

Brief and Breezy

Rosa: "Now, Max, you really must speak to papa today." Max: "Certainly, darling. He's got a telephone, I suppose?"

Young Bridegroom: "Darling, I think I should like to take your little brother with us to Niagara Falls." Bride: "How kind of you, Harry." Young Bridegroom: "Yes. I should like to push him over them."

A young man was being examined by a life insurance official as to his family record. Among other questions the following was asked: "Of what did your grandfather die?" The applicant hesitated a few moments and then stammered out: "I'm—I'm not sure, but I think he died in infancy."

The Man with the Umbrella: "Great heavens, man, do I find you after all these years reduced to playing a cornet for a living?" The Man with the Cornet: "I'm not doing it for a living, but my wife don't let me practice in the house, so I have to come outside."

Contagious: "So you can't help stealing?" asked the magistrate kindly. "No, your worship; an impulse comes over me that I can't resist." "Too bad, too bad! An impulse to send you to prison for six months is getting hold of me. There! It's got hold. Six months; can't resist. Impulse is a wonderful thing."

Mrs. Jinks: "John's old college friend tried to make me believe he was a bachelor. When he held the baby he almost dropped it." Mrs. Brown: "Then how in the world did you find out that he was not a bachelor?" Mrs. Jinks: "Because when the baby started to cry he mechanically started to walk the floor."

A married couple were known among their friends to live on bad terms with each other. One day the wife, Mrs. Brown, while entertaining a friend at tea rang the bell. "Mary," she said to the maid who answered her summons, "is that Mr. Brown downstairs? I thought I heard him just now." "No'm," Mary answered. "That was the dog what was growling."

Guest: "Waiter, bring me some rice pudding."

Waiter: "Boss, I can't jess recommend de rice puddin' today."

Guest: "What's the matter with it?"

Waiter: "Nuffin'; 'cept dar ain't none."

Mrs. Sweetly was at church with her little daughter Margaret, aged 6, and was vainly endeavoring to find a suitable seat. She walked up one aisle and down another; all to no purpose. An obliging sidesman came forward to offer his services. Little Margaret, who was used to shopping, caught sight of him first. Turning to her mother she exclaimed in an audible whisper: "It's all right, mummy, here's the shopwalker."

A Minister's Trade.

A clergyman in the north of Scotland was riding along the road one day and had on a cloak (which he wore when the elements without seemed to wage war and dispute their claims to superiority) of rather an extraordinary make and pattern—cape upon cape, like the outworks in a regular fortification, so that when the rain had got possession of one fold it had a fresh one to encounter. The winds were trying their full power to turn his tailor's barricade into ridicule and were assailing the shoulder turrets in all directions, when an English gentleman came up, mounted on a very spirited horse, which had never been trained to such sights and took alarm, and almost threw his rider. "Why, man," said John Bull, "that cloak of yours would frighten the devil." "Weel," replied the minister, "that's just my trade."

A Story With a Moral.

A writer in Fashion and Sport of a recent week tells the following story: A man who is a frequent inhabitant of the workhouse in the district intercepted a well-known liberal-hearted magistrate with the question, "Will you give me half a crown, Mr. —?" "No," replied the gentleman, who thought he knew the beggar too well, but noticing the man's hungry look he said, "I will give you a half-a-crown dinner instead." They adjourned to a refreshment house and the proprietor was ordered to give the man the feast. No sooner had the donor left than the man said to the proprietor: "I say, I'll sell you back that dinner." Inspired perhaps by the man's appearance and thinking that the money would do most good, he agreed. Next morning the magistrate took his seat upon the bench and the fellow he had treated so liberally was brought before him, charged with being "drunk and disorderly." After the case had been proved the justice reprimanded the man severely for getting into such a condition. "Where did you get the money?" he asked. "Why, you gave it to me." "I gave you a half-a-crown dinner," said the magistrate. But the prisoner, not at all daunted, and in spite of the punishment which might follow, coolly replied, "Yes, but I sold it for two shillings."

Certainly Not the Man.

Walpole mentions that a pamphlet called "The Snake in the Grass," being reported (probably in joke) to be written by Lord W— P., a gentleman abused in it sent him a challenge. Lord W. professed his innocence and that he was not the author, but the gentleman would not be satisfied without a denial under his hand. Lord W. took a pen and began: "This is to scratify that the buk called the Snak—" "Oh, my lord," said the person, "I am satisfied—your lordship has already convinced me you did not write the book."

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Said ordinance provides that the aggregate amount of said assessment shall be divided into five installments, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum.

All persons desiring may file objections in said Court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

EDMUND L. DES JARDINS,
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Dated at Highwood, Illinois, July 23,
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