

GLEANINGS — WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Teacher: "Johnny, give an example of a hypocrite." Johnny: "A boy wot comes t' school wid a smile on his face."

Margaret (to young brother, coaxingly). "O Willie, are you an angel?" Willie: "Not if it's anything upstairs."

According to the statement of the ten-year-old daughter of a Massachusetts clergyman, there are ways of making an old sermon seem almost new. "Molly," said one of the friends of this young critic, "does your father ever preach the same sermon twice?" "I think perhaps he does," returned Molly, cautiously. "But I think he talks loud and soft in different places the second time, so it doesn't sound the same at all."

a breeder of superior collie dogs; and Queen Victoria expressed a wish to possess one. Accordingly, Mr. Elliott forwarded two beautiful dogs; and her Majesty was so enraptured that she gave orders he should immediately be taken up to the castle. Mr. Elliott was somewhat uneasy in the presence of royalty. When he was ushered into the presence of the queen, her Majesty shook hands with him and said, "O Mr. Elliott, I have to thank you for the two beautiful collies you sent me!" To this gracious remark Mr. Elliott replied: "Touts, touts, wumman! haud yer tongue! What's the matter o' a pair o' dowgs between you and me?"

Sentimental Young Lady: "Ah, Professor! what would this old oak say if it could talk?" Professor: "It would say, 'I am an elm.'"

Bason: "I see they have put a soundingboard at the back of the minister's pulpit. What do you suppose that's for?" Egbert: "Why, it's to throw out the sound." Bason: "Gracious! If you throw out the sound, there won't be anything left in the sermon."

A prisoner at the sessions had been duly convicted of theft, when it was seen, on "proving previous convictions," that he had actually been in prison at the time the theft was committed. "Why didn't you say so?" asked the judge of the prisoner angrily. "Your lordship, I was afraid of prejudicing the jury against me."

The difference between ancient and modern slang was amusingly illustrated in the Chautauqua Assembly, when the teacher of Eng. literature asked "What is the meaning of the Shakespearean phrase, 'Go to?'" and a member of the class replied, "Oh, that is only the sixteenth century expression of the modern term, 'Come off!'" The two phrases while apparently opposite, do, in fact, substantially mean the same thing.—Chicago Chronicle.

A wealthy Irish lady, whose summer home is situated near a garrison town in Ireland, once sent an invitation to Capt. Armstrong to take tea with her, saying, "that the pleasure of Capt. Armstrong's company is respectfully requested," etc. To her astonishment she received by an orderly the following note: "Enlisted men Jones and Smith have been detailed to do guard duty, but the remainder of Capt. Armstrong's company accept with pleasure Mrs. Weyl's polite invitation."

"Professor," she said, "do tell me the name of some good piece of classical music for the piano! I am so tired of hearing my daughters play what everydody else plays." "Well, madam," responded the "lion" of the evening, "suppose you try—let me see—'Rolfe's Opus 97.'" "I am glad you mentioned that, professor," she rejoined with enthusiasm. "If there is anything in the world I am fond of, it is opuses!"—Youth's Companion.

An English rector preached a severe sermon on the eternal fate of the wicked. Meeting one day an old woman who was noted for gossiping he said: "I hope my sermon has borne fruit in your mind. You heard what I said about that place where there shall be walling and gnashing of teeth?" "Well, as to that," answered the dame, "if I 'as anything to say, it be this: 'Let them gnash their teeth as 'as 'em,—I ain't!'"

It is worth reviving, that sweet little story of one of the princely grandsons who asked Queen Victoria for a sovereign and received instead a lecture against extravagance in the royal handwriting. The boy politely thanked her: "Dearest Grandmamma,— I received your letter, and hope you will not think I was disappointed because you could not send me any money. It was very kind of you to give me good advice. I sold your letter for 4 pounds 10s."

An Austrian officer observed to a guest staying in the same country house: "Ah, you are fond of solitary walks. So am I. Let us take a walk together."

First Mother (reading letter from son at college)—"Henry's letters always send me to the dictionary." Second Mother (resignedly)—"That's nothing; Jack's always send me to the bank!"

Native to Stranger: "We have always an east wind here." Stranger: "But the wind is now right from the west." Native: "Oh, that's the east wind coming back, you know!" Stranger: "Ah!"

The vicar visited a school where Bible instruction was a part of the daily lessons, and in order to test the scholars' knowledge asked the question:—"What sin did Adam commit?" "He ate forbidden fruit," was the reply. "Right. What tempted Adam?" "Eve." "Not really Eve, punished?" After a little hesitation an eight year old girl put up her hand and said—"Please, sir, I know." "Well, tell us. How was Adam punished?" "Please, sir, he had to marry Eve."

An Irish peasant journeyed to the nearest town to buy himself a pair of new boots, and having taken advantage of the occasion to imbibe a fairly liberal supply of spirits started homeward, but soon fell asleep on the road, where he was relieved of his new boots by a passing thief. About an hour afterwards a cart came along, and the carter, arousing him, called out, "Take those legs of yours out of the way can't you?" The Irishman staggered to his feet, and regarding his legs, gravely, said, "Those legs aren't mine; mine had new boots on"

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