

ANECDOTES AND SKETCHES

PAT'S BLESSING.

A visitor to Ireland was bidding farewell, and said to an attendant:

"Good-bye, Pat."

"Good-bye, yer honour. May Heaven bless you, and may every hair of your head be a candle to light your soul to glory."

"Well, Pat," he said, showing him a bald pate, "when that time comes there won't be much of a torchlight procession."

WHAT THE GROCER COULD DO.

Johnny's grandpa was explaining to Johnny about a conjuror he had seen, and about the wonderful tricks he did, and finished up by telling him of the hat-trick—how this man could bring oranges, eggs, and fancy boxes all out of an empty hat. Johnny wondered, but then said quickly:

Grandpa, that is nothing to what the grocer up our street can do."

"Why, Johnny, what can he do?"

"Oh, he can give us the 1-10 and 1,6 butter all out of the same tub."

AN ARTIST'S EXCUSE.

Lady (who has pestered artist with questions for hours): "All your marine pictures represent the sea as being calm. Why don't you paint a storm once in a while?"

Artist: "We painters in oil can't paint a storm. I have often outlined a storm on the canvas, but as soon as I begin to spread on the oil-colours the waves subside, and the sea becomes as calm as a duck-pond."

Lady: "Well, I've read about the effect oil has in calming the waves, but I had no idea it was so effective as all that."

WHY HE FAILED.

A Volunteer was endeavouring in vain to stop the encroachment of a stout gentleman during a procession.

"I tell you I can't get back," said the trespasser; "the crowd's pushing me forward."

Then an officer came along.

"Won't get back? Make him," said he. "Put the butt of your rifle in his chest. Don't tell me you can't; you are the stronger man of the two."

The private hesitated.

"Yes, sir; I know I'm the stronger man," he said. Then desperately he added: "But he's my employer, sir."

A LESSON IN BOXING.

"What are you going to do, John?" asked Mrs. McFizzle, as her husband unwrapped a pair of boxing-gloves.

"I'm going to give Johnny some lessons in self-defence," he answered. "Every boy should know how to take care of himself in an emergency. Come on, Johnny, I won't hurt you."

Twenty minutes later Mr. McFizzle returned with his hand on his face.

"Get me a piece of raw meat to put on my eye, and the arnica bottle."

"Why, you don't mean to say that Johnny—"

"No, I don't; of course I don't. Johnny's sitting out in the garden now in sorrow and repentance. I've discovered that the only way to teach that boy is with a strap."

JUST LIKE A WOMAN.

A young and well-dressed woman entered Charing Cross Telegraph Office the other day, and wrote out a dispatch to be sent to Manchester. She read it over, reflected for a moment, and then dropped it on the floor and wrote a second. This she also threw away, but was satisfied with the third and sent it off. The three telegrams read:

1. Never let me hear from you again!

2. No one expects you to return!

3. Come home, dearest—all is forgiven!

WHY CABBY WEPT.

A cabman once drove a lady and her little girl from Euston to Charing Cross. On the way a particle of dust entered the eye of the driver, causing him considerable annoyance.

On arriving at their destination the lady gave the cabby just the bare fare, and then, this being the first opportunity the cabman had, he took out his handkerchief and attempted to extract the cause of his pain.

The little girl, perceiving this, spoke a few words to her mother, and then ran back to the Jehu, saying:

"Please, cabby, mother says you are not to cry; here is another sixpence."

NEVER AGAIN.

There is a certain judge who rather prides himself on his vast and varied knowledge of law. The other day he was compelled to listen to a case that had been brought up from a lower court.

The young practitioner who appeared for the appellant was long and tedious. He brought in all the elementary textbooks, and quoted the fundamental propositions of the law. At last the judge thought it was time to make an effort to hurry him up.

"Can't we assume," he said blandly, "that the Court knows a little law itself?"

"That's the very mistake I made in the lower court," answered the young man. "I don't want to let it defeat me twice."

Yet it did.

AN UNPRINCELIKE PROCEEDING.

When George IV. was Prince Regent he visited Doncaster, and at the time His Royal Highness was suffering from a cold.

One day the Royal party were showing themselves to the people from the balcony.

"Which is the Prince? I must see the Prince!" cried an excited old Yorkshire woman who had come to see the first gentleman in Europe.

"That's him," said a bystander, pointing upwards, "him with a handkerchief in his hand."

"Him!" cried the old lady in profound contempt. "That the Prince? Why, he blows his own nose!"

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

A man went into a furniture dealer's the other day and asked to be shown a certain thing labelled 10/6.

"Really," exclaimed the shopkeeper, "there must be a mistake."

"I can't help that," exclaimed the man, "it's your fault if you've put the wrong price on it."

"Excuse me, I—"

"No, I shan't excuse you. Show me the article."

After seeing it, he bought it and went away satisfied.

"Well," said the shopman, "that is a good 'un. I put a 10/6 label on by mistake when it ought to have been 5/6."

OUR LANGUAGE AGAIN.

A Spaniard entered a chemist's shop the other day and startled the assistant by remarking: "I want some things for a cow."

"I beg your pardon!" exclaimed the astonished shopman.

"I had a cow—a bad cow!" replied the excited foreigner.

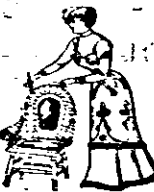
"I think you want a veterinary surgeon, don't you?" asked the chemist.

"Ah! you not understand. I had a cow in my chest—you hear? See!"

"Oh, I understand—a cough!" replied the chemist. "Of course I can give you something for that."

The puzzled foreigner is still wondering why, if cough is pronounced "bow," cough doesn't spell "cow."

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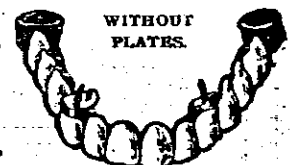
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