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THE CONVALESCENT GRIPSTER.

The gods let slip that fardish grip Upon me last week Sunday— No fiercer storm than racked my form...

What aches and pain in bones and brain I had I need not mention: It seemed to me such pangs must be Old Satan's own invention!

As there I lay in bed all day, How fair outside looked to me! A smile so mild old nature smiled...

Of quinine slogs and other drugs I guess I took a million— Such drugs as serve to set each nerve To dancing a cotillon!

'Twas hard, and yet I'll soon forget Those ills and cures distressing: One's future lies 'neath gorgeous skies When one is convalescing!

—Chicago News.



How to Select Eyeglasses.

Undoubtedly every one who is forced by defective sight to the use of eyeglasses or spectacles ought to consult a competent oculist as to the selection of the proper number for him to use.

How to Prevent Handles Splitting.

To prevent handles (to be pounded upon) from splitting follow the shoemaker's plan, and put on the end, after sawing it off square, two round disks of sole leather.

How to Reduce Fahrenheit Degrees to Others.

To Reduce to Centigrade—Subtract 32 degs., multiply by 5 and divide by 9, if above zero.

How to Cure Ringworm.

To one part of sulphuric acid add twenty parts of water. Use a camel's hair brush or a feather and apply the solution to the parts every night and morning.

How to Make a Sure Cure for Toothache.

A mixture of two parts of ordinary liquid ammonia with one of tincture of benjuain is a sure cure for toothache.

How to Neutralize Bad Breath.

Use a tooth powder made of cream of tartar and prepared chalk, each half an ounce; myrrh and powdered charcoal, each two drams; powdered orris root, one half dram; powdered Peruvian bark, two drams.

How to Give a Crazy Supper.

As this will be done by a church or society to make money, everything will be donated, therefore give people their money's worth.

At the Wrong Cell.

Visitor (at the jail)—Poor, poor man! May I offer you this bunch of flowers?

A Mouthful Compliment.

Young Officer of Hussars (in the park)—I apologize, madam, for passing you just now without salutation, but you look so charming today that I positively did not recognize you!

The Real Reason.

"How on earth can Hardy stand the strain of nursing that old uncle of his as he does? He must have wonderful will power, mustn't he?"

No Time to Lose.

"John, the baby has swallowed your collar stud."

His Name.

Wentman—Why do you call your horse Independence Day?

An Awkward Mistake.

Gent—I must say, madam, that you carry age remarkably well; you look almost as young as your daughter!

The Cash Discount on Dogs.

A stout old man in a gray ulster halted a Fourth avenue car at Worth street the other day. One hand was occupied with a rather impetuous bulldog on a chain and the other waved a baggy umbrella.

"Take a dog on your car?" "No."

"Me and John William has got to get up town."

"Can't help it, walkin's good."

"Let me ride on the platform and hitch John William to the brake?"

The conductor agreed to this, and John William trotted placidly along up the Bowery without mishap, beyond upsetting two newsboys.

"Hey, hey, hold on!" called the old man on the platform excitedly. But it was too late; there wasn't room between the cross-town horse and the platform of the Fourth avenue car for even the alert John William, however, regarded it otherwise.

"There ain't his beat in New York," responded his owner proudly. "Of course there's other dogs here and there," he added as a great concession.

"Mean it?" asked John William's owner anxiously.

"Certainly."

"Cash; no bluff?" "Of course."

"Gosh! He's your dog."—New York Tribune.

Got the Best of the Judge.

A lawyer was relating some of his most amusing experiences recently in the Boston courts.

He told of a case that had come up, where a prominent lawyer, a man of pronounced ideas, witty, quick, yet altogether cranky, had a hard time trying to defend his client.

All day this case was considered. The judge was testable and the lawyer was stubborn. Point after point was dilated upon at length.

The lawyer turned upon him and burst out with, "I always thought your honor was a gentleman."

"What's that?" asked the angered judge. "I always thought your honor was a gentleman," repeated the legal man.

The judge could not contain himself now. Scornfully he lashed the lawyer with his quick tongue.

"Why, have you not heard?" he replied, "not heard about Charley? Charley is in a bank."

"Indeed! I am glad to learn that he has secured so lucrative a position. I suppose he is a teller or receiver or register or recorder or cashier or something of that sort."

"Oh, no, you mistake, Charley—why, Charley is a director!"

"A director! A bank director! That can hardly be possible."

"Yes, but it is, Charley directs envelopes."—St. Paul Globe.

The Duel Adjourned.

"Sir, you have insulted me. I hereby challenge you to a duel with pistols. My name is Here."

"Indeed! Then you'll have to wait till I have procured a shooting license."—Kulne.

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