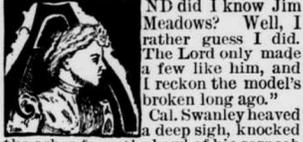


A Regular Sell.

An Irishman in hardest luck Had tramped through many states...

Jim Meadows' Hobby.

A CHARACTER SKETCH.



ND did I know Jim Meadows? Well, I rather guess I did.

It could be seen, however, that Cal. was intent upon telling a story whether they wished it or not.

"Seems to me I can see Jim Meadows right now," continued Cal., after a pause.

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boy or girl upon the street whose shoes or clothing indicated distressful poverty, but their wants in the way of garments were promptly attended to.

"Love him! Bless your hearts, there wasn't a man in all the State more loved than Jim Meadows, and if the prayers of the widow, the orphan, the sick and unemployed have any weight in heaven, there's enough of 'em up there to offset any sins the poor fellow was ever guilty of.

"He used to take the keenest sort of delight in doing good on the quiet, and in unexpected ways. Ever hear of the way he paid off his old score against Tom Moody, the foreman down at Gaspers?"

"Well, it was this way. Jim and Tom were courting the same girl—the one that is Mrs. Moody now.

Tom was of a jealous disposition and began to be very bitter against Jim when he found he was after his girl. So he used his mean influence down at the factory and Jim was thrown out of work without any reason.

Soon after that he had his fortune left him, and just about that time Gaspers got in difficulties and they had to shut down the factory the very week after Tom had married. Moody hadn't saved any money for a rainy day, and as a consequence he and his new bride were face to face with poverty and starvation.

Yes, and how'd ye think Jim Meadows got in his revenge on Tom for the mean trick he had played on him? He just rented a cosy little house, put \$500 worth of furniture in it, and presented it with a year's rent receipt, to Mr. and Mrs. Moody as "a gift from an old friend."

"He never dressed stylishly or even expensively himself. The plainest kind of clothes were good enough for him. If he was ever told that his coat looked shabby he would quietly say, 'Well, I can't afford a new one this month,' but he would very likely buy a new suit that very day for some poor devil or another who needed clothing badly.

He was frugal in his eating, but nothing was too good for any invalid in whom he took an interest.

"Jim used to go to the police court nearly every morning, not out of a morbid curiosity, but just to see what good he could do the poor wretches who often find their way there. Many a fine he has paid out of his own pocket to set a prisoner free, but he never showed any sympathy for a real criminal unless there seemed to be evidence of a desire to reform.

He had a kindly word for all, but his was not mere verbal sympathy, his practical charity went hand in hand with his cheering disposition.

"One night he saved a young girl from suicide. She was one of the class that so-called honest folks turn up their noses at, but nobody was too low for Jim to lift up if he could do it. That girl was tired of her life of shame and wanted to end it in the river, and she would have succeeded if Jim had not happened by at the time and rescued her.

She was brought up at the police court after leaving the hospital, but Jim secured her discharge and placed her in charge of a laundry which he had started for just such poor creatures as she. She had led a good life ever since and owns that laundry now herself, but she has never worn anything except black since Jim Meadows died, and she says she never will.

"Once he was told of a poor but proud family, who were living in a somewhat fashionable locality. They had suffered severe reverses and, although brought up in a luxurious way, were now living on almost bread alone.

The head of the house was dead; the eldest son had been the sole support of his mother and three sisters since their loss of property, but for the past six weeks he also had been incapacitated for work by illness. Though desperately poor and on the verge of starvation, these people, it was known, were too dignified and proud to accept charity, so what does Jim do but take a few directories to the house and beg the three young ladies to copy the names and addresses for him at \$10 a week each. He claimed that he was in a hurry for the work, but he kept them at it nearly six weeks, and it is said that when their labors were completed Jim just piled the manuscripts away in an old tool chest, where they were found years afterwards all mildewed and useless. That's the sort of man Jim Meadows was.

"How did he die? Well now, it does seem a shame that a fellow like Jim ever should die, but the fact is his big fortune dwindled away by reason of his prodigal generosity, and in eight years every cent was gone. Jim was no business man. He had been so much occupied in providing for others that he had forgotten to provide for himself. He never looked after his financial affairs, but just kept drawing money out as he needed it in a street car. It is not far from the conductor. Don't pick your teeth before company. Go pick them by yourself and pick the best you can get for the money.

It is bad taste to eat peas with a knife, but the peas will taste just as good. Do not try to kiss strange ladies on the street or you might get a return smack. Don't write letters to any girl but your own. Courting is all right, but not breach-of-promise courting. Do not speak insolently to a bigger man than yourself or the result may be striking. Never eat or drink more than you can carry. You are liable to give yourself a weight. Do not sit opposite a lady in a public conveyance. She is likely to look across at you. It is not correct to swear before ladies. If they want to swear first, let them do it. Don't try to have the last word, especially with your wife. That is her prerogative. Never strike a man when he is down. When he gets up again he might knock the stuffing out of you. Don't say "No, thank you" when a fellow offers you a 25-cent cigar. It is rude, besides being untruthful. C. S.

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Anecdotes of Actors.

WRITERS says that no vocation in life is so susceptible to the influence of wit and humor as that of the actor. The stage is practically the distributor of amusement, so it is but natural that its votaries should excel in the production of entertaining stories and anecdotes.

Many volumes have been published which were devoted to the bright sayings and witty repartee of famous actors, but a few hitherto unpublished anecdotes of living Thespians may prove both new and interesting.

In Nat Goodwin's early days in the profession he had the misfortune to work under a manager who was much addicted to drink, and who, in such cases, became very irritable and quarrelsome. When laboring under the influence, it was not unusual for him to discharge the whole staff, from star down to property man, but of course the company took little notice of these spasmodic ebullitions of temper, as they were pretty well used to him. One night this manager, while morosely nursing one of his periodical "jags" came across Goodwin in the green room.

"See here, Goodwin," said he, trying to steady himself, and closing one eye so as to get the right focus on the comedian. "I've a good notion to discharge you on the spot!"

"No doubt," replied Nat calmly, "and perhaps you would if you were sober enough to flout the spot?"

Roland Reed reads of a nasal organ which is certainly not obscure. He has been frequently twitted about his prominent feature, but never more rudely than one winter's day when an acquaintance accosted him on Broadway with, "Hallo, Reed, I met your nose on the other block and it looked awfully cold."

"Can't help it, my boy," replied the comedian without stopping, "I scratched it as far as I could reach!"

Walter Q. Seabrooke was formerly a bank clerk in Mt. Vernon, N. Y. The first position he secured on the stage was at a very lenient salary and he sometimes found it difficult to make ends meet. A Wall Street broker owed him a little money, and one day Seabrooke went to see him with the intention of collecting. While patiently waiting in an ante-room for an interview, another gentleman, evidently a stranger, came in in somewhat of a hurry and asked, "Excuse me, are you the broker?" "No," replied Seabrooke doggedly, "but I'm the fellow that is broke!"

When Henry E. Dixey was playing at the Gaiety Theatre in London he gave a very successful and artistic impersonation of Henry Irving, the popular English tragedian. A certain section of the Cockney play-goers resented Dixey's burlesque, clever as it was. To make fun of Henry Irving seemed almost sacrilegious. Said one bitter critic to Dixey, sarcastically, "But of course you are bound to introduce that part, as your caricature of Irving is the only 'meat' you have in the play." "Yes, that's so," replied Adonis sadly, "and I'm bound to make game of him, you see!"

De Wolf Hopper, of "Wang" and "Panjandum" fame, as those who have seen him will remember, possesses a pair of wonderfully long legs, which he uses to good purpose in his grotesque and amusing dances. On one occasion the comedian had to travel from the depot to his hotel in the regular stage, which was nearly crowded. The man opposite to Hopper complained loudly about the latter's knees and rather rudely exclaimed, "Your darned legs fill the whole car." "That's nothing," replied Hopper cheerfully, "they frequently fill the whole house."

JOHN KINGSTON. Reciprocity. We were friends of long years standing. Jimmy Jones and I, perforce, With a friendship still expanding By continued intercourse. Till we met a lovely creature Like an angel from above, Beautiful in every feature— With her we both fell in love. Jimmy won her—won her fairly, Though I strove to gain her hand With such loving words as rarely I was able to command. Jimmy married her, and placed her In a mansion neat and bright, When her bridal costume graced her—Heavens how I envied Jim! Years have passed, and I'm still single, Fancy free, enjoying life, With my friends I daily mingle All unmoved by worldly strife. Jimmy's grown quite thin and weary, Quite a saddened man to see— Married life to him is dreary— Mercy, how he envies me!

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Not Good Enough.

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"Keep your own counsel;" 'tis wiser and better Not to talk much of your private affairs, Gossip is certain to be the begetter Of doubts and misgivings, of troubles and cares.

"Keep your own counsel;"—that is, if you're able Mine charges very extravagant fees, And I doubt if he'd satisfied feel at my table, Or whether my bank-book his wants could appease.

JOHN H. TRAVE. What She Says When Kissed. Boston girl—Mr. Bunkerhill, your conduct shocks me beyond utterance. New York girl—Thanks awfully, don't you know? Philadelphia girl—Are you sure nobody saw us? Baltimore girl—Dear George! Washington Girl—Well, I suppose I'll have to pardon you. Pittsburg girl—Oh Harry! Cincinnati girl—What had for me! Indianapolis girl—Ah, there! Chicago girl—More! More! Detroit girl—Well, I declare! Louisville girl—Yum, yum! St. Louis girl—How shocking! Nashville girl—Oo! Oo! Atlanta girl—Golly! New Orleans girl—Oh, my! Kan. City girl—Breakaway, there! Denver girl—Gosh! San Francisco girl—Rats! Texas girl—Whoopla! Every girl—Oh, don't!

Bad Thing to Walk On. JOE.—Talk about fasting! Why Jilkins walked 27 miles the other day on an empty stomach! JIM.—Why didn't he use his feet instead of his stomach?

Sized Her Up. "Do you think I am a nice girl?" asked Edith of her lover, as she leaned her 160 pounds on him while they sat in the armchair. "Nice? Bless you, dear, I think you are immense!" replied the youth fervently.

Smiling Room Needed. The fellow who laughs in his sleeve Should have, we must presume, If we the statement would believe, A lot of "elbow room."

It is Given Him. The judge may be in greatest haste, The jury be quite hurried, The counsel have no time to waste And the witnesses be hurried, The ushers and spectators, too, May think delay a crime, But the convict one thing has to do And that is, "take his time."

A Pressing Engagement. MAUD—Just look at Arthur kissing and hugging his cousin Julia! MAMIE—Yes, I knew they were unfriendly. "Unfriendly? What do you mean?" "Case of 'strained relations,' isn't it?"

A Unique Firm. JACKSON—I am dealing exclusively at Neverlow's now. It is the most reliable house in the country to-day. THOMPSON—How do you make that appear? "They don't claim to have got a prize medal at the World's Fair."

In the Green Room. LEADING GENT—The stage manager has cast that new fellow for Hamlet. LOW COMEDIAN—What on earth for? "He said he was hungry for bread, so they gave him a heavy role."

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Facts About the Heart

Surprising as it may seem, diseases of two of the most vital portions of the human body have received but little attention from medical writers and investigators. They are those of the heart and nervous system. The former is the hardest worked organ of the body, whose duty it is to keep every part of the human frame constantly supplied with the vital fluid called the blood, and the moment this important organ ceases to beat death ensues, while in the nervous system reside not only the mind but the seat of life, and upon its condition depend the health and activity of the whole or a part of the body. So delicate is the nervous system and so intimately it is connected with the heart, that the prick of a needle, in the upper portion of the spinal cord, will cut the roots of the nerve which controls the action of the heart are located, will cause instant death.

Weakness and diseases of this organ are therefore exceedingly important, as well as common. High authorities state that one person in four has a defective heart, while those of a whole family are often imperfect, and what is more surprising is that two-thirds of the persons thus affected are not aware of the fact, but in their ignorance, attribute the symptoms of a diseased heart, such as shortness of breath, palpitation, pain in the chest, etc., to other causes. And what is more strange still, physicians commonly make the same mistake. In the first stages of heart disease they almost universally fall into this fatal error, because too little is taught concerning this all important organ in our medical colleges. The symptoms of heart disease are given below, and should be carefully read by everyone.

Scarcely a daily paper can be found that does not contain a notice of the sudden death, from heart disease, of some prominent person who was stricken down without warning while apparently in the best of health and bodily vigor. But this condition was only apparent; premonitory symptoms had long existed but were not recognized, or were attributed to some other affection, as were those of General Sheridan in his first attack, when physicians treated him for derangement of the stomach, but which subsequently proved to be organic disease of the heart. Few physicians are aware of the fact that heart disease is a frequent cause of the stomach, lungs and kidneys. Few persons die of chronic disease of the heart whose stomachs, if examined, would not be found to be affected. The frequent and fatal error is in mistaking the effect for the cause.

The heart is a hollow muscle situated between the lungs, a little to the left of the centre of the chest. In the adult it is about five inches long, three and a half wide and two and a half thick. The average weight in man is three-fourths of a pound, while in woman it is two-thirds. It is divided into two halves, the right and the left. Each side is sub-divided into two cavities.

The right side of the heart receives the dark blood from the veins of the body, and forces it into the lungs to become purified by coming in contact with the air. While in the lungs the blood throws off carbonic acid gas and absorbs oxygen. This process changes the dark red blood to a bright red. It then returns to the heart, entering the left side; from thence it is forced through the arteries to all parts of the body. The heart contains four sets of valves. Two of these separate the upper and lower cavities of each side. These, like the valve, or sucker in a pump, perform an important duty. From this necessarily brief description it will be seen that this important organ is quite a complicated machine, and like all other complicated apparatus may readily get out of order, which, experience shows, it often does. Yes, a great deal oftener than people usually imagine. A little investigation will convince any one that there is ample reason why it should, when it is remembered that the heart is but a hollow muscle, and by far the most wonderful and important in the body, and that it works incessantly from the beginning to the end of life. Day and night it labors without rest, performing such an enormous amount of work as to be almost beyond belief. Physiologists inform us that with each pulsation, or contraction, of the heart, it exerts 50 pounds of force, which amounts to 3,600 a minute, 216,000 an hour, and the inconceivable number of 5,184,000 in a single day! Now, it is necessary that all this vast amount of labor should be done, and well done every day. If not, the health will surely suffer in consequence of the least failure on the part of the heart to perform its duties.

When it is remembered that the lungs are often weak, as are the eyes, stomach, liver, kidneys, and in fact every organ, is it at all surprising that such a hard worked organ as this one should also become weak or diseased? Again, is it astonishing that when injured by overwork, when exhausted by the use of coffee, tobacco and other heart stimulants, or by tight clothing, which interferes with its expansion, rendering its labors more difficult, or by many other causes that might be given, would space permit, that the heart becomes weak or diseased? Nor is it strange that, when thus weakened and exhausted it should suddenly give out in consequence of any undue mental or physical strain, and the possessor of heart disease are given below, and should be carefully read by everyone.

Contrary to the general supposition, heart disease is as readily benefited by judicious treatment as disease of any other organ. When people learn to recognize the symptoms of this dread destroyer, they will then readily discover that there are as many defective hearts as there are eyes, lungs, stomachs, kidneys and wombs. It therefore behooves everybody to carefully investigate this interesting and important subject.

There are two classes of heart disease: First, the nervous or functional. Second, the organic, those in which the form or substance of the heart is changed. These two classes are not, as the majority of physicians suppose, distinctly separated from each other. The nervous class, according to Dr. Miles' extensive experience in treating heart disease, often only the first stage of the organic class. Or, at least, nervous heart troubles, are so frequently followed, in the course of time, by the worst and most fatal forms of disease as to show that nervous affections strongly predispose to form the first stage of the disease. Dr. Miles has kept for years careful record of the cases treated by him. It includes inherited tendencies and the very first symptoms of weakness of the heart observed by the patients. Of thousands of cases thus recorded by the Doctor, most of the worst ones began with the nervous symptoms, which physicians decided were merely due to the stomach or liver.

All who experience any of the following symptoms should promptly secure relief: Shortness of Breath, Fluttering or Palpitation, Pains in Left Breast, Side, Shoulder or Arm, Neuralgia or Intermittent Pains, Oppressed Feeling in Chest, Choking Sensation in Throat, Weak or Hungry Spells, Dreaming or Nightmare, Smothering Spells, Difficult or Asthmatic Breathing, Swelling of the Feet or Ankles, etc., etc.

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tion it will be seen that this important organ is quite a complicated machine, and like all other complicated apparatus may readily get out of order, which, experience shows, it often does. Yes, a great deal oftener than people usually imagine. A little investigation will convince any one that there is ample reason why it should, when it is remembered that the heart is but a hollow muscle, and by far the most wonderful and important in the body, and that it works incessantly from the beginning to the end of life. Day and night it labors without rest, performing such an enormous amount of work as to be almost beyond belief. Physiologists inform us that with each pulsation, or contraction, of the heart, it exerts 50 pounds of force, which amounts to 3,600 a minute, 216,000 an hour, and the inconceivable number of 5,184,000 in a single day! Now, it is necessary that all this vast amount of labor should be done, and well done every day. If not, the health will surely suffer in consequence of the least failure on the part of the heart to perform its duties.

When it is remembered that the lungs are often weak, as are the eyes, stomach, liver, kidneys, and in fact every organ, is it at all surprising that such a hard worked organ as this one should also become weak or diseased? Again, is it astonishing that when injured by overwork, when exhausted by the use of coffee, tobacco and other heart stimulants, or by tight clothing, which interferes with its expansion, rendering its labors more difficult, or by many other causes that might be given, would space permit, that the heart becomes weak or diseased? Nor is it strange that, when thus weakened and exhausted it should suddenly give out in consequence of any undue mental or physical strain, and the possessor of heart disease are given below, and should be carefully read by everyone.

Contrary to the general supposition, heart disease is as readily benefited by judicious treatment as disease of any other organ. When people learn to recognize the symptoms of this dread destroyer, they will then readily discover that there are as many defective hearts as there are eyes, lungs, stomachs, kidneys and wombs. It therefore behooves everybody to carefully investigate this interesting and important subject.

There are two classes of heart disease: First, the nervous or functional. Second, the organic, those in which the form or substance of the heart is changed. These two classes are not, as the majority of physicians suppose, distinctly separated from each other. The nervous class, according to Dr. Miles' extensive experience in treating heart disease, often only the first stage of the organic class. Or, at least, nervous heart troubles, are so frequently followed, in the course of time, by the worst and most fatal forms of disease as to show that nervous affections strongly predispose to form the first stage of the disease. Dr. Miles has kept for years careful record of the cases treated by him. It includes inherited tendencies and the very first symptoms of weakness of the heart observed by the patients. Of thousands of cases thus recorded by the Doctor, most of the worst ones began with the nervous symptoms, which physicians decided were merely due to the stomach or liver.

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