

FUNNY PHILOSOPHER

IN JOKES ARE CRACKED
ESPAIR HIDES ITS HEAD.

Humor and Wisdom Dished Up
the Delightation of Our Readers
Some Poems by the Spring Poet
Alderman and Constituent.

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acon Yallerby—Beg pardon, alder-
man, but I have come as one of your
constituents to ask a small favor.
Alderman Johnson—Well, sah, what
is your request?
acon Yallerby—W H, sah, to-night
I am marrage ob my darter, 'n if yo'
could lend me dem striped trousers, 'n
put 'em on, I would be a pow'ful
advocate 'gainst hostile majorities.—
e.

A Few Florida Names.
Did you ever go about much in Flori-
da? I asked a gentleman of an acqui-
ntance who had just come up from that
State. "Well, yes," was the reply; "I
went over to the Suwannee river, cut
the country and shot 'gators on
the Suwannee, fished for bass in Tsalala
lake, sailed on Thonototassa, skipped
the Okonlokatchee, walked by the
shores of the Weohyakapka, col-
lected flowers by Hickpochee's limpid
springs, visited the sugar fields on
Opokalgia, sailed on the tortuous
Gumee, was buffeted by the wave
of the Chechobee, and have also cap-
tured on the Caloosahatchee. I ex-
pected to visit Isokjoga ozie, Locka-
nan, Hatcheneeha, and Ecautock-
chee before I left the State."

Choosing a Trade.
Modern Girl—Father, I long to be
a nurse.—To rely on my own ex-
penses for support. What trade or
profession would you recommend?
Father—First-class cooks make
\$100 a year.
Modern Girl—I don't like cooking,
it's too feminine.

The Masher Mashed.
I want some nice little thing for
my wife—something that'll please
her," said Masham. "Perhaps you
could suggest something."
The saleslady. "I think
a telegram saying a house has fallen
on you ought to please her."

Comfort for Life.
Sometimes I think I shall never
be married," said Miss Luster in a
fit of confidence.
"Oh, don't despair," replied Miss Flip;
"read in the bible that Naomi was
years old when she married."

Boston Style.
Arabella—During your visit to Bos-
ton, did you encounter Cupid's darts?
Bertha—Boston cupids do not use
darts.
Arabella—What, then, do they use?
Bertha—Bean-shooters.

Explained at Last.
Porker Verba—Q. "Why is Ameri-
can pork not allowed to enter Ger-
many?"
A. "In order to protect the interests
of Hamburg, of course."

Tivoli Lighting Rome.
Electric power derived from the
waterfalls of Tivoli, which constitute
one of the most famous gems of Ital-
ian scenery, is now transmitted about
seventeen miles across the Campagna to
illuminate Rome and to drive the tram-
cars, whose presence in the streets of
Eternal City is so striking a re-
minder of the universality of modern
practical science.

The Life Plant of Guadeloupe.
There is a strange wild plant in
Guadeloupe called the "life plant." If
a leaf be broken off and pinned by the
stem to the wall of a warm room each
of the ancles between the curves of
the leaf margin soon throws out a
number of very white tentacles or roots
and soon a tiny new plant begins to
sprout, and in the course of a week or
two attains a height of two or three
inches. When the old leaf shrivels the
new plant is cut off and planted. When
carefully cultivated the life plant pro-
duces curious red and yellow blos-
soms. While the plant is native only
in a warm country, there is no doubt
that it could be successfully grown in
any greenhouse, and as a plant freak
it certainly is as interesting as the
everlasting plant of Mexico.

Effect of Good Housing Upon the Poor.
Lord Shaftesbury, who practically
interested himself for more than sixty
years in improving the homes of the
masses, said time and again that many
of the people who were in a filthy and
deplorable condition had been made so
by their surroundings, and that where
their homes had been improved they
had been rescued from such conditions.
Human nature is imitative; the force
of good example is catching. Lack of
opportunity to lead a more civilized
existence, not the inclination to re-
main as they are, largely explains the
situation of the poorer elements among
city dwellers. Sir Sidney Waterlow
cites the punctuality with which the
rents are paid to his corporation as
evidence that people having good
rooms are anxious to keep them. He
believes that there is a growing desire
for comfortable homes.—Century.

The Fox.
Foxes may or may not enjoy a run
before hounds, but there is one thing
they enjoy that may not be generally
known, and that is a sun bath. While
it is true that one rarely overtakes a
fox asleep by the wayside, neverthe-
less it is a matter of fact that foxes are
very fond of taking naps in the open
in the daytime. Reynard is no house
bird. He loves the open air and the
freedom of the fields. Whenever he is
caught taking a fitful day nap, he is
usually found reclining at full length
on the warm flat face of a sunny rock
in an old pasture, remote from human
habitations, or curled on the ground in
a round, clear opening among clumps of
bushes. But he is an extremely light
sleeper, and at the rustle of a twig or
the almost noiseless footfall of an in-
truder, or the faraway note of an on-
coming pack, he is awake instantly and
up and away with the soundless celer-
ity of a retreating specter.—Ex.

Word "Milliner."
Milliner is a corruption of "Milan-
er," from Milan, which city at one
time gave the fashion to Europe in all
matters of taste in woman's dress.

The meek may eventually inherit the
earth, but the chances are that when
they do there will be very little de-
mand for real estate.

An Awful Study.
"I wouldn't believe the witness on
his oath, your honor," said the lawyer.
"State your reasons," said the judge.
"Been in Georgia two years, and says
he never ran for office."—Atlanta Con-
stitution.

The Ruining Passion.
"My dear," said Mr. Simple to his
wife, "I dreamed last night that I was
in heaven looking for you."
"And did you find me, dear?"
"No. They told me you were at the
bargain counter."

Two of Them.
Willie Slimson—"I put a pin in the
teacher's chair this morning, and he
was wild." Bobby Smitem—"Well, he
won't sit down in such a hurry again."
Willie Slimson—"No; neither will I."
—Pearson's Weekly.

HIGH EXPLOSIVES.
Magazines for Their Manufacture to Be
Built Along the Hudson.
New York Evening Post: Factories
and magazines for the manufacture
and storage of high explosives are
soon to be built by the navy depart-
ment. The plans call for an expendi-
ture of more than \$1,000,000, which
has been appropriated by congress.
During the war the need of a maga-
zine at a convenient distributing point
was felt severely; that at Fort La-
fayette was overtaxed, and at best only
capable of supplying 1,000 rounds a
day, most of which as for the guns
of the secondary batteries. The larg-
est of the new magazines will be built
on the Palisades near Edgewater and
almost opposite Grant's tomb. It will
have a frontage of several hundred
feet on the river and will be built to
the edge of the cliff. The site selected
is away from factories with tall chim-
neys, which are considered dangerous.
Plans and specifications will soon be
submitted to the secretary of the navy.
Several large buildings are to be erect-
ed. They will be used for storing am-
munition and as a laboratory for test-
ing materials for guns and torpedoes.
There will also be a building used
solely for experimental work, and a
large plant for the manufacture of all
kinds of powder. Most of the build-
ings will be made of corrugated iron.
Several piers extending into the water
about 100 feet will be built. The river
is to be dredged to a depth sufficient
to permit the largest battle ships to
be moored to the piers, where ammu-
nition can be taken direct from the
storehouses and placed in the maga-
zines of the vessel. This will do away
with the delay of handling the
charged shells and the explosives
many times and the dangers surround-
ing reshipment. When the plant is
completed it will have, it is planned,
a capacity sufficient to supply high ex-
plosives to the entire navy, and great
enough to assemble nearly all the
fixed ammunition and charged shells
needed. It will cost, it is expected,
about \$600,000, and work may be begun
within a few months. Another plant
may be erected near the naval proving
grounds at Indian Head. Neither will
be dangerous to the property of the
neighborhood.

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