# THE LAUGHING MAN. SER RICHARD OWERS GROST STORY. GIRLS WHOUSE SLANG

- IF IN WALL STREET, IT MAY NOT MEAN THAT HE PEELS BAFE.
- with he Crem dest Currying Payer.

In the tetercal between the morning In the broker's office studying the questions as they had been marked up on the blackboard by a junior chirk. They spoke deavored to conceal their chagrin and morning. Not a few were wrestling with Bassanio's problem, considering whether another arrow would discover that already lost. In gambling the hope that another fling at fortune will bring her down never fades. But those who gamble daily recognize that such reasoning is not sound, and where, as in Wall street, all the investments are based upon theorizing as to cause and effect, something more than unreasoning faith in fortune's favor is necessary to open the purse strings of its followers. These men were veterans, and the gambler's passion was subordinated to cold calculations.

An old but gay and sprightly man came upon the scene. He was the proprictor of the office, a big broker, widely known and very popular. He was reputed to be the possessor of great wealth. Upon his favor depended the fortunes of some of the men in the chairs. Should he withdraw it at a critical moment they might sink out of sight overwhelmed by ruin, wrecks to be pointed out by the ourious in after days as some of the "has beens" of Wall street. He addressed them on the subject of gold shipments, arguing from his own view points as to their effects upon the prosperity of the community. He had the manners and voice of a stump speaker. He interlarded his remarks with jokes and reminiscences and talked volubly. A handsome gray baired man, with smooth face and erect figure, watched him and the others closely. When the broker had finished and disappeared into his private office, this man said quietly to the friend, a visitor, who sat beside him:

"I know now just about how all of these men stand. Did you observe them while Jones was talking? Did you notice how some of them laughed loudly at his jokes, while others only smiled, and still others remained impassive? Did you see how those who laughed loudest strove to catch his eye, as though to say: 'See me; I appreciate your humor; I am impressed with your remarks. The others here may not follow you, but I am all ears.' And the meaning of all that is that they want to curry favor with him and win his personal good will, so as to bank against it should they need his financial assistance.

"I always pay attention to the crowd when he talks, for by observing them I in the pretty 'God's acre' of which he can tell how much margin each is trad- lies buried. Hook's only surviving child ing on. The man who laughs loudest has, alast fallen on evil days, and at up and is most obsequious is very close to ward of 70 years of age finds herself in sinking. He fears he may go under any moment, and his laughter is a desperate sppeal to save him. It rings in my ears like the cry of the drowning wretch who yells: 'Save me! Save me!' I can almost see him struggling in the waves and tearing his finger nails on the glassy ides of the rocks against which he is dashed in his attempts to pull himself into safety. Every time that man roars at one of Jones' jokes, and holds his sides as though they would split, I feel a throb of sympathy for him, for I know his case is very desperate. The man who laughs moderately, looks knowing and has a fairly contented expression has a fair margin up and feels safe. But the man who looks at Jones with an air of indifference or has the courage to frown upon him is the object of my deepest envy. That man reposes on a financial rock so high and solid that an earthquake would recoil from it. And, dewould stroke his coat and rub shoulders with him in the hope of gaining luck one of the ministers said:

"I will never forget the sensation caused once by a man getting up here and calling Jones loudly by his first name. That 'William' still rings in my sars. There was dead silence for fully a minute after it had been uttered. Every one of us expected to see the rash man struck by a thunderbolt or consumed by the withering scorn of Jones' lightning glance. I felt my blood congeal with orror, and several of the others told me afterward that they looked for some-thing awful. But Jones looked as sweet as an angel, and we all could have worshiped the daring one on the spot. He received a dozen invitations to drink within 10 minutes and was overwhelmed with offers of cigars. His margin, I afterward discovered, was 10 per cent. There is a report that another man called Jones Bill some years ago, but I don't believe it. If anybody did that, it was an outsider. No customer with a proper conderation of the possibilities of the future could so far forget himself, even though his immediate conditions were most prosperous."-New York Sun.

### Electric Bells In Church.

Playgoers are familiar with the electric bells which ring in all parts of the ruse just before the curtain goes up. This useful device has been adopted at Spurgeon's Tabernacle, Strangers are kept waiting in the aisles until five min-utes before the service. By this time the regular seat holders are supposed to Hindoo, if sufficiently fed, is even when have taken their places, and the electric signal is made, followed immediately by ably handsome.—Million. s general rush for the best seats that remain vacant.-Yankee Blade.

Too Frank. She-Maude? Oh, she's one of the

friends of my youth. He-I didn't take her to be as old as that.-Kate Field's Washington.

It Was Francish Read to the Man Whithan the Severed Head Rolling Do.

The late for Ruchard Owen used to pe a late a remarkable giant story. In his carty days, when he hold the post of our A Tapical Scene to the of the Well Known | good to the prison at Loneader, a begre "Bankers and Brokers" Offices With died in juil, and a postmerical as well as Which the Messey Center of the Metrop- an improve was recommity. After the inquest the Young surgoon saw the body put in the collin and the hid servery down, to be ready for the funeral next and afternoon sembors of the Stock Ex | day, Owen had at the time been already change the speculators and operators sat attracted to the study of comparative anatomy, and marker heads were not plentiful, so he made up his mind that this one should not be lost to the cause but little. Some were making mental of science. In the evening he returns, calculations, some were building air to the prison with a black bag contain castles, a few were hugging themselves ing a brick from his efficial position by with delight because fortune was in their had no difficulty in getting admittance favor, and others looked grim and en- to the mortuary, where the coffin lid was unscrewed and servered down again regrets at losses by the operations of the During this process the brick and the stegro's head changed places.

The ground outside the principal entrance to the jail has a considerable de scent, and the time being winter, with mow and frost, Owen had scarcely posse out when he slipped and fell all his length -the bag went from his hand, and the head rumbled out and rolled down that paved way. He got up, caught the bag and following the head clutched it just as it finished its career in a small shop where tobacco was sold. Pushing it into the bag again, he vanished out of the shop with all the speed he was capable of.

Next morning, when Owen was going to his usual duties at the prison, he was called in by the woman at the shop where the accident had occurred on the previous evening. She wished him to see her husband, who was very ill. He had had, she said, a fright the night before that caused him to look wild and dazedlike. The man, it turned out, was a retired sea captain who had been in many adventures among the West India islands when many deeds were done that did not at that time require to be accounted for. Among these had been the killing of a negro in which he had a hand, and the transaction had left a touch of trouble on his conscience. After giving these details the old captain told of the horrible event that took place the night before.

He was sitting in his shop. All was quiet, and it so chanced that he had been thinking of the negro, when suddenly he saw his very head roll into the shop in front of the counter, and it was followed by the devil all in black, with a black bag in his hand. The devil snatched up the head, and both disappeared through the earth like a flash of lightning. The description was perhaps not quite complimentary to the young anatomist, but it was satisfactory so far that it showed that his identity had not been recognized.-London News.

Theodore Hook's Indigent Daughter.

"By a curious coincidence," says an English journal, "attention has been called to the existence, in very poor circumstances, of an aged daughter of Theodore Hook, just at a time when a proposal is on foot to commemorate the brilliant humorist by a stained glass window in the porch of Fulham church

sorely straightened circumstances. "It is not, happily, our custom to allow the children of those who have won fame to suffer unaided the penalties of unavoidable misfortune, and it may be taken for granted that the same spirit of respect for a distinguished name which has led to the collection of funds for the memorial window and for the restoration of the famous writer's tomb will secure material help to his daughter in her poverty and old age. So far as Theodore Hook himself is concerned, we may be quite sure that no posthumous honor that could be offered to him would compare-could he but know of it-with the timely aid which is asked for his indigent and almost friendless daughter.

### All a Mistake.

Last week three preachers mingled in the crowd of people looking at the show window of a large clothing store. While pend upon it, every other man in this they were earnestly observing the displace envies him too. If they dared, they play a vigilant detective came to them and laying his hand on the shoulder of

"You must go with me." "Where?" asked the clergyman.

"To the city hall," replied the detective as he displayed his badge. The preacher declined to go, but after thinking over the matter remarked: "All right, I will go. I suppose I will look as well in the city hall as you will." They had not proceeded far before the detective felt that he had made a mistake. He excused himself, and the minister walked away, accompanied by his brother ministers, who had come to his rescue. This incident recalls the arrest as a suspected felon of a well known newspaper man a few years ago by a prominent detective, who found the newspaper man sending off a long telegram.-Louisville Courier-Journal.

How One Court Was Run.

Probably Judge Murphy's best hit was made with a police court lawyer who endeavored to secure the acquittal of a prisoner by quoting an obscure paragraph of an almost forgotten law. The justice denied the appeal, saying, "This court may not know a great deal of law, but it is well posted on all points of common sense, and that is what this court is run on."-Brooklyn Eagle.

### Beauty, Ugliness and Ignorance.

The keenest race in Asia, as all who know them assert, the strongest in character, the Chinese, is decidedly the ugliest of semicivilized mankind, while the as ignorant as an animal almost invari-

A Different Makeup.

Jones-Well, have you made up your mind to buy that house? Brown-Oh, yes, I've made up my

mind, but somehow I can't make up the amount of the first payment.-Detroit

A CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO COLLEGE GRADUATES.

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thority! Here it is:

think I undervalue the proper use and it. So I leaned account it with my bacmushroom does to a sauce." That this a 13-pound shot came bounding along is the idea most young people have and struck the tree plumb on the oppo when they first begin to use it all will title side from me and at a point just be admit, but unfortunately it is like mod- hind my head erate drinking in its tendency, so insinout the simile), that it seems impossible that tree, looking sideways up and exit. I have beard young ladies (?) talkcabulary composed of slang which well bred English or Scotch girl as Chinese or Greek,

To quote the veteran philosopher again: "These expressions come to be algebraic mer.—New Orleans Times-Democrat. symbols of minds which have grown too weak or indolent to discriminate. They are the blank checks of intellectual bankruptcy. You may fill them up with whatever idea you like. It makes no difference, for there are no funds in the treasury upon which they are drawn."

That of course is very severe, but 1 have often heard quite clever and well might readily have supposed their "intellectual bank" empty.

thought of an actual conversation between two young ladies in good society, so called, who sat behind me in the grand stand at a baseball match last summer. I can give it almost verbatim:

"Say, Jen (abbreviated form of Jennie; life is too short' to use the whole of a person's name), who is the 'fly' looking 'snide' in the yellow striped 'get up?"

"Oh, 'come off the roof!' To pretend you don't know Cob. (C. O. B. are the young gentleman's initials wittily converted into 'Cob.') After the way you went for him at the ball last week! You can't 'stuff' me with that kind of gag, Miss Innocent."

"Oh, is that Cob? He must be 'off his nut' to 'rig' himself in such a 'swagger' way. "Oh, Jen, look at Cobnow! He is ho

ribly 'rattled.' Mabe (short for Mabe 'slung a glance' at him, and he lost h head as well as his base.

"Is she 'mashed' on Cob?" "Ha, ha! 'Pull down your vest!' Do you think Mabe is 'off her base?' She likes him 'to trot her round' and 'stump up the needful' for ice cream, etc., but she likes Alf Jones better 'all the same-ee.' You can 'bet your sweet life' she won't marry Cob."

"Look at him now. 'You bet' he's 'hus-

"Get there, Eli!" "Ruddigore!" "That was a 'boss' run!" and so on ad finitum, ad nauseum. All this in a perfectly audible voice, and they were seemingly unaware that there was anything vulgar or out of the usual in their conversation. Probably there was not, and yet those two young ladies were college graduates and were possessed of more than average abil-

If you think this description exaggerated, listen critically to the next unrestrained conversation between two young ladies whom you know to be guilty of using slang freely. I fancy I hear you say, "But I never could talk like that." Take care! Just as confident ones as you have begun by using a few slang words-"they are so cute and expressive, you know!"-and ended by forming a vulgar and enslaving habit which took great strength of mind and firm perseverance to break. The worst stage of a slang devotee is when she grows utterly unconscious of or indifferent to the habit. There is very little hope of improvement for her. The only safe way is never to form the habit at

Dear young girls, on you the "language of the future" in great measure depends. You are the coming mothers and teachers and will have an all powerful influence in molding the language of the next generation to come and numberless generations after that. See to it that it is a language of intelligence. grace and purity.—Miss Frank Davis in Wives and Daughters.

The Value of a Good Address.

Young men should study to talk well -to state their propositions with a clearness and force that will make their hearers feel that the speaker has reached the gist of the matter, and that his opinion is of some weight. You will notice a man coming into the office. There is something in his very appearance and the way he carries himself that commands respect and attention. A canvasser for a book came into my office only yesterday who was a splendid illustration of it. I had no intention of buying his cyclopedia. But he was well dressed and intelligent. He seemed to understand my wants, and in five minutes we were talking busily together. He sold me \$120 worth of books.

I think that a good personal address is something too little cultivated. I would rather have it than a profession.-Interview in New York Press.

The Bootblack's Polish.

A gentleman, having had his boots cleaned by a boy in a Dublin street, paid the shoeblack with a considerable degree of haughtiness, on which the little fellow, when the other had got a short way off, said:

"Arrah, now! all the polish you have is on your boots, and I gave it to ye."-Exchange.

Near to Beatle.

The way the thing supposed was this-Our section had been fighting it above in a peach orchard until the other members. of the battery joined or, when we neved forward and had quite a brisk engagement with the energy. Our assumunition expended and our mon were out, we halted at a spot in the woods to rest and to replenish our ammunition.

The fighting was going an all around Dear girls, avoid slang. There are so to, and stray bullets were coming along many reasons why you should not use past as every now and then. I don't be By and only one vacuus in its favor that lieve I was ever so tired in my life as I solutely accounty for me to take a rest Offiver Wendell Holmes, in one of his and perceiving a huge free near by I racy breakfast table talks, says: "Don't concluded to plant myself along side of application of a cant worder phrase. It to the enemy's line, stretched out my adds piquancy to conversation as a feet and washaving a splendid rest when

Well, sir, I didn't know what struck uating in its growth as a habit, and they me. The shock was tremendous. Great become so "addicted to it" (to follow Jerusalem! But didn't I run from under to make themselves intelligible without pecting momentarily to see the whole enormous mass of wood and leaves come ing who seemed to have an entire ve- crashing down on me. I didn't know what had happened till I saw some of the would be as utterly unintelligible to a boys dancing around in high delight, clapping their hands and yelling at me, 1 felt for a week as if I had been struck on w. w. LOWE. the back of the head with a sledge ham-

The Hauteur of English Servants.

I get on charmingly with the English nobility and sufficiently well with the gentry, but the upper servants strike terror to my soul. There is something awe inspiring to me about an English livery. When I call upon Lady de Wolfe, educated young ladies using those odious I say to myself impressively as I go up "blank checks" to such an extent that the steps: "You are as good as a butler, any one not knowing them intimately as well born and well bred as a butler, even more intelligent than a butler Now, simply because he has an unap-I wonder what Dr. Holmes would have proachable hautiness of demeanor, which A. MALD. you can respectfully admire, but can never hope to imitate, do not cower beneath the polar light of his eye; assert yourself; be a woman; be an American citizen!" All in vain.

The moment the door opens I ask for Lady de Wolfe in so timid a tone that I know Parker thinks me the parlor maid's sister, who has rung the visitors' bell by mistake. If my lady is within, I follow Parker to the drawing room, my knees shaking under me at the prospect of shaking under me at the prospect of committing some solecism in his sight. Lady de Wolfe's husband has been noble only four months, and Parker of course knows it and perhaps affects even greater hauteur to divert the attention of the vulgar commoner from the newness of the title.—Kate D. Wiggin in Atlantic Monthly.

The Arrangement of Leaves.

The general arrangement of the leaves on limbs and stalks of trees and plants socures between each sufficient space to another. And not only are leaves so arranged as to exist independently of each other, but in a general way they have taken upon themselves the forms best adapted to secure the maximum of sunlight as it is showered upon them in difthe sun's rays are vertical, we find large flat leaves, like those of the banana, plantain and the various species of the cactus

Farther north, where sunlight strikes at an angle, small leaves and pine "needles" are found. Then, again, note the peculiarity of the Australian gum tree-instead of exposing their broad faces to the sun the edges only are so turned. Were it otherwise the sun would rob them of all their moisture, it tree grows in the driest region on earth -St. Louis Republic.

Nature Against Him.

"You have been walking about this great city for six weeks and haven't found work?" said the kind woman feel-"Yes'm," replied the seedy man in the

kitchen, his mouth closing over a wedge of pie. "That's right," "You are willing to work, I dare say?" "Willin, mum? I'd work my laigs off

ef I could git a chance. Jest a leetle more cream in the cawfy. Thanky, "And you would do any kind of honprable work. I presume?

"Yes'm, anything that's in my line, I b'lieve in every man stickin to his pro-"May I ask what your profession is?"

"I'm a inventor, mum.

"An inventor?" "Yes'm," said the seedy man, reach-

ing for a doughnut, "inventor of a new process for curin sunstrokes."—Chicago Tribune.

No More Cobblers.

There is no sense in calling a shoemaker of modern times a cobbler. The nearest thing to a cobbler today is the custom made man who confines his attention exclusively to that one branch. Machinery for making shoes in great quantities and in sections is of comparatively recent date, and prior to its adoption the shoemaker, or cobbler, did the entire business, from taking the measure to collecting the money. In small towns and villages he literally performed the entire process himself, having insufficient trade to justify the employment of an assistant, and in larger cities he superintended the work from beginning to end himself. The labor saving wonders of the times have practically swept this man out of the field, and there are very few members of the trade who are really cobblers.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

On the Sabbath.

In Scotland once a drunken man met a clergyman chasing his runaway dog on Sunday. "Tammas," said the breathless clergyman, "I am sorry to see you in this condition. But whistle for my dog. He is running away." Tammas regarded the speaker with gravity and said: "Whustle? I may drink whisky, but I'll no whustle for ony dog on the Lord's day."-Philsdelphia Record.

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door of the County Court House, in the City
of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, sell at
public auction to the highest bidder for
cash, the property described in said order of
sale as follows, to wit:

The north thirty-six (30) feet of lots eleven
(11) and twelve (12) in block two (2) of Sherwood
Park, an addition to the City of Omaha.

(I) and twelve (12) in block two (2) of Sherwood Park, an addition to the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded.

Said property to be sold to satisfy Eleanor Phelps Sedley the sum of two thousand two hundred and thirty-five and 7-100 dollars (2,235.6) with laterest on two thousand dollars (2,200) at seven (5) per cent, per annum, and interest on two hundred and thirty-five and 67-100 dollars (235.0) at ten (10) per cent, per annum, from the 19th day of September, 1812.

To satisfy Cady & Gray the sum of six hundred and fifty-eight and 1-100 dollars (255.0) with interest theton at seven (5) per cent, per annum from the 19th day of September, 1802.

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To satisfy Charles E. Bates, Trustee, the sum of four thousand four hundred and eighty-one and 5 100 dollars (\$4.481.65) with interest thereon at eight (8) per cent, per annum from the 19th day of September, 1892, together with according costs according to a judgment rendered by the District Court of said Doughest County, at its September term, A. D. 1892, in a certain action then and there pending, wherein Eleanor Pheips Sedley was plaintiff, and Delphina Sholes, he Ver Sholes and others were defendants.

Omaha, Nebraska, February Sth, 1893.

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