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His Title to Immortality.

First Sweet Debutante at the Ball—
“Hush, Muriel! Here comes Van Saccharine! I must have on my very best smile if he should happen to approach us.”

Second S.D.—“Who is he, Maude? Some foreign Count or you would not be so crazy about him.”

First S. D. (indignantly)—“Indeed! Van Saccharine is no foreign Count. He is something immensely superior to your aristocratic duds or ordinary genuises. He is the inventor of the new Ecstatic Blas Chewing Gum, which makes your mouth water to get a taste of it. That is a man who is going to leave his foot-prints on the sands of time, and don’t you forget it!”

Consummate Cheek.

An engine-driver on a line that shall be nameless having been discharged, applied to be reinstated. “You were dismissed,” said the superintendent, austere, “for letting your train come twice into collision.” “The very reason,” said the other, interrupting him, “why I ask to be restored.” “Why so?” “Why, sir, if I had any doubts before as to whether two trains can pass each other on the same track I am now entirely satisfied. I have tried it twice, sir, and it can’t be done, and I am not likely to try it again.”

He Took the Hint.

Willie A. and Maggie B. had been busy courting for over two years, meeting every Wednesday night in Hope Street, Glasgow. About a fortnight ago Willie, in parting with his beloved, made the usual remark—“I’ll meet ye in Hope Street next Wednesday night. Mind, and be punctual.” “Deed ay, Willie lad,” replied Meg, with a merry twinkle in her eyes, “we ha’ met a lang time noo in Hope Street, and I was just thinking that it was night time we were shifting our trying place a street farther along. What wud ye say to Union Street?” Willie has taken the hint, and the invitations are out.

A Point Well Taken.

He was seated at the other side of the room. “George,” she said, “if a fire were suddenly to break out in the house what would be your first impulse, do you think?”

“Well, my first thought would be for you of course. I would get you to a place of safety, and then do what I could do to extinguish the flames.”

“That would be very nice of you, George, to think of me first; but if a fire were to break out now, for instance, wouldn’t you lose valuable time in reaching me from away across the room?”

“I don’t know but what I would,” said George, as he changed his seat.

Too Old for Capers.

Miss Giddypinster (coquettishly)—“Dear Mr. Timid, don’t you like mutton with capers?”

Mr. Timid (who has been trying in vain to cut his meat for the last ten minutes)—“Yes, when they are properly mated; but my mutton is too old for capers.”

What They Objected To.

There are some plain-spoken people in the Eastern States, vide the following excerpt from the advertising columns of a Boston paper. Wanted—A really plain, but experienced and efficient governess for three girls, eldest 16. Music, French, and German required. Brilliance of conversation, fascination of manner and symmetry of form, objected to, as the father is much at home, and there are grown-up sons. Address MATE, Post-office, Newburyport, Mass.

Music Under Difficulty.

“Hasn’t that young man gone yet, Clara?” impatiently asked the old man from up stairs. “If he doesn’t start soon he’ll find the parlor ceiling giving way.”

“He’s going in a moment, pa, just as soon as I finish singing ‘I’m Going to be Married, ha, ha, Mamma.’”

“I don’t hear any singing,” growled the old man.

“No, papa, I’m singing it in a low soft tone for fear of rousing the dog.”

The Only Thing Left.

First Society Man (yawning)—“What time is it?”

Second Society Man (stretching)—“Nine o’clock.”

“Too late for the theatre.”

“Yes.”

“Too early to go to bed.”

“Yes.”

“I’m too sleepy to read or talk.”

“So am I. Too tired to think.”

“Well, as we neither of us seem good for anything else let’s dress up and go to Mrs. Westend’s party.”

A Good Answer.

The following incident from the recent tour of the German Emperor in Italy is vouches for as an actual occurrence:—Italian (told off to receive the Emperor at a station and pushed aside by a big German) —“A little patience, sir, if you please.” German—“I am Count Herbert Bismarck.” Italian—“The excuse is insufficient; the explanation is ample.”

Young Folks' Department.

Little Orphant Annie.

Little orphan Annie’s come to our house to stay.
An’ wash the cup an’ saucer up, an’ brush
the crumbs away.
An’ shoo’ the chickens off the porch, an’ dust
the hearth, an’ sweep.
An’ make the fire, an’ bake the bread an’
earn her board an’ keep:
An’ all the other children when the supper
thing is done, we set around the kitchen fire an’ has the
mostest fun.
An’ list’nin’ to the witch tales at Annie tells
about;
An’ the gobble-uns ‘at git you
If you
Don’t
Watch
Out!

One’t they was a little boy wouldn’t say his
prayer;
An’ when he went to bed ‘at night, away up
stair,
His mammy heard him holler, and his daddy
heared him bawl,
An’ when they turn’t the kivvers down, he
wasn’t there at all!
An’ they seeked him in the rafter room, and
cubby hole, an’ press,
An’ seeked him up the chimby fluean’ ever’
whereas, I guess,
But all they ever found was thist his pants
an’ roundabout!
An’ the gobble-uns ‘ll git you
If you
Don’t
Watch
Out!

An’ one time a little girl ‘ud allus laugh an’
grin,
An’ make fun of ever’ one an’ all her blood
an’ kin;
An’ onc’d when they was company an’ ole
folks was there,
She mocked ‘em an’ shocked ‘em, an’ said
she didn’t care!
An’ thist as she kicked her heels, an’ turn’t
to run and hide.
They was two great big Black Things a
standin’ by her side,
An’ they snatched her though the ceilin’
fore she knewed what she’s about!
An’ the gobble-uns ‘ll git you
If you
Don’t
Watch
Out!

An’ little orphant Annie says, when the
blaze is blue,
An’ the lampwick sputters, an’ the wind
goes woo-oo!
An’ you hear the crickets quit, an’ the moon
is gray,
An’ the lightnin’ bugs in dew is all squenched away,
You better mind yer parents, an’ yer teach-
ers fond an’ dear,
An’ cherish them ‘t loves you, an’ dry the
orphant’s tear,
An’ he’p the pore an’ needy ones’out clusters
all about,
Er the gobble-uns ‘ll git you
If you
Don’t
Watch
Out!

—[James Whitcomb Riley.]

In School.

BY SYDNEY DAYRE.

Are you doing your best at school,
Elsie?” asked her mother.

“Well, I don’t believe I exactly am,
mamma,” said the little girl, half laughing,
half soberly. “You see, there are so many
girls there.”

“Yes, but they all go there to study,
don’t they?”

“I suppose so,” said Elsie, slowly, as if
there might be some doubt in the matter.

“But Lulu Grant and Annie Hill do so
many funny things behind their desks, I
can’t help laughing when I see them.”

“But if you were busy with your studies
you would not see them.”

“No, but I like to look. And then some-
times we have to write notes to each other
about going to the woods, or going to see
each other after school. And sometimes we
pass round candy, when the teacher
isn’t looking, and eat it.”

“Can’t that all be done out of school?”

“Yes, of course, mamma, but all the girls
do it.”

“Are you sure of that?”

“Well, I mean almost all. Hattie Grey
never does. She and Mary Henderson and
few of the other girls study away just as
if they were big girls. I threw a bit of
candy at Hattie the other day, but she
wouldn’t raise her head, and it rolled out
of her lap and fell on the floor. Miss Roy
saw it and she asked about it and gave me
a bad mark.”

“I wish you were more like Hattie, my
daughter.”

“O, mamma, I’m going to study hard
when I am older.”

“If you do not begin forming habits of
faithful industry while you are a child,
you may be very sure they will never come
to you when you are older.”

“Well, mamma,” said Elsie, fretfully.

“I’m sure I should do better if you would
send me to Miss Carr’s school. She always
gives prizes and the girls there study like
everything to try to get them.”

“I am sending you to what I think the
best place for you, Elsie,” said her mother,
soberly. “You are sent there to learn what
will be of use to you for your whole life. If
you do well what you are expected to do,
you will grow into a wise woman, able to do
whatever duties the Lord may send you. But
if you spend the best part of your life in
trifling, you will be worth very little. Tell
me, dear, do you think that some small prize
or even the gratification of winning it, would
be equal to the pleasure you ought to take in
feeling that you are doing your best, that you
are pleasing God and your father, and moth-
er?”

“No, mamma, I really don’t,” said Elsie,
kissing her, “and I’m going to try to do bet-
ter.”

She really did mean it, and for a day or
two kept her eyes resolutely on her book,

in spite of notes thrown by Lulu Grant and
a tempting bunch of grapes held up by Anne
Hill. But she found, as so many of us do,
that a bad habit once formed is not easily

rooted out, and the foolish little lassie quiet-
ed her conscience by saying to herself: “It
is almost the end of this term. Next term
I’m going to begin right and keep it up.”

SCIENTIFIC AND USEFUL.

A ray of light travels 11,169,000 miles in
a minute.

Leominster, Mass., is likely to have both

electric lights and an electric railway.

Robert Stevenson, of Glasgow, Scotland,

claims the honor of an invention which will

give ocean ships a speed of forty knots an-

hour.

Steam issuing from a pipe or hose under a

pressure of ninety pounds per square inch

travels at a velocity of about 1,930 feet per

second.

According to Prof. Thompson, with wires

near the earth electricity travels with only

about one-half the velocity that it does on

wires with a very high altitude.

Meares, Moore and Lyon, two Danbury,

Conn. engineers, have invented an apparatus

by which all the cars of a train can be heat-

ed by hot air direct from the locomotive.

Southbridge, Mass., has the largest specta-

cle factory in the world, the products of the

institution last year having been over 1,600,

000 pairs of gold-bowed spectacles and eye-

glasses.

Germany claims to have the fastest ar-

mored cruiser in the world. It is the

“Giel,” of two thousand four hundred horse

power. She attained a speed of twenty-

three knots.

The English are making use of electric

lights in their operations at Suakun. The

value of electric lights in warfare is becom-

ing well recognized, and is emphasized by

their employment in Africa.

Asbestos clothing has been put to use by

the firemen in Paris and it proved to be a

good protection against the heat. It is

said that this kind of clothing will soon be

adopted by the firemen of London.

The statement is made that aluminum has

been successfully manufactured from Ken-

tucky clay. A plant was erected at New-

port capable of turning out a ton a day at an

approximate cost of \$4. The price of

aluminum is now \$6 per pound.

The report of Electrical Control of New

York city shows that 4,500 miles of tele-

graph, telephone and electric light wires

have been put underground, but in spite of

this there are to-day more overhead conduct-

tors than there were a year ago.

Experiments on the relative advantages

of different covering material for steam-

pipes, recently made at St. Denis, proved

waste silk the most effectual of all non-

conducting compositions; and it is stated

that notwithstanding its high price this

material is greatly used.

Acids in lubricating oil may be detected

by analysis in a laboratory, or by putting

the sample to be tested in a clear glass bottle

with a copper wire running down through

the cork, air tight; stand the whole in a

sunny place for two or three weeks, and

then, on removal, if verdigris or green rust

appears on the copper, an acid is in the oil.

Rochester, N.Y., capitalists interest-