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How Opium Was Forced on China. The conflict known as the "Opium War," by which the Chinese govern-

ment was compelled to permit the entrance of foreign opium within its limits, began in 1840 and continued two years. The circumstances leading to it lated from the last century, when Warren Hastings, then governor general of India, determined to find a market for the opium of the Ganges valley. For many years it was smuggled into China, but the Emperors, discovering the evil it was doing, took rigid measures to prevent this. From time to time, however, cargoes of opium found their way inland, until in 1839 a special commissioner was sent to Canton, where the British had a foothold, with orders to exterminate the business. He did so thoroughly, drove out the British merchants and destroyed \$10,000,000 worth of opium then in stock. The British government took up the cause of the merchants, sent a fleet and military force from India, and in the war that followed the Chinese were worsted, were compelled to pay a large indemnity, to reimburse the owners of the opium destroyed, and to open certain ports to all English products,

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Mrs. Blossom-I don't understand why daughter's company should talk in such a boisterous manner this even-

Mr. Blossom-Oh, don't worry about 'em; they're probably having a game of whist .- S. F. Wave.

No Ghost Had Walked for Him. Elderly Party (on the Rialto)-Excuse me, sir, but do you believe in spiritualism?

Mr. Hamm (indignantly)-No, sir! I'm an actor!-New York Herald.

His Function. "I wish," said Willie Wishington, with a touch of real emotion in his voice, "that I could bwing myself to be of more consequence in this world." "Oh, don't worry. Everybody has

his use." "Y-a-a-s. But I am getting a little tiahed of being just a chwysanthemum holder."-Washington Star.

The Difficulty. Hazel-Say, haven't you and Jack been engaged long enough to get married?

Mabel-Too long. He hasn't got a cent left.-Truth.

As It Is Spoke. "Do yer study grammer?" "Naw; I done got t'rough grammar." -Judge.



A colored pastor in Texas demanding his salary is reported to have said "Bruddern, I can't preach heah and boa'd in heb'n!"-Exchange.

An Impossibility.

How He Got His Title. Jenkins-Hello, Colonel, did you ever get title in the civil war? Col. Jonsing-No, indeed, sah, I never fo't a stroke, sah.

Jenkins-Well, what are you called colonel for? Col. Jonsing-Bless your heart, sah, i don't know, 'nless it's 'cause I'm from

Delaware, down in the peach district, sah. They calls me the peach colonel sah.-Boston Standard.



Willie Wildoates-At last, father, I'm going to make a serious plunge for fame. Papa Wildoates-Thank heaven for

your wise resolution. What will you do? Willie Wildoates-I'm to do the div-

ing act in a tank show next season .--Texas Siftings.

What Her Husband Is Like. Mrs. Greene declares that her husband is just like fire. "When he goes out there's no knowing where he goes to."-Boston Transcript.

Too Solicitous, Mamma-You know, Johnny, when mama : whips her little boy she does it for his own good.

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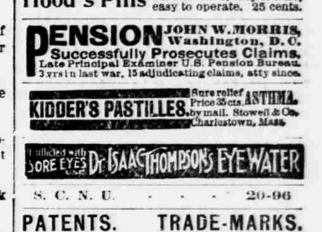
Running sores broke out on my thighs. Pieces of bone came out and an operation was contemplated. I had rhenmatism in my legs, drawn up out of shape. I lost appetite, could not sleep. I was a perfect wreck. I continued to grow worse and finally gave up the doctor's treatment to

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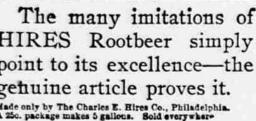




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Waiter-Which part of the fowl do you prefer?

Pugilist-An upper cut.

Not His Voice. I envy Bings whenever he sings, So much does he deserve; 'Tis not his voice makes me rejoice-I envy him his nerve. Judge.

No Practical Value. "I have a story for you that will make your hair stand on end." "Well, what good would that do? I don't know one note on the piano from another."-Indianapolis Journal.

Different Kinds. Parrot-Some men are born great, some achieve greatness-'

Wiggins-Yes; and others wear English clothes that are too big for them! -Harper's Bazar.

Different from Folks.

The dog is a sagacious animal. Even when he has a distinguished pedigree he never has the foolish notion that he is entitled to any credit for it.-Truth.

Which Accounted for It. "After that," remarked the slim young man, who had been telling an inane ghost story, "my mind was a blank."

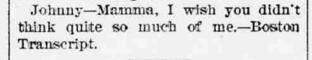
"That accounts for it," commented a sharp young woman, and there was an interregnum of profound silence .--Truth.

The Doctor's Regrets. The Wife-Two weeks ago you said my husband couldn't live and now he's nearly well. The Doctor-Madam, I can only express my regrets.-Tid-Bits.

> His sermon almost endless. And thus his people sit And find it very hard to make Head or tail of it.

Dog Scems Grateful. feeding that dog of yours would assist materially in keeping some poor man out of the almshouse."

seems really grateful."-Indianapolis Journal. In the Swim.



Had Been There Before. Gentleman (to rider who has been thrown from his horse)-My dear sir, how is it possible that you have not hurt yourself?

Rider-Practice makes perfect.-Fliegende Blaetter.

Impossible. Magistrate-Prosecutor accuses you of having bitten his hand. Prisoner-That is impossible, sir; I am a vegetarian.-Kansas Emporium





Crispi-Well, sire, what do you think) Le Roi-I think that Menelek does not wear a mustache.-Le Rire.

Billy Fresh. Freshly (seating himself beside pretty girl in car)-If you have no objection I will raise the window; I do love the fresh air.

She-Can't say I love your fresh air. Leave the window as it is .- San Francisco Wave.

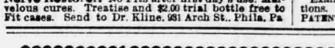
Using Her Engagement Rings. "Your daughter has a great many admirers." "Oh, yes; she puts nearly all her window curtains on the rod: with her old engagement rings."-Lou isville Courier.

That Blessed Baby. Mrs. Oldboy-Well, is the baby growing?"

Mrs. Newwed-Yes, at least his voice is.-Truth.

His Weakness.

"While I am no jingo," said the reporter, who for the fourth time in one week had to correct an item, "still] seem to be a success as a tale-twister."





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-Detroit Tribune.

"Bobbettson, the money you spend in "I suppose it would, but the dog



knows everybody; she's right "in the swim." The Country Cousin-Ah! I suppose

that's why she's taken so many of her clothes off .- London Pick-Me-Up.

-Cincinnati Enquirer.

We Should. Heardso-In case of war we could fall back on the national guard. Saidso-Ye-es, provided we could fall back fast enough .- Truth.

Unfortunately Said. "You see, I was engaged to my wife without ever having seen her." "Yes; that is quite evident."-Exchange.

A General Experience. Lady Customer (in china shop)-Do you break those sets? Dealer-No, madam; the purchasers' servants usually attend to that .- Tid-Bits.

Arthur talks awfully low.-Up-to-Date

Mistaken. Mother-Jessie, did I hear Arthur proposing to you last night? Jessie-I den't think you did, mother;



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