

Little Rodney's Views.

WRITES WHAT HE THINKS ABOUT GIRLS AND UNCLE BILL.

The most peculiar thing about girls is their peculiarity. They are born that way. They are so dignified that they don't have any fun in this life, and so timid that they can't fight. Consequently, they generally appear to be pretty considerably out of place. They also giggle at everything and nothing. Take away the average girl's giggle and her chewing gum, and wait till her hat blows off, and there ain't anything left worth mentioning. When they are little they play with dolls, and when they grow up they play with men. A doll has n't got any sense in the first place, and a man ain't got any more sense than a doll after a girl has got through playing with him good and plenty. She will work hard to get him broken in, and then she will turn and rend him.

I have learned the above appalling facts from listening to my uncle Bill talk. He is a bachelor, and says he rejoices in his wild and buttonless freedom. His nose is kinder red, too, but no more so than the minister's. The papers say that married men live longer than single ones, but uncle Bill says they do n't—it jest seems longer to 'em. Some people say uncle Bill is a wag; but he ain't—he works. He says you can always tell when a woman commences to grow old; it's jest as soon as she begins to understand why her husband don't seem to pity his old bachelor friends. The married men all like uncle Bill first rate, and so do the little girls; but the married women say he is an old ripperbate, in the same tone that you use in speaking of a snake. The old maids say Mr. William is—tee! hee!—so eccentric; but he ain't. He can tell funny stories that would tickle a stone dog, and he has got a laugh on him that would make a sick man well.

Uncle Bill says if you love a woman with all your heart, mind, soul and pocket-book, she'll treat you like a crippled stepson; but if you kick and beat her now and then, figger-8-ively speaking, she will adore you. And pa says that—ha! ha!—remark is good enough to go into a copy-book, but he never lets ma hear him say it. Ma says uncle Bill is a cynic, and ain't got any more heart in his bosom than that doughnut yonder; but I saw him the other day looking kinder peculiar at a faded old photograph of a girl who died twenty years ago, and he kissed it and did n't know I was looking. And when he turned around and saw me he gave me ten cents and told me not to squander it at the gaming table. I did n't.

That is all I know about girls, except that a man who raises his hand against a woman, except in anger, is worse than a hypocrite.—*New York Journal.*

His Eloquent Action.

Tarantula Jim (who has been away)—What got the matter with Colonel Whoop Rawlius while I was gone? He looks like he'd "met the enemy and he was their 'n," as they say in the stories. Alkali Ike—Aw, he got the fool notion into his head, somehow, that he wanted to get married, and jumped up and sent an advertisement to a matrimonial paper off in the east somewhurs. Directly he orated around that a lovely young widow was comin' out to marry him, and pretty soon he set off to meet her at the railway station at Bloomopolis. Next day he came back without her, and he hain't looked happy since. "H'm! What do you reckon she was like?"

"Da n't know; but from the way in which the colonel came back, I can sort of imagine. He came back in a hearse, which he had hired for the occasion, with a sick Chinaman drivin'. He said that was the only way he could properly express his feelin's, and that's all we could ever git him to tell about it."—*New York Journal.*

Household Discipline.

Mr. Lorimer's business interests keep him away from home so much that the matter of family discipline has fallen very largely into the hands of Mrs. Lorimer, and the children regard their father more as an occasional and welcome comrade than as a stern parent. But three lively youngsters, cooped up in a house on a stormy day, can hardly be expected to prove successful exponents of self government. So it happened that Lorimer felt called upon to remonstrate with Maggie the other day, and that miss nearly threw him off his feet by turning to her brother and exclaiming:

"Willie, Willie, just hear papa trying to talk like mamma."—*Detroit News.*

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