

Turning the Tables.

A STORY ABOUT JONES AND DOBBS THAT WILL BE RELISHED.

Science has not yet discovered whether the creature known as the practical joker belongs to the genus homo or to the genus simla. In appearance he resembles the former, while his actions are those of the latter. In the case of Dobbs, so pronounced was his mania for joking that his closest friends hardly knew what to make of him; but, since his experience with Jones, hopes are entertained that he is at last beginning to see the error of his way, and may ultimately reach a point in his development where there will be no doubt of the fact that he belongs to the human family. It appears that one of Dobbs' most cherished antics was to approach a friend on the street from behind and then softly twitch his pocket, as though feeling for his purse. Of course the friend would finally feel the twitching, clap his hands on the pocket, and turn upon the supposed thief with a kindling eye and excited demeanor; and then Dobbs would laugh heartily and thoroughly enjoy himself. One day he tried this joke on his intimate friend, Jones. A near-by policeman, who was not acquainted with the nature of the case, rushed up just as Jones halted wildly and whirled about with blood in his eye. Dobbs' joyous laugh was cut short by the policeman, who laid a hand on his shoulder and remarked to Jones: "He was trying to rob you, sir; I saw the whole affair."

"Nonsense!" returned Dobbs; "it's only a joke. This gentleman is a friend of mine."
But Jones never cracked a smile. "Is that a fact?" asked the policeman, appealing to Jones.
"Why," returned Jones, by a happy impulse, "I never saw the scoundrel before! Run him in!"
"That's what I will, sir," returned the blue-coat, taking a tighter grip on Dobbs, and starting for the patrol-box. "He's a pretty neat grafter—evidently an old hand at the business."
"Look here, Jones," cried Dobbs, what do you mean? Why, this is an outrage! Let me go, officer!"
"Not on your life! If you don't stop pullin' away I'll give you a taste of my club. Oh, you're a fine bird. You've got gallows written all over your face."
This was all Jones could stand, and he broke away from the rapidly collecting crowd, and had a quiet laugh by himself around the corner. As for poor Dobbs, he was carted off to the station and ultimately bailed out. Before the matter proceeded farther, Jones called at police head-quarters, explained the situation, and the case was wiped off the calendar. It was some time before Dobbs could bring himself to speak to Jones; but at last they met on the street and Dobbs presented his cigar-case, inviting Jones to help himself to a Perfecto. Then, together, they whiffed the smoke of peace. For a wonder, the cigar wasn't loaded.

It Didn't Freeze Her.

A freckle-faced girl stopped at the post-office and yelled out:
"Anything for the Murphys?"
"No, there is not."
"Anything for Jane Murphy?"
"Nothing."
"Anything for Ann Murphy?"
"No."
"Anything for Tom Murphy?"
"No."
"Anything for Bob Murphy?"
"No, not a bit."
"Anything for Terry Murphy?"
"No, nor for Pat Murphy, nor Dennis Murphy, nor Peter Murphy, nor Paul Murphy, nor for any Murphy—dead, living, unborn, native or foreign, civilized or uncivilized, savage or barbarous, male or female, black or white, franchised or disfranchised, naturalized or otherwise. No, there is positively nothing for any Murphys, either individually, jointly, severally, now and forever, one and inseparable."
The girl looked at the post-master in astonishment, and said: "Please look if there is anything for Clarence Murphy."

Wisdom in the Jury Box.

Court Clerk—Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?
Foreman—We have.
Clerk—What say you: do you find the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty?
Foreman—We do.
Clerk—You do? Do what?
We find the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty.
Clerk—But, gentlemen, you must explain.
Foreman—Of course. You see, six of us find him guilty, and six of us find him not guilty, and we've agreed—to let it go at that.
Friend—Well, old man, did the doctor: Heve you?
Invalid—Yes, of twenty dollars.

Salt.

A FEW OF THE VERY MANY HOUSEHOLD USES OF THIS ARTICLE.

Colored cotton fabrics will not fade in subsequent washing if placed in boiling water to which has been added three gills of salt to every four quarts of water. Do not remove the cloth until the water is cold.

Window glass, lamps, marble and stone vases or mantles are quickly cleaned if rubbed with salt slightly dampened. A tea-spoonful of salt in a coal-oil lamp makes the wick burn brighter and give a clearer light.

Fresh ink stains on carpets and table cloths can be removed by repeated applications of dry salt. Carpets are freshened and colors brightened if wiped with clean cloths wrung from salt water. Coarse salt sprinkled occasionally around the edge of carpets is a moth destroyer.

Ink stains are removed from gingham by saturating them with sweet milk, then covering with salt. Salt and lemon juice will remove mildew. Soak brooms occasionally in hot salt water; they will be softer, less brittle and wear longer.

Heat salt ten minutes in a very hot oven. Crush fine and sift through a wire sieve. Store in a covered box in a dry place, and it will not cake. This is preferable to mixing cornstarch with it, which thickens delicate dressings and soups.

Bedroom floors may be kept cool and fresh by wiping them daily with strong salt water. Microbes, moths and other pests are thus destroyed. Salt and camphor in cold water is an excellent disinfectant in bedrooms.

Cleanse rattan, bamboo and willow work with a brush and salt water; then rub dry with a soft cloth. Floor matting will be more pliable and less brittle if occasionally washed with salt water. Wash chamber ware with cold salt water instead of warm soapy water.

To remove egg stains from silver, rub gently with a damp cloth sprinkled with fine salt. Salt on the hands will prevent fowls and fish from slipping during the process of dressing. Salt dissolved in alcohol or ammonia will remove grease spots.

An excellent application for a sprain is the well-beaten whites of three eggs mixed with three scant teaspoonfuls of salt. A plaster of the yolk of an egg thickened with salt applied to the seat of acute pain will often relieve.

Add salt to the water in which black cotton goods are washed to prevent fading and turning brown. Rub rough flat irons over paper thickly sprinkled with salt. Lemon juice and salt will remove stains from the hands. Do not use soap immediately thereafter.

When rank vegetables, cabbage, onions, etc., have been cooked, to prevent odors from clinging to pot or pan, put a little salt on a hot stove and invert the vessel over it a few minutes. Stains on table ware and tea discolorations are removed with damp salt.

A dull or smouldering fire may be cleared for broiling by throwing over it a handful of salt. If salt is thrown on any burning substance it checks the blaze, but if sprinkled over coal makes it burn brighter, last longer, and there are fewer clinkers.

Salt thrown on coals when broiling fat will prevent blazing from the dripping fat. When contents of pot or pan flow over, or are spilled, throw on salt at once. It will prevent a disagreeable odor, and the stove or range may be more easily cleaned.

Feathers or plumes straightened by damp weather or exposure to rain may be rejuvenated by shaking them over a shovel of hot coals sprinkled with salt. Fire is soon extinguished if sprayed or splashed with the following solution: Ten pounds of salt, five pounds of ammonia, and three and a half or four gallons of water. This should be tightly corked and kept in store where there is special danger from fire.

To clean black and burnt spiders or kettles, boil in them a little salt and vinegar, then scour vigorously with an iron dishcloth. Copper and brass may be brightened by a vigorous rubbing with a slice of lemon dipped in salt. Frozen vegetables are less impaired if placed at once in a cold salt water bath and left in a warm place to thaw. If the cook at any time gets a dish too sweet to suit the taste, a pinch of salt is a corrective and vice versa.—Sarah E. Wilcox in the Country Gentleman.

If a few slices of bacon are placed in the pan with a piece of lamb that is to be roasted they will greatly improve the flavor of the gravy.

When shaking rugs or mats that are small enough to be done with the hands, always hold them by the middle at the sides and not at the ends, for by the latter handling the corners will soon be made to whip out and the fringe or binding to pull off.

The drawer of a bureau or dresser that runs hard may be made to work much more smoothly and easily if it is taken out and the edges thoroughly rubbed with hard soap. If a screw is soaped before being put into hard wood it will go in much more easily.

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