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The growth of the Christian Endeavor societies, whose eighteenth international convention has been held in Detroit, is without precedent in the history of church work. In 1882 the few societies then in existence had 481 members, and in 1883 the number enrolled had advanced to 2870. Then the membership increased from 8905 in 1884 to 11,000 in 1885, to 50,000 in 1886, to 140,000 in 1887, to 300,000 in 1888, to 500,000 in 1889, to 600,000 in 1890, until now it has 55,813 societies and a total membership of more than 8,500,000. These figures prove conclusively that this movement has been directed by masters of organization and leadership, that its purposes have appealed to the popular heart with irresistible force, and that it is destined to a still greater growth and larger usefulness.

At the Tuberculosis Congress which recently assembled in Berlin the praise of soap was sung in the leading languages of the world. Scarlet fever, diphtheria and measles could be forever eliminated if only perfect cleanliness were enforced for a single generation, officially declared a British scientific commission. Soap has removed the horrors of cholera, typhus, smallpox and other pestilences. Never was the phrase "cleanliness is next to godliness" so conspicuously the cry of the civilized world as it is to-day, and the greatest reformer of the end of the century in soap.

A capital of \$50,000,000 is now engaged and 50,000 people are employed in the various clipping bureaus of the world. The business consists in making and distributing newspaper clippings among those whom they concern. This is a very clear indication that a great many individuals take a deep interest in themselves.

JOKERS' BUDGET.

His Pleasant Outing.

I walk abroad with radiant face,
I drink the mellowed air,
I smile at Nature's winsome grace
And all her beauties rare.

What is it smoothes my usual frown
And bids the blues to go?
I've left my creditors in town—
They can't afford to go.

—New York World.

Quite Apparent.

Mattie—I want you to know I don't stand on trifles.

Helen (glancing at her feet)—No, dear; I see you don't.—Chicago News.

A Sure Way.

"I am just thinking how I can encourage my boy to cut out a name for himself."

"Give him a sharp knife and a school desk."—Chicago News.

Pleasing Qualities in Men.

"Which suitor are you going to accept, Clarissa?"

"I can't decide, to save me, ma, which I like best—Harry is so timid, and Jack is so persistent."—Puck.

His Good Reason.

Tom—I guess I'll resign my position with you, sir.

His Employer—But why do you want to do that when you are about to be married?

Tom—Because it's your daughter that I'm about to be married to.

Will Be the Master.

Miss Passe—I'll feel sorry for the man who marries that horrid Miss Ginger. She's got a will of her own.

Miss Pert—Oh, you needn't waste sympathy. She's engaged to a lawyer, and it'll be strange if he can't break it.—Philadelphia Record.

A Dead Loss.

Friend—I presume you physicians learn to look upon death quite calmly.

Doctor—No, we can never do that. You see, there is no more money to be got from a patient after he is dead.—New York Journal.

Compulsory Art Injustice.

A Visitor—How fond your husband must be of having his portrait painted?

Doctor's Wife—No—he hates it; but those eleven pictures of him you see were made by grateful patients who couldn't pay their bills.—Detroit Free Press.

Putting On Airs.

Her Particular oYung Man—Why, you don't seem to have any appetite, Miss Edith!

Her Brother—Oh, ain't she, though! You should have seen her at breakfast this morning wolfing up the cold sausages.—Ally Sloper.

She Is Willing To Be.

If a girl says she is to be married "in a year or two," it means there is nothing definite; she has not yet landed him.—Atchison Globe.

Following the Advice.

"Hannah," exclaimed the mistress, "what do you mean by putting all your money into mackintoshes, galoshes and umbrellas?"

"Wasn't it yer own advice, mum, that I put away all I could fur a rainy day, mum?"—Detroit Free Press.

Simply Unaccountable.

Mother—What! he says you make him sick? That is both brutal and vulgar.

Daughter—Yes; and I haven't cooked him anything but chafotte-russes and cream puffs and jelly tarts ever since we were married.—Judge.

Retiring.

First Reporter—I've begun this political statement by saying that it is on the authority of a person of the first importance.

Second Reporter—Why not give his name?

First Reporter—I'm too modest.—Puck.

The Inadequacy of Statistics.

"To prove my love," he cried desperately, "let me tell you during how many weeks I have scarcely closed my eyes in sleep, during how many days I have eaten only—"

Here, with an imperious gesture, she waved him to silence.

"Statistics prove nothing!" she said.

Ah, but what a cold dictum! It was like an icicle plunged into his throbbing heart!—Detroit Journal.

Like Its Father.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torbins, "the baby is trying to talk again. 'It's wonderful how he takes after you!'"

"What was he talking about?"

"I think it must have been politics. He started very calmly, but in a few minutes he was as angry and red in the face as he could be."

Injustice.

"It's an unmitigated libel," exclaimed the Filipino.

"What's the matter?"

"This writer says we have a lazy climate. 'I'll leave it to any unprejudiced thermometer maker and germ expert to decide if we haven't one of the most industrious climates in the entire gazetteer.'"—Washington Star.

A Query.

"I should think the fire-fly would get tired lighting his lamps every minute," said little Harry.

"But he doesn't—he's very patient and persistent," replied Harry's mother.

"That may be, mamma," said little Harry, "but where does he carry all his matches?"—Harper's Bazar.

What He Has Done.

"I don't care what you say about his business methods, he has done a lot for the poorer classes."

"You bet he has. If it weren't for him the poorer class would be a whole lot smaller."—Indianapolis Journal.

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