

GLEANINGS — WISE AND OTHERWISE.

"By the way, sir," asked the waiter, "how would you like to have your steak?" "Very much indeed," replied the mild man, who had patiently waited for twenty minutes.

Grimston—"I understand your son is pursuing his studies at college." Hardman—"Yes; but from what I can ascertain, I don't believe he will ever catch up with them."

Manager (to office boy)—"You've been away over half an hour, and only to go around the corner." Office Boy—"Please, sir, a man dropped half a sovereign in the gutter." Manager—"And did it take half an hour to find it?" Office Boy—"Please, sir, I had to wait till the man went away."

Shearer—"My hearing is unusually keen." Maine—"Is that so?" "Yes. For instance, at the distance I am from you now I can hear your watch ticking." "That is marvellous. My watch is—er—in town, but I have the ticket for it in my waistcoat pocket."

"George," asked the teacher of the Sunday school class, "whom, above all others, shall you wish to see when you get to heaven?" With a face brightening up with anticipation, the little fellow shouted, "Gerhiah."

A friend met Senator Mason in Washington, and asked him what he was doing.

"Why, I am in Congress now," replied Mr. Mason, "trying to make a living in an honest way."

"Well, you shouldn't have much trouble," observed the schoolmate. "I don't think you encounter the slightest competition."

A Massachusetts jury reported that it would be impossible for them to reach an agreement. The court was displeased, and lectured them for their failure to agree. "Why, your honor," exclaimed the new jurymen, "how in the world do you expect the members of the jury to agree when the lawyers in the case can't agree themselves?"

Near-sighted old gentleman—"Can you tell me what inscription is on that board over there?"

Irish rustic—"Sure, I'm in the same boat, sorr! It was moighty little schoolin' Oi had when Oi was a bhoy mysili, sorr!"

"A Virginia judge gave a man a year for stealing a straw hat," remarked the bookkeeper.

"That's nothing," chimed in the clerk. "A man in Wisconsin got five years for taking an umbrella one day in a sudden rain-storm."

"I thought that was justifiable larceny."

"Ordinarily, yes; but this umbrella was the court's."

"Marriage," remarked the young lady, "may be a failure, but I am going to let some man prove it to me."

"How did this dish get broken, Mary?" asked the mistress. "Why, ma'am, it tumbled down and broke itself," explained the maid, glibly. "Aha, the automatic brake again!" exclaimed the lady, who was a keen motorist.

"Fine morning, Donald. What's the day going to be?" "Weel, I'm thinkin' it'll maybe rain." "Yes; but the barometer is rising, Donald." "Yes; but it's very little heed the weather hereabouts pays to the barometer."

She—"Did you ever stop to figure out how many hats in a year you could buy with the money you throw away on cigars?" He—"I have, dear. I could buy about fifty for myself, but only about three for you."

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