

PROGRESS PICKINGS.

Dasher—"I hope you don't object to my smoking?" Rev. Mr. Mylde—"N-not in the least, if you don't object to my being sick."

Mrs. Bright—"My dear, can you tell me what the Knight of the Bath is?" Mr. Bright—"Why, Saturday, of course. What a question!"—Harvard Lampoon.

"From a financial point of view, is your profession a success?" she asked the pianist. "Well, it ought to be," he replied, "for I have handled thousands of notes and never had one go to protest."—Ex.

Alderman Dinkelspiel—"Vot you tink, Moriarty, about de complexion of de new poard?" Alderman Moriarty—"There's a don't American in it by the name of Johnson. I like it in other respects."—Life.

She—"That was such a funny story you told me yesterday about a donkey, Mr. Griggs?" He—"Do you think so?" She—"Yes, indeed! After this, when ever I see a donkey, it will remind me of you!"—Ex.

Mrs. Hanover (on boarding-house table)—"You don't seem to like your steak, Mr. Skyparlor. Mr. Skyparlor (ceasing his struggles)—"Well, the fact is, it doesn't seem to like me; at least, I can't produce any impression on it."

Not room for much—Mrs. Tangle—"Do you think there's anything between young Henderson and our Clara?" Mr. Tangle—"There can't be much between them—they're sitting so close together on the sofa in the back parlor."

A strong-minded female once wrote with a diamond upon a window her determination never to marry. A gentleman, after reading it, added the following:—The lady whose resolve these words betoken. Wrote them on glass to show it may be broken.—Ex.

"It's strange how time reverses things, isn't it?" "Yes, I suppose so." "Miss Kiddie, whom we just passed, was three or four years older than me when we went to school together. Now, I find I am three or four years older than she is."—Life.

Policeman—"This man is an impostor, sir. He pretended to be lame and was getting aims from the public. Justice—But, officer, the man is lame. His limp is too real to be assumed. Policeman—"It is now, your honor. I hit him a clip that's gave him something to limp for."—Puck.

She was a maid of high degree, And quite severely proper, Each man she met, so proud was she, Would love, despair, then drop her, But there remained without demur, When all the rest forsook her, An amateur photographer, And finally he took her. —Life.

New Reporter—"That item about Col. Bourbon being murdered, that we printed this morning, ain't true. He's alive and well. Editor—"And what do you mean coming here and telling me?" The Reporter has a character for veracity that must be maintained. Go right off and kill him.—Philadelphia Times.

"They say Chollie's injuries were the result of a practical joke." "Yes. The boys told him that a big, burly fellow in the bar-room was deaf and dumb, and Chollie walked over to him, and with a sweet smile told him he was a blank fool." "Well?" "The man wasn't deaf and dumb."—New York Sun.

Jones—"It's the most curious case on record. Brown—Tell me about it. Jones—Well, you see, he kissed his wife in the dark, supposing it was her sister. She kissed him, supposing it was his brother. They embraced each other for ten minutes before they discovered the real state of affairs. Now they are trying to get a divorce for kissing each other."—Life.

Here is one of Lady Bulwer's droll stories of the society lady: "Who is this Dean Swift they are talking about?" she whispered to Lady Bulwer, during a pause in the conversation. "I should like to invite him to one of my receptions." "Alas, madam, the dean has done something that has shut him out of society." Dear me, what was that?" "Well, about a hundred years ago he died."—Argonaut.

Mrs. Highflyer has sent a costly silk gown to a French dyer. The dyer himself brought the dress home, and unluckily, as it happened, met the husband at the door. "Is madam within?" asked the Frenchman. The husband, who is of a jealous disposition, replied, "And suppose she is, what do you want with her?" "I'm dyeing for her, sir." "You dyeing for my wife—you dyeing?" Get out of this, you vagabond!" and a boot was just upraised to inflict punishment as the lady herself appeared on the scene, and made matters comfortable and square.—Ex.

When Irving was playing in "Faust" in New York, he made it very realistic by employing a large number of supernumeraries, who alternately appeared as angels and then as imps of darkness. One of the grand scenes is where the imps of darkness descend. At a signal from Mephisto the imps begin to scamper and get down through a trap. Many had gone down below when a big, fat fifty-cent-a-night imps started down. He was too large for the trap door and got stuck. In vain he tried to push himself down. An Irishman in the gallery leaned forward and said: "Thank God; he'll be full!"—Washington Post.

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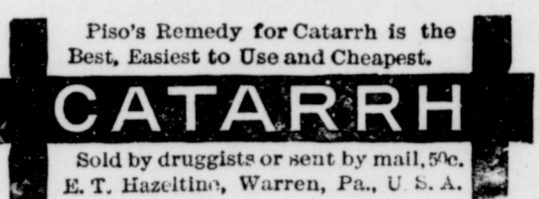
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