

GLEANINGS — WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Husband: "The biggest idiots always seem to marry the prettiest women." Wife: "Now, you're trying to flatter me."

He (just proposed, refused): "If you do not love me and will not accept me, why do you accept my chocolates?" She: "I love chocolates."

He: "With the assurance of your love, I could conquer the world." She: "That will not be necessary. All you have to do is conquer papa."

Proprietor of the freak show, to Indian rubber man: "The human ostrich has been eating too much glass lately." The Indian rubber man: "Has he?" Proprietor: "Yes, and now he says he's got a pane in his side."

Elsie: "You ought to have heard Mr. Martin's ringing speech last night." Rose: "Why, I wasn't aware that he could make a speech." "Well, I can't repeat the speech, but I can show you the ring."

After partaking of a good dinner in a fashionable restaurant, a gentleman said to the waiter who had been most attentive: "I am sorry I can't give you a tip, but I find I have only just money enough to pay the bill." The waiter seized the bill hurriedly. "Just let me add it up, again, sir," he muttered.

"My dear," said Mr. Becker at the breakfast table the other morning, "what would you do if I were one of those who get up cross in the morning and slam things around and kick up a row just because the coffee happens to be cold?" "John," replied his better half, "I wouldn't do a thing but make it hot for you."

Entering a music shop the other day a Welsh miner, who had lately come into a considerable sum of money, bought a £50 piano. Later he returned for a stool, and the shopkeeper asked if the instrument gave satisfaction. "Man," he said, "but you wouldn't know it now. It looks just splendid. My wife has painted it yellow to match the chest of drawers." —English paper.

Dr. H— was sitting by the side of a rather deaf maiden lady at dinner, when the latter, in a simpering manner, remarked: "Ought I call you Dr. H— or Mr. H—?" The medico is rather irascible, so he replied: "Call me what you like, madam. Some of my friends call me an old fool." The lady, imperfectly hearing, innocently rejoined: "Ah! but those are only people who know you intimately."

The corporal was one day drilling a batch of raw recruits. "Why is it," he said to a bright-looking chap, "that the blade of your sabre is curved instead of straight?" "The blade is curved," the recruit answered, "in order to give more force to the blow." "Nonsense," said the corporal. "The

blade is curved so as to fit the scabbard. If it were straight, how would you get it into the curved scabbard, you idiot?"

Not a few wealthy Americans teach in the Sunday school, among them Mr. Wanamaker. One day, after Mr. Wanamaker had explained the lesson to the children, he said: "And now is there any question which any girl would like to ask me?" A girl of eight or nine rose. "Well, Martha, what is it?" "Please, Mr. Wanamaker," said the little girl, "what is the price of those large wax dolls in your window?" —English paper.

An old woman, suffering from a swollen face, had been attended by a doctor for some time. Calling in one day, and finding she had little relief, he advised her to try that old-fashioned remedy, leeches, which she promised to do. On his next visit he inquired the result. "Well, sir," groaned the old dame, "I've b'iled 'em, I've baked 'em, and I've fried 'em, and none on 'em ain't done me no good."

A wealthy old man, who disliked parting with his money, said one day to his physician who was just bringing him round from a long illness: "Ah, doctor we have known each other such a long time, I don't intend to insult you by settling your account in cash; but I have put you down for a handsome legacy in my will." The doctor looked thoughtful. "Allow me," he said, "to look at that prescription I gave you just now. I wish to make an alteration in it."

As Gen. Benjamin F. Butler entered the lobby of the State House one morning, he met two men. "One moment, general," said one of them to him, "can't you settle a dispute? We were arguing as to who is the greatest lawyer in Massachusetts, and, as we can't agree, we will leave it to you." "That's easy. I am," said Butler. The two men were somewhat taken aback. "Er—er—but, general, of course, you know—but—but—how can we prove it?" the first speaker managed to get out. "Prove it? Prove it?" growled Butler. "You don't have to prove it. I admit it."

A noted Scotch Presbyterian minister got wet going to church in the rain. Bemoaning his damp condition to a friend, the friend replied, "Never mind the wet, doctor, you will be dry enough when you get into the pulpit."

As the railroad train was stopping, an old lady, not accustomed to travelling, hailed the passing conductor and asked, "Conductor, what door shall I get out by?" "Either door, ma'am," graciously replied the conductor. "The car stops at both ends."

"What have you in the shape of cucumbers this morning?" asked the customer of the new grocery clerk. "Nothing but bananas, ma'am," was the reply.

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