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A MAN OF TALENT.

He Was Too Great a Genius to Remain Unknown. "Now," said the editor of the Quohosh Genius of Liberty to his reporter, "in your work I shall look for a calm, dispassionate statement of fact. My paper is noted for its veracity, and no exaggeration is allowed on any subject. Do you think you understand that clearly?" "Yes, sir." "Then you may attend the Skimgullet Dumsquizzle wedding, which takes place at noon today, and I'll see how you handle it," said the editor, turning to his desk. This is what the new reporter handed in after the festivities were over: "It is the custom of most newspapers, in giving accounts of local weddings, to speak of the bride as beautiful, even if she is as ugly as a mud fence. The Genius of Liberty scorns such flattery, however. If a woman is beautiful, we hesitate not to say so, but if she is not it is not our fault. We proclaim the fact. We wish we could say that Miss Melinda Dumsquizzle, who became Mrs. Dennis Skimgullet at noon today, was lovely in form and feature, but we cannot. While we have seen uglier girls, it must be conceded by all impartial observers that brick dust hair and a multitude of freckles do not look well on a bride. "However, she did the best she could under the circumstances in wearing a tolerably thick veil, and rigged out as she was in dress of cream satin looked quite presentable at a distance. Hardly so much can be said of her husband, who walked with a limp, and whose sparsely settled chin whiskers of a pale dun color would have improved his appearance if they had been shaved off. We ascertained by careful inquiry that Skimgullet is old enough to be his wife's father and has, in point of fact, committed the offense of matrimony twice before. Some say that both his former wives were starved to death; others, that he worked them to death. Which is correct The Genius of Liberty does not pretend to say. The statements are given for what they may be worth. "What Miss Dumsquizzle saw in him to marry is a mystery, unless she thought she would be more successful than her predecessors in getting hold of the money which he is said to keep buried somewhere on his farm. We heard it said that her father owed Skimgullet \$105, and that the latter threatened to have him arrested on a charge of forgery if he did not get Melinda to marry him, but this statement has not been verified yet. The presents were not very numerous, and the most expensive one that we saw was a peachblow vase worth \$1 at retail. The couple left on the accommodation for the bridal tour of two days to Podunk. We asked the Rev. K. E. Gockicks how much the groom gave him for tying the knot, and he said 75 cents. This, therefore, can be relied upon as official. "Young man," said the editor after reading the reporter's account, "you are far too high a genius to bury your talent in a small place like Quohosh. I would like to keep you, but I am sure that would be doing you an injustice. I think you had better go to New York, where your talents will be appreciated as they deserve. And, by the way, when you go to the station to buy your ticket, avoid making the fatal mistake of buying a return ticket. We are fond of you, but not so very fond that absence could fail to increase it." -W. H. Switter in Harper's Magazine.

A Child's Version. The idea presented to a child's mind by a word which he thinks he understands, though its meaning has never been explained to him, is often quite foreign to anything which the dictionary has to offer. "The wind bloweth where it listeth," read the Sunday school teacher to her class of little girls. "Do any of you know what 'listeth' means?" The children, with one exception, shook their heads. The exception was an 8-year-old flaxen haired girl, who after a moment's reflection said eagerly, "I know!" "You may tell us, then," said the teacher encouragingly. "I'm afraid," said the little girl in a dubious tone, "that I can't make the rest of them understand, for they haven't any grandpas in the country, same as I have. But there's always a strip on the bottom of the front doors in the country that grandpa told me was 'list', and if you could just feel the wind blow in under that door once," said the child in a tone of conviction, addressing the rest of the class, "you'd know what that verse meant in a minute!" -Youth's Companion.

Future Vengeance. "You'll be sorry for this some day!" howled the son and heir as his father released him from the position he had occupied across the paternal knee. "I'll be sorry? When?" "When I get to be a man!" "You will take revenge by whipping your father when you are big and strong and I an old and feeble, will you, Tommy?" "No, sir," blubbered Tommy, rubbing himself, "but I'll spank your grandchild when till they can't rest!" -Chicago Tribune.

A Slave to Fashion. "Hello, Bingley! How did the doctor succeed in breaking up your fever?" Bingley—Oh, easy enough, he presented his bill, and I had a chill in 15 minutes. -Chicago Inter Ocean.

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Maud Muller in Winter. Maud Muller on a winter day Went out upon the snow to sleigh. Beneath her high heeled number six Were a foot of hay and four hot bricks. Singing she slogs, and her merry glee Shook the snow all off the tree. "Wait till the clouds roll by!" she howled, And as she passed the people scowled. On her dexter side sat a fresh young dude With his arm out of place as they sweetly slude. But her howling died, and a vague distress And a quart of snow filled the back of her drape. For the reins were held in a careless hand, And the horse's legs in a parade's band. Went boom, boom, boom! And one cold day A tandem left with an upturned sleigh. Alas, for the dude! three cheers for the sleigh! And hurrah for the chestnuts that ran away! The saddest words at her father's door Were these, "You needn't come back no more." The livery bill when he bled him thence Was seventeen dollars and fifty cents. -Boston Globe.

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SOME DEFINITIONS.

Unconscious Wit and Humor in Small Boys' Examination Papers. I began to collect from examination papers and answers in class whatever would throw new light on old subjects. I have been some years at it now and have pleasure in sending you the subjoined 12 extracts from my "gems," says Miss A. C. Graham in The University Correspondent. They are all bona fide answers, the spelling and punctuation being uncorrected. In most cases I have still the original documents from which they are taken: Esau was a man who wrote fables, and who sold the copyright to a publisher for a bottle of potash. Titus was a Roman emperor, supposed to have written the "Epistle of the Hebrews." His other name was Oates. Oliver Cromwell was a man who was put into prison for his interference in Ireland. When he was in prison he wrote "The Pilgrim's Progress" and married a lady called Mrs. O'Shea. Wolsley was a famous general who fought in the Crimean war, and who, after being decapitated several times, said to Cromwell, "Ah, if I had only served you as you have served me, I would not have been decapitated in my old age."

Wesley was the founder of the Wesleyan chapel, who was afterward called Lord Wellington. A monument was erected to him in Hyde park, but it has been taken down lately. Hamlet was weakminded, fond of study, but was too weak to fulfill his duty which the ghost bid him to do. He was very good to his mother. He profanes madness, he really only puts it on, but some people say he was mad. One day when he was fighting, the king asked him if he would have something to drink and he had put poison in it and Hamlet said he would wait the queen, took it and then she falls down dead, Hamlet immediately stabs his father and drinks the poison and dies. Explain the words fort and fortress. A fort is a place to put men in, and a fortress a place to put volcanoes in. The two chief volcanoes in Europe? So dom and Gomorrhah. -London Dispatch.

Exaggeration. John Fitzgerald is a hard headed, matter of fact boy who has just entered the high school. If you talk with him, you must be careful how you express yourself. The other evening his father was reading aloud a book of travels. The author was describing a Christmas which he passed in Australia. "It was a rather gloomy day," he wrote. "We had a good dinner and did our best to be merry, but it was hard to feel very jolly. We were 10,000 miles from home, and..." "What's that?" interrupted Master John. "Ten thousand miles from home? Impossible! Why, the maximum diameter of the earth is only 8,000 miles." -Youth's Companion.

A Good Excuse. "You're Philham—Hillo, deacon! What air you doin in my henhouse?" Deacon Pullet—"Fore de Lord, sah, a case of necessity, sah. Ye see, sah, my wife, sah, am perry sick, sah, an de dectah, sah, prochein poached aigs, sah, an I'm jes' poachin a few aigs, sah.—Truth.

An Incurable Case. A certain celebrated New York doctor is noted for his gruffness. Not long ago an elegantly dressed lady belonging to the Four Hundred called at his office. "What can I do for you?" asked Dr. Gruff, not looking up at her writing. "Sir, I am Mrs. Sturtevant Knickerbocker Van Astorbilt."

On an Extensive Scale. Businesslike Yankee (in the near future) -Beg pardon for intruding, sir, but you are the governor of these islands, are you not? Territorial Governor of Hawaii—I am, sir. What can I do for you? Businesslike Yankee—I notice one of your volcanoes is smoking. Like to sell you a down draft furnace for it, sir.—Chicago Tribune.

Points of View. "So you really think that my having a cigar in my mouth is a bad habit, Maria?" said Mr. Hobson. "Why it's positively filthy," replied Mrs. Hobson emphatically as she bent over to kiss the little black face of her pet pug.—Chicago News-Record.

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