

No doubt she flirted—all girls do; But then, you know, she didn't mean it; To me in all things she was true— A blind man even could have seen it. But there are some few months we part; A tear drop glistens on her nose. And if for days was broken-hearted. A score of years have passed away Since then; I lately heard about her. Her hair had turned a rufous grey. Her figure grown a great deal stouter. And I since then have married twice. My heart no longer reaches toward her. For she has been a widow thrice. And lately's gone to taking boarders.

He Believed in Temperance.

"Fact is," said Mr. Swiler, sitting down at the round table with his friend, "Fact is—two beers, Tony!—there's just as much temperance in eating as there is in drinking, and that's what puts me—by George, that's refreshing, isn't it? 'Could as ice. Fill 'em up again, Tony—out of patience with these total abstinence fanatics. A man can be temperance in his eating and he can be temperance in his drinking, and I go—light a cigar—in for temperance in all things. Now I like to—think you, yes, I believe I will repeat—sit down with a friend and enjoy a glass of beer in a quiet way just as we do now. It's cool, refreshing, mildly stimulant—has another with me—and does me good. I know when I have enough and—once more, Tony—when I have enough I know enough to quit. How do I look—hello, there's Johnson; sit down here with us, Johnson; three beers, Tony—I was just blither here if I looked like a victim of dyspepsia. I don't drink much water this weather. I believe it's the worst—this time with me, fellows—thing a man can put into his system such weather as this. Believe beer is the best thing for any man, and I know it is the best thing for me. But I—don't hurry, have another before you go; here, Tony; don't gorge myself; I don't sit around and get full every time I take a drink, I like to—maybe enjoy a glass of beer and a bite of lunch, but I don't like to gorge myself. I don't eat myself into a—fill those up again—dyspepsia either, and then claim to be a temperate man. Temperance in all things is my motto—motto. That's me. Now I don't donk-donk! I donk myself a drinking man—once more, my fellows—I like to sit down quietly with few friends and 'joy glass beer—just because does me good; good. But I don't eat myself to death—once more all round—like these temperate fanatics—once in a while I like glass of beer—just in quiet way—once in while, but you don't see—'you don't see me gettin' full every time—' (Talks temperance in all things and undue indulgence in nothing over twelve more glasses and succumb.)

Most as Good.

First Boy—"Had any ice-cream this year?" Second Boy—"Not quite." "Maybe they let you lick the dish." "Maybe they didn't neither! I got buttermilk and put in ice, and though it ain't quite ice-cream it comes so close that dad give me a licking for spending my money."

Who Was at Fault.

Mrs. Samuelson sent her little boy, Billy, to the store for some pool cotton. Billy spent the money on himself, in the shape of Taffy, and on his return his mother said: "What kept you so long, and where is the cotton?" "I didn't bring any cotton—but that's not my fault." "Whose fault is it?" "It's your fault. You should not have sent such a little boy as me for cotton."

Very "Forward Play."

Fond mamma (to juvenile basement)—"I'm afraid you play cricket too much, Algy, and neglect your arithmetic and such things." Algy—"Oh, no, ma! I've learned some 'rithmetic by it. You used to say a 'score' was twenty, you know; but it isn't always. I made ten runs to-day, and that's a 'score—a good one for me." Mamma—"You stupid boy, I ought to scold you—' Algy—"If you do, ma dear, it might be eleven, for I should try to make another run—out of your way."

Odds and Ends.

The stool of repentance has no cushion. Something that every man turns his back on—his bed. Doctors say you mustn't go in bathing when you're hungry or when you are full of grub, so when in the dickens is a fellow going to learn to swim. Some young men have developed the bad habit of clutching a young lady by the arm when walking with her. The fashion originated with the helpless dade who must be led. When a young man says his girl is worth her "weight in gold," he is not putting a very high valuation upon her unless she is a very heavy girl. At this rate 120 pounds of girl would be worth only about \$30,000.

An Opinion.

There were eight or ten of them seated on the grocery steps as the stranger came up, and one of them led off with: "Yes, gentlemen, this village needs capital, and needs it bad." "That's so," added a second. "What we want here is money." "Yes, we want capital to develop things," sighed a third, and so it went down the line until every one of the lot had expressed his opinion that the capital was wanted. The last man looked up at the stranger and added: "Don't it seem that way to you?" "It does, sir," was the prompt reply. "What would be your opinion of the way capital ought to be invested here?" "Well, my plan would be to lay out the first \$5,000 in bar-soap, crash towels, barber's shavers, and 'kicking machines'—the firm reply, as he prepared for a run of half a mile to the depot.

Entertaining His Sister's Beau.

Little Tommy was entertaining one of his sister's callers until she appeared. "Don't you come to see my sister?" he inquired. "Yes, Tommy, that's what I come for." "You like her a good deal, don't you?" "Of course, I admire her very much. Don't you think she is nice?" "Well, I reckon I have to, 'cause she's my sister, but she thumps me pretty tough sometimes. But, say, let me see you open your mouth once. Now shut it real tight till I count ten. There I knowed you could do it." "Why, Tommy, who said I couldn't?" "Oh, nobody much, but sister." "What did she say?" "Well, she said you hadn't sense enough to keep your mouth shut, and I bet her two big oranges you had, and you have, ain't you, and you'll make her duff up the oranges, won't you?" "The young man didn't want to see whether she 'duffed up' or not.

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