and never let me see him again. I am surprised at you. What do you mean, sir?"

Sim got up on the fence and looked at me. So did the dog. Then I began to realize the situation. It was April Fools' day. I was the fool. "Say, pa," said Sim, "can't I have that dog? It's Jim Todd's." "You just wait until I get down out of this tree," I roared, "I'll show you whether you can have that dog. Take him away or I'll wallup you within an inch of your life." But Sim didn't move. Neither did the dog. I stayed there until breakfast time, and then the hired man came out and shot the dog. Sim didn't know who he was fooling with. No dogs are allowed around my premises. It was a bad day for Sim.

At the Wrong House. Tramp—Please, mum, I'm starving. Won't you let me have a postage stamp to lick? Experienced Housekeeper—Why, certainly. My husband is just finishing a letter to John L. Sullivan, offering to fight him anywhere, at any time, for \$10,000 a side. Marquis of Queensberry rules. Wait until he is through, and perhaps he'll let you put the stamp on.

Tramp (hastily departing)—Thankee kindly, mum, but maybe I can get a stamp at the next house without waiting.—New York Weekly.

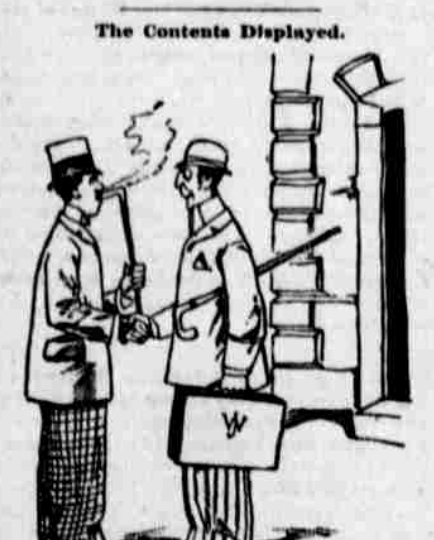
No Cause for Alarm. Friend—I suppose you write when the spirit moves? Poet—Well, yes, that's about the way with me. I write when the specter moves. "The specter?" "Yes, the specter of want."—Yankee Blade.

Didn't Like Jewelry. "Isn't it strange that Quillboy positively refuses to wear jewelry?" "Won't he wear it?" "No. Only yesterday I saw him knock down an officer who was trying to handcuff him."—Nebraska State Journal.

Couldn't Surprise Him. Boarder cracking an egg—Well, I declare! Water excitedly—What is it? Boarder—Why, this egg has a double yolk. Water—Pshaw! that's nothin'—gen'lman's yistidly had a chieking!—Detroit Free Press.



"A STRONG PIECE."—Life.



Blawst that step, anyway!—Time.



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