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Sanctum—Might Have Fallen Before—A Case of Necessity—Accomplished Baby—Breaking Gently, etc., etc.

IN THE SANCTUM.

Applicant (after climbing six flights of stairs)—Have you an opening here, sir, for a humorous paragrapher?

Editor (glancing at window)—We fear not; but it does not work easily during this dusty weather. You had better use the stairs as a means of exit!—[Black and White.

MIGHT HAVE FALLEN BEFORE.

Wife's Mother (in terrible flutter)—My dear! oh, my! That heavy Louis Quinze clock upstairs just fell off the wall with a terrible crash on the very spot I was on but a moment before.

Daughter's Husband (absentmindedly)—I always said that clock was slow.—[Jewelers' Circular.

A CASE OF NECESSITY.

Mrs. Bloomer—I understand that you have bought a cottage at the seashore for this summer.

Mr. Tootville—I bought two side by side.

Mrs. Bloomer—What do you want two houses with your small family?

Mr. Tootville—One is for my wife's mother.—[Cloak Review.

AN ACCOMPLISHED BABY.

"I have a doll that speaks French."

"Naked Grace.

"That's nothing," answered May; "my little brother talks in a language that nobody can understand."—[Harper's Young People.

BREAKING IT GENTLY.

Young man—Have I your consent to marry your Trotter?

Father—Yes—but it's the last cent I shall ever get from me.—[Black and White.

SHE WAS ALL RIGHT.

She could not darn his socks or sew on a button on his coat;
She could not make a decent shirt to fit his manly throat;
But what cared he if she had not talent to unfold?
For when he married her she had a hundred thousand cold.

OUT OF REPAIR.

Mr. Peterby—I'll have to send my lady's shoes to the shoemaker.

Mrs. Peterby—Are they very much out of repair? It seems to me she is getting her shoes every week.

"I should say they were out of repair. There is such a big hole in the sole of one of her shoes that she loses her stocking through it."—[Texas Siftings.

A SUPREME TEST.

Mother—Do you think he loves you? Daughter—I am not quite certain, but I won't put his affection to a strong test this evening when he calls.

Mother—What do you intend to do?

Daughter—I intend to sing and play to him, "Tara, boom de ay."—[New York Sun.

LIKELY ENOUGH.

Inquisitive Neighbor—I hear that your daughter is engaged. Is that true?

Small Boy—Guesso. She generally is.

TWO OF A KIND.

A dispute with a fool, then I claim that the fool is doing the same.
—[Judge.

ONE COULD NOT.

I wonder what becomes of all
The snuff that people make
A few there are I can recall
Who do that powder take.
And yet each year there's quite enough made where tobacco grows,
To uses such a lot of snuff?
I fancy no one nose!
—[Black and White.

THE VERNACULAR.

While the Italians were digging the gas-pipe trenches in a suburban town, a little boy one day told his mother that he had made the acquaintance of one of the laborers, with whom he had been talking.

"The Italian cannot speak English, can he?" inquired the mother.

"No," replied the small boy.

"And you cannot speak Italian, can you?" asked the mother, playfully.

The small boy replied in the negative.

"Then," continued the mother, "how do you talk to the Italian?"

"Just the way I always talk."

"And how did the Italian talk to you?" asked the mother.

"Why, just the way he always talks, of course?"

The mother gave it up.—[Puck.

AN APPARENT MYSTERY.

Bingo—I went to a dry goods store the other day to settle my wife's account, and, by jove, do you know, she didn't owe a cent!

Kingley—Great Scott! What was the matter?

Bingo—She had transferred it to another store.—[Cloak Review.

VINDICATED.

Miss Minnie Ball—Miss Oldandgiddy was deathly sick of the grip, but recovered by sheer force of will.

Mrs. Wanter Noe—How was that?

Miss Minnie Ball—The doctor told her it was only fatal to persons in advanced years.—[Puck.

SOME DIFFERENCE.

Mr. Springtop—I met Witherby to-day, and he said you were a fool to pay so much for a new wrap. His wife got one for $10 less than yours.

Mrs. Springtop—Yes, my dear, but she only spent a day in looking for hers. It took me a week to find mine.—[Cloak Review.

SIZING HIM UP.

Servant—Your name, sir?

Caller—Jinks.

Servant—Do you spell it J-i-n-k-s or J-y-n-k-e-s?

Caller—J-i-n-k-s.

Servant—Back door, sir.—[Judge.

A DOUBLE DRAUGHT.

A Fifth avenue lady at the opera said to her escort:

"I wish you would shut the door. I shall take cold from this double draught."

"Double draught! I do not see where the double draught could come from," observed the gentleman.

"Why, sir, don't see! It blows from the door; and don't you see that fellow on the stage blowing too?"—[Texas Siftings.

NO CAPITAL.

Mr. Grumpps—The Ladies' Journal says a woman should make herself as attractive to her husband after marriage as she did before.

Mrs. Grumpps—Huh! My father always gave me plenty of money to make myself attractive with. You don't.—[New York Weekly.

MISERIES OF CITY LIFE.

City Man—You have enough on which to retire. Why don't you sell your farm and live in the city?

Farmer Furrow—City life won't suit me; no, sirree! big tall buildin's all around everywhere. Ye never can tell which way the wind's blowin', nor how th' sky looks to th' west'ard nor nothin'.—[Puck.

A CASE OF NATURAL SELECTION.

Miss Pruyn—Why is your brother so attentive to the matrons rather than to the girls, Harry?

Mr. Waite—Oh! I suppose he's selecting a mother-in-law.—[Once a Week.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

"Say, you," remarked a cab driver, stepping into a dry goods emporium on Third avenue, and addressing a dude-like relic of fallen greatness. "I wanter git a pair of driving gloves."

"What is your number?" inquired the athlete of the scissors and yard stick.

"Thirty-seven," answered the hack driver, "and if you report me for that driving, I'll mash you."—[Texas Siftings.

HAD ALWAYS BEEN SO.

"Cacberry's son Tom has married a servant girl."

"Well, I'm not surprised. Why, when he was a little bit of a baby, even, he used to be with a nurse girl all the time."—[Brooklyn Life.

AT LAST.

"I have come to the conclusion," began Mr. Stalate.

"So glad," murmured the fair victim glancing at the clock.

NEEDED ROOM.

Mrs. Grumps (looking over new house)—What in the world is this vast attic for?

Mr. Grumps—It's to hold the things you buy and can't use.—[New York Weekly.

SO ARDUOUS, YOU KNOW.

Codling—Why, chappie, you look fatigued. What's the trouble?

Goslin—I am quite tired, Cholly. I got up this mawnin ten minutes earlier than usual, instead of remaining in bed ten minutes later than usual, as I generally do.—[Harper's Bazaar.

DOMESTIC AMENITIES.

"I hope our boy won't take after you," growled Mrs. Caudle. "He won't amount to anything if he does."

"Well, I hope he won't take after you, either," retorted Mr. Caudle. "If he does, he will be a lecturer of the dullest type."—[Brooklyn Life.

Oldest Pieces of Iron.

The oldest pieces of wrought-iron now known to exist are the sickle blade found by Belzoni under the base of a sphinx in Karnac, near Thebes; the blade found by Colonel Vyse imbedded in the mortar of the Great Pyramid, and a portion of a cross-cut saw exhumed at Nimrod by Mr. Layard—all of which are now in the British Museum. A wrought bar of Damascus steel was presented by King Porus to Alexander the Great. This relic of unknown antiquity is still preserved at Constantinople. The Hindoos appear to have made wrought-iron directly from the ore, without passing it through the furnace, an art now lost. Elaborate iron pillars made by that system are still seen in India, some of them dating from ten centuries before the opening of the Christian era.

Paper-Covered Bullets.

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The late Sir William Woite, of England, was master of twenty-eight languages.

Pleasures of Memory.

What a blessed thing is memory! How it brings up the pleasures of the past and hides its unpleasantness! You recall your childhood days, do you not, and wish they would return? You remember the pleasant associations, while the unpleasant ones are forgotten. Perhaps to your mind comes the face of some friend. It was once a pale, sad face. It showed marks of pain, lines of care. It seemed to be looking into the hereafter, the unknown future. And then you recall how it brightened, how it recovered its rosy hue, how it became a picture of happiness and joy. Do you remember these things? Many people do, and gladly tell now the health returned, how happiness came back, how the world seemed bright. They tell how they were once weak, nerveless, perhaps in pain, certainly unhappy. They tell of sleepless nights, restless days, untouched food, unstrung nerves. And then they tell how they became happy, healthy and strong once more. You have heard it often in the past have you not? You have heard people describe how they were cured and kept in health? You certainly can remember what it is that has helped people in America. If not, listen to what Mrs. Annie Jenness Miller, who is known universally as the great dress reformer, says: "Six years ago, when suffering from mental care and overwork, I received the most pronounced benefit from the use of that great medicine, Warner's Safe Cure." Ah, now you remember. Now you recall how many people you have heard say this same thing. Now you recollect how much you have heard of this great Cure. Now you are ready to admit that memory is usually pleasing, that the highest pleasure comes from perfect health, and that this great remedy has done more to produce and prolong health than any other discovery ever known in the entire history of the whole world.

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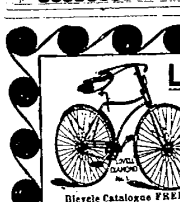

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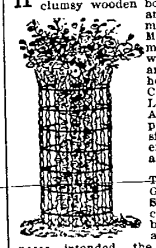

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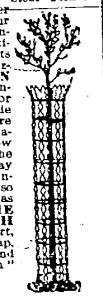

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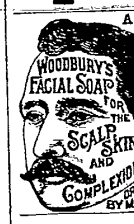

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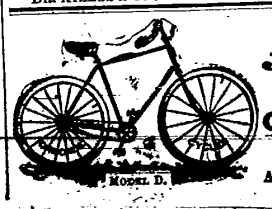

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