

Tit-Bits.

WASTED. Miss Topnot—Isn't it too bad about this book? Miss Panhandle—Why, what is the matter?

HE MIGHT HAVE KNOWN. Cholly, the idiot, told Ethel that he loved her so he wished there were two of her.

SHADES OF MEANING. The Growler—Confound these newspapers! Why can't they say a man was paralyzed instead of stricken with paralysis?

HIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT. You admit, said the Judge, severely that you married these two women? I did, said the unabashed bigamist. They are my better two-thirds.

HOW TO TELL IT. Have you ever read the article on how to tell a bad egg? No, I haven't; but my advice would be, if you have anything important to tell a bad egg, why break it gently.

AN UNGALLANT REPLY. She—Did you know that I am an actress now? Why, no. All I heard was that you had gone on the stage.

A SUCKER. I went a-fishing with Dorothy. One May day, sweet and fair, I caught nought, but she caught me in the meshes of her hair.

IN THE DARK. Wife, ominously—I know where you were last night, sir! Husband, irritably—Then why don't you tell me? Can't you see I'm in no mood to be kept in suspense?

NOT QUITE SURE. Do you think bachelors ought to be taxed some one asked. I'm not quite sure yet, she answered dreamily. Give me another week and maybe I'll be able to land him without any outside help.

LABOR LOST. Young Hardhead—I don't see why I am not invited to parties oftener. I am sure I always behave like a gentleman. Young Lighthead—That's the trouble. You are so very gentlemanly that the girls think you stupid.

A PLEASANT THOUGHT. Clara—I tried to console Sadie for the loss of her front tooth. Maud—What did you say? I told her I didn't think it would make the slightest difference.

NO DIFFERENCE. These eggs are not so good as the ones you sent last week. They ought to be, mum. They're out of the same crate.

THE RIVAL BELLES. He—I really believe Miss Highput tried to cut us. She, rival belle—if she had tried she would have succeeded. Did you ever see such a hatchet-face?

OUR LITTLE FAITH. Mrs. Blinks—Dear me, it's raining. How am I to get this letter mailed? Friend—Hand it to the letter carrier. Mrs. Blinks—Huh! He'd forget all about it. He's a man.

A STRANGER PRESENT. Struggling Minister—There was a stranger in church to-day. Wife—What did he look like? I did not see him. Then how do you know there was a stranger among the congregation? I found a good quarter in the contribution box.

THE HEATHEN CHINEE. Mrs. De Fashion—What perfectly horrible creatures the Chinese are! I am told that in China the men actually buy their wives. Mrs. De Style—Yes, isn't it horrible? By the way, when is your daughter to marry Mr. Bullion? Mrs. De Fashion—Just as soon as she recovers from this last attack of gout.

LIKELY ENOUGH. Magistrate—You are accused of breaking into a house and— Prisoner—it was all an accident, judge. I just felt a sort of tired-like, an' I leaned agin the wall for a rest, an' I fell in, an' I tumbled through the hole. Magistrate—Nonsense! The idea of a side of a house falling in with only a man's weight resting against it. Prisoner—Please remember, judge, it was one of these ere suburban houses, an' sold on installments. Magistrate—Oh! You may go.

HAD OBSERVED IT. There had been a brilliant company at the home of a society leader, a woman whose husband, while a very worthy man, was noted rather for his mental attainments. Well, Abner, she said, after the last doctor had gone and they had sat down to talk it over, it was a complete success, wasn't it? Sure, replied the husband. Did you notice Professor Muchman? He was the man with the handkerchief round his neck, wasn't he?

Yes. You heard him talk, didn't you? Oh yes, I heard him. What an astonishing vocabulary he had! Well, that may be what it is, said Abner, doubtfully, but from the way he had held his head I should judge it was a carbuncle.

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