

GLEANINGS—WISE AND OTHERWISE.

He: "It's absolutely useless to argue further. You ought to know that. My will is of iron." She: "Yes, I know—pig-iron."

"Young Screecher has a remarkable imagination. He is a great thinker." "Indeed?" "Yes; he thinks he can sing."

Mr. Nurich (engaging valet): "I warn you that I am frequently ill-tempered and gruff." Valet (cheerfully): "That's all right, sir; so am I."

His Lordship: "Whatever could you have been thinking of to steal the sheep?" The Prisoner: "I dunno, my Lord; I must ha' been wool-gatherin'."

"You seem to have a great deal of trouble with your automobile. What do you call it?" "True love." "True love? Gracious! Why?" "Because true love never did run smooth."

"Papa!" little Tommy began. "Now, what do you want?" asked his suffering father, with the emphasis on the "now." "Will my hair fall off when it's ripe, like yours?"

"When you do something you know is wrong doesn't a still, small voice keep reminding you of it eternally?" "A still, small voice? I guess you never met my wife, did you?"

"Ah! pretty lady," said the fortune teller, "you wish to be told about your future husband?" "No," replied Mrs. Gaition; "I want to know where my present husband is when he's absent."

"What kind of a looking man is that chap Gableton? I don't believe I have met him." "Well, if you see two men in a corner, and one of them looks bored to death, the other one is Gableton!"

Bluebeard's wife had just peeped in to the forbidden chamber. "It was the kitchen," he explained, "and the cook always snapped their heads off for doing it." Thus we see how the ages have maligned the poor man's character.

"Fifty miles an hour," said the motorist as he plowed his way through the country. "Have you the grit to stand it?" he said to his lady companion. "Oh, yes, I've got the grit," she replied, as she swallowed another mouthful of dust.

Editor: "Have you interviewed that female criminal?" "Reporter: "I have tried to." Editor: "Tried to?" Reporter: "Yes, but she refuses to talk." Editor: "Refuses to talk! Head your article 'Man in Disguise!' and make it three columns on the first page."

Customer to Bookseller: "I want to purchase a book of jokes." Bookseller: "I'll sell you this joke book for half price because it's a little dam-

aged." Customer (examining book): "I'll take it, but I can't see where it's damaged." Bookseller (pocketing the money): "You'll see it when you read the jokes—they're all cracked."

Teacher: "You have seen with the microscope the many little creatures which exist in a glass of water. What have you learned about them?" One of the little girls held up her hand. "Well, Mary?" "If you please, teacher, I know now what makes the kettle sing when the water begins to boil. It's those little animals squealing for pain!"

Mr. Brown is greatly interested in all kinds of scientific problems. The other evening he laid down his paper and remarked to his wife: "That's odd." "What?" she inquired. "Why, the statement that it would take 12,000,000 years to pump the sea dry at the rate of 1,000 gallons a second." She thought over the statement for a few seconds, and the innocently asked, "Where would they put all the water?"

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