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A TIME TO LAUGH:

You cannot cure hives with a hammer.
You cannot weigh a grain with a hammar.
Men cannot walk with a docket.
Dogs cannot sleep with a clamer.
You can't pick locks with a pickle.
You can't cure the sick with a sickle.
Pluck frogs from a figment.
Dogs cannot pip with a pugger.
Nor can you watch tick with a tickle.
You cannot make a mule of your master.
You can't get a crate from a crater.
Catch under a cataract.
Habits cannot catch a cat.
But you can get a waltz from a walter.
You cannot rape crops with a rapper.
You can't shave your choppy with a chopper.
Break hoppers with a hopper.
Kisses cannot kiss a girl with a popper.

UNCLE JOSHUA'S MEDICINE:

Such headache as Uncle Joshua's had! "And such, doctor?" Their efforts left the patient worse instead of better. At last, however, a young doctor gave Aunt Polly a prescription which, he said, was sure to help if not to cure.

Uncle Joshua was a strict temperance man. Not a drop of ardent spirit, nor a beverage, had ever passed his lips. He was a man firm of principle—strong and unbending where his well-trained conscience was concerned. The doctor's prescription was egg-nog. Aunt Polly was to prepare and administer it to Uncle Joshua at his bed-time, when sleep would follow and the headache disappear.

Very grateful the young proved, prepared, and Aunt Polly's skilful hand. She was notorious to a fault and perhaps mixed a trifling more than the prescription proportion of whiskey in the nightly draught.

As the headache was a real fact, Uncle Joshua grew restless at about the usual time for retiring was ten o'clock. When he was bad Aunt Polly carried to him, the fragrant steaming cup.

Only about two weeks after he began taking the nightly stimulant, Uncle Joshua grew restless at about a quarter to ten o'clock, and said:

"Polly, I feel pretty tired; I think I'll go up and get ready for my mid-morning sleep."

"Well, Joshua, it's only a quarter to ten but do you look tired, and I will prepare it now."

The next week, one rainy night, as the clock struck nine, Uncle Joshua left his old arm-chair, a bright fire, his cheerful wife. He was "quite tired out, and would have his nog now."

"What makes you so tired to-night, Joshua?"

"Well, working about the factory all day I suppose, Polly," and he drained his nightily remedy, and went off to sleep.

One week later Uncle Joshua's health came at a snifter to nine o'clock! He went upstairs, but just before Aunt Polly was ready for him, he called down: "Polly!"

"Well, Jason."

"Don't bring up that stuff!

I thought you were ready for bed!"

"So I was, Polly, but I'm coming down to be with you till ten o'clock, and I shall never take another cup of nog!"

He came down, fully dressed, and added:

"Polly—do you know why—I have been getting tired so early of late? It is just because I was in a hurry for that medicine; and when I began to relish whiskey I have been getting to do, there's a serpent lurking near. Well both sit up till ten o'clock and I shall never take another cup of milk, Polly."

And he kept his word.

JULIA P. BALLARD.

STRANGE PLACE FOR MILK:

One of our city children sent to the country by the Fresh Air Society witnessed the milking of a cow for the first time.

He had followed the farmer to the barnyard and as the milk fell into the child asked:

"Is that the milk we drink?"

The farmer said it was, and the youngster remarked:

"At home we keep the milk in a refrigerator. Do you keep yours in that thing?" Pointing to the cow.

A tonic for the debilitated—Parson's Vegetable Oil by acting mildly but powerfully on the secretions of the body, are a valuable tonic, stimulating the languid organs into healthy action and restoring them to full vigor. They can be taken in granulated doses and so used that they can be discontinued at any time without return of the ailments which they were used to alleviate.

WHAT SHE WANTED TO SAY:

"John, the cook has left."

"Now Gwenolynd, it is right to meet me with such news when I return home late from the office all tired out and hungry!"

"But, John, dear, I merely want to say the cook has left!"

"You, I know you're want to say. And I morally want to say that it's a great relief that she could not stand up to her duties, servants. Why can't you? Why?"

"John Smith, I tell you that the cook know you would be late, so she left a cold chicken, a custard pudding and a pint of lemonade on the dining-room table for you."

"Well, Gwenolynd, why in the name of common intelligence didn't you say that at first?"

Oilagent of All Medicines—Consulting the curative qualities of Dr. Thomas' Electroic Oil it is the cheapest medicine now known to the public. The oil required in any amount is easily and a bottle containing many doses of oil were valued at the benefit it confers. It could not be purchased for many times the price asked for it, but increased consumption has simplified and cheapened its manufacture.

A GREAT SECRET:

In a small town in the Midland there is a rich congregation which is not characterized by lavish liberality. Time after time the minister had vainly appealed to his people to contribute more generously to the funds of the church. The members would, indeed, give something, but it was nearly always the smallest silver coin of the realm that was placed on the plate.

A shrewd Scotchman who had recently come to the place and joined the church was not long in noticing this state of affairs, and a remedy soon suggested itself to his practical mind.

"Tell 'em what you know," he said to one of the officials. "If you know me treasurer, I'll engage to double the collections in three months."

His offer was promptly accepted, and sure enough, the collections began to increase, until by the time he had stated they were nearly twice as much as formerly.

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Castoria is a tremendous "inhalable" for Caster Oil, Paregoric, Drugs, and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. It acts as a stimulant. It destroys Worms and relieves Pneumonia. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Tooth-ache Troubles, eases Constipation and Flatulence. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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