

### Something Like A Prayer.

Not very long ago a party of women crusaders visited the establishment of a well-known dealer in "Wet Goods" and tried by praying to induce the proprietor to close his place of business. The genial proprietor invited the ladies to seats and asked them to pray, and then offered himself the following prayer:

"Almighty Creator in heaven! Thou who hast made the heaven and the earth, and created man in thine own image as ruler of this earth! Whilst animals are living on grass and water, Thou didst teach thy servant Noah to make wine, and Thou didst not punish him for making intemperate use of it. At the wedding of Cana, thine only son, Jesus Christ, transformed water into wine, when the juice of the grape was exhausted, that the enjoyment of the guests might not be disturbed. The great reformer, Martin Luther, said: "He who does not love wine, women and song, remains a fool all his life long." And all the great men upon this earth have been drinking of the wine thou hast given thy children upon this earth. O Lord! we pray thee, have pity upon these women here, who are not grateful for thy gifts; who want to make thy children like the beasts of the field, and compel them to drink water like an ox, while they dress extravagantly, and lead their husbands by other extravagances, not tending to our wellbeing to bankruptcy, depriving them of all pleasures of this world; yea, driving them to suicide.

"O Lord, have mercy upon these ladies; look upon them; they wear not even the colour of the face that thou hast given them, but they are sinning against thee, and not content with nature, paint their faces. O Lord! thou canst also perceive that their figure is not as thou hast made it; but they wear humps upon their backs like camels. O Lord! thou seest that their head-dress consists of false hair, and when they open their mouths, thou seest their false teeth. O Lord! these women want men who will patiently accept all this without a murmur, without using the power thou hast given to man, that all women should be subject to man. They will not bear the burden of married life, and obey thy command to multiply and replenish the earth, but they are too lazy to raise their children; and O Lord! thou knowest the crimes they commit. O Lord! have mercy upon them, and take them back into thy bosom; take folly out of their hearts, give them common sense, that they may see their own foolishness; and grant that they may become good and worthy citizens of our beloved town of Woodstock. O Lord! we thank thee for all blessings bestowed upon us, and ask thee to deliver us from all evils, especially hypocritical women, and thine shall be the praise for ever and ever. Amen.

### Only A Banana Peel,

"What trivial matters will sometimes change a man's whole career," remarks Thomas J. Sanders, of Chatsworth, N. Y. "I owe my good fortune in life to a banana peeling. Twelve years ago I was in Chicago, about stranded, out of employment and well-nigh desperate. An old gentleman a step in advance of me slipped on a banana peeling and fell heavily. I rushed to his assistance and partially broke his fall, but he sustained a sprained ankle and was rendered unconscious by his head striking the pavement. I got him some water and a stimulant and when he revived I ordered a carriage and drove with him to his hotel, and there I assisted him to his room. He was very grateful and invited me to call next day. I did so, and, to make a long story short, I was taken into his employ as private secretary. Well, in course of time I became of such use to him that I became a member of his firm. To complete the story you will expect me to say that I married his daughter. Well, he had none. But I married his niece and have often blessed the, to me, fortunate accident of his fall in the street of Chicago."

The other day a man was driving into Woodstock with a load of potatoes, put up in bags to retail to private purchasers. On reaching the town he became aware of the fact that he had lost a bag of the potatoes off his waggon, thinking it was useless to go back and search for them; he seemed to feel the loss very keenly until he suddenly realized that there was a bright side to it. Then his face put on a smile and he chuckled: "Come to think of it, it was one of them two-bushel bags which didn't have but a bushel and a half in, and whoever finds it will get swindled out of a half-bushel at least."

The idle dollar is very apt to go to the bad.

### PHUNNIOSITIES.

A hen is a very superior creature, but she can't lay a foundation stone for the Forester's Hall. The hen is not to be despised for that little shortcoming. Man, also a two-legged animal; though he can lay a wager, yet he can't lay an egg. We have noticed that it requires an extraordinary hen to lay two good eggs a day and a superior one to lay fresh eggs, at the low prices they fetch.

NEAR ENOUGH—FOR HER.—Somebody mentioned in Mrs. R.'s hearing that new light had very recently been thrown on Bacteria. "Ah!" observed our old friend thoughtfully, "the doctors do invent strange names nowadays. I suppose this 'Bacterya' as they call it is only a new name for the Lumbago."

PURIFYING THE SYSTEM.—"Can't eat, can't yer? I was took the same way myself a year ago last Christmas, could no' touch a bite or sup save consecrated beef-tea. And look at Oi now! all ye want is just a dose of physic, to putrify your cistern."

Old Lady: My friend are you a christian? Beggar: Well, mum, no one has ever accused me of workin' on Sunday.

Teacher: What have the expeditions to the North Pole accomplished?

Dull Boy: Made g'ography very much harder to learn.

A Detroit nimrod went off up the country not long ago on a hunt and took a boy with him. The boy accompanied the hunter all the first day in the field and by night his employer noticed that he was pretty badly rattled. The next morning when he was ready to start out again the boy was not to be found anywhere. Search was made and on a table in his room this note was found:

Mr. Blank—dear sur:

I have gone to detroit to git mi life insured. hire another boy till i git back.

Yours trooly, BILLIE.

The gentleman endeavoured to destroy the note ere it was too late, but failed.

### New Arrivals.

A new son and heir arrived on the 2nd, inst. at the home of Mr. James Lyon, of Glassville. The happy parents are receiving the congratulations of their many friends and acquaintances, on this very important domestic event.

The June bug has arrived and is bobbing up against people with all the familiarity of an old acquaintance.

### Recent Departure.

Mr. James Elliot of Rutherglen, one of the old settlers; departed this life on the 1st. inst., after a lengthened illness. He was one of the early pioneers; having arrived in the settlement in 1861, from the Old Country. His funeral which took place in the Glassville cemetery, on the 3rd. inst., was largely attended by his old fellow settlers; as well as by a numerous family, left to mourn their loss.

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