FLASHES OF FUN.

SHE: 'When you married me you said you were well off.'

He: 'I was, but I didn't know it." PROSPECTIVE LITIGANT: You give legal

advice here, don't you?" Lawyer (absent-mindedly): 'No. we

FOND MOTHER: 'What do you think baby will be when he grows up?' Exasperated Father: 'I don't know; town crier, likely.'

MRS. PASSAY: 'Everybody says my daughter got her beauty from me. What do you say to that ?' Mr. Witts: 'Well Ltbink it was very

unkind of her to take it from you.' Briggs: 'I didn't know that you were

Griggs: 'Near-sighted! Why, I walked right up to one of my creditors yesterday.'

'I don't like our doctor,' said Willie. 'I went and caught a cold bad enough to keep me at home from school for two weeks, and the mean old doctor cured me in less than two days.'

Alicia: 'Do you think it exactly proper for you to have the portrait of that young man on your dressing table ?"

Dorothy: 'But he is looking the other

Tibbs: 'William is in business for himself, isn't he P

Gibbs: 'For himself? Well, I should say he is in business for the benefit of an extravagant family.'

'He says he has been out with a theatrical company that had many unusual and sensational experiences.' 'Yes; I am told that all the members re-

ceived their salaries regularly.' 'Do you think Skinner can make a liv-

'Make a living! Why he'd make a living on a rock in the middle of the ocean if

there was another man on the rock.' Poetess: 'The poem I sent you Mr. Editor, contains the deepest secrets of my

Editor: 'I know it, madam, and no one shall ever find them out through me.'

'Well, Fritz, you got birched in school

'Yes, but it didn't hurt.'

'But you certainly have been crying!' 'Oh. I wanted to let the teacher have a little pleasure out of it.'

'Puffins answered an advertisment in which somebody offered to sell him the secret for preventing trousers from getting fringes round the bottom.

'What did they tell him.' 'To wear knickerbockers.'

On the brink of a creek in Ireland there is - or used to be-a little stone containing a carving of this inscription, intended to help travellers: 'When this stone is out of sight, it is not safe to ford the river.'

Billy: 'I understand you've bought a dog to keep burglars away.'

Freddy: 'Yes.'
Billy: 'You are not troubled any more at night, then, I suppose?'
Freddy: 'Only by the dog.'

Writer: 'That is a great scheme this Chicago man has of dividing up his autobiography.'

Biter: 'What is it?' Writer: 'Instead of using chapters. he divides it off under the headings, 'First wite,' 'Second wife,' 'Fourth wife.'

An excellent story was told at a charity dinner. One day a man was brought into the Accident Hospital who was thought to be dead. His wife was with him. One of the doctors said, 'He is dead,' but the man raised his head and said, 'No, I'm not dead yet,' whereupon his wife admonished him saying, 'Be quiet; the doctor ought to know best.'

'You have called regarding the situation of footman?

'Yes, my lud.'

'Was there not someone in the anteroom as you came in?"

'There was my lud; it was a man with a writ for your ludship. but I threw 'im hout.' 'You are engaged.'

'What,' said the visitor to the village of his childhood, 'what become of the one boy I hated-Willie Hawker, the sneak? In prison, no doubt—he bore that fate on 'Hush!' said the village. 'He is now

Mr. Hawker, the famous millionaire,' 'What?' cried the visitor, 'my dear school-fellow a millionaire! I must call upon him and revive the old friendship.'

Husband: 'Will you remind me that I have to write a letter this evening?' Wife: 'Yes, dear, and will you remind me of something?

Husband: 'Ot course. What is it?' Wife: 'Remind me that I have to remind you.'

'I suppose there are many problems which Polar explorers seek to solve? said the unscientific man.

'Yes,' replied the intrepid traveller, 'a great many.'

What is the most important one?' 'Getting back.'

A visitor to the British Museum reports that he saw a countryman standing before the bust of a woman in a collection of statuary. The woman was represented in the act of coiling her hair, and, as the visitor came up, the countryman was saying to himself :-

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round the churchyard, used to stop at one particular tombstone and say :-'This 'ere is the tomb of Tummas ,Ooper an' 'is eleven woives.'

On one occasion a lady said: 'Eleven ? Dear me! that's rather a lot, isn't it?" The old man looked at her gravely, and then replied: 'Well, mum, yer see, it war an 'obby of is'n.'

'John,' exclaimed Mrs. Hyster, in a hoarse whisper, 'there are burglars in this house, or else the water-pipes are burst-

Mr. Hyster turned over and said: 'Well you can find out which it is, and then I'll see what I can do about it.' A moment later Mrs. Hyster exclaimed:

John, I am sure there are burglars in the house! Get up!

'What!' he asked, 'would you have me go for the police, and leave you here to fight them alone? Never! I shall stay here in this bed and protect you to the bitter end!

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LUST A LEG AND WON A WIFE.

A Romance Not of This War but of the One Next and Previous to It.

A somewhat belated romance of the civil war is that of Capt. Thomas H Culp, of Perry's Florida brigade, a South Carolinian who happened to be in the malarial peninsula when the flag on Fort sumpter was fired on, and in that way explains why he was not in a South Carolina command under the stars and bars.

As will be recalled, Perry's brigade, after distinguishing itself at Chickamauga and other places in the West, went to Virginia and did a full share of the hard fighting that the Army of the Potomac had to do from then until the end of the war. It was in one of the battles around Richmond that the first act opened.

Capt. Culp, while leading his company in a charge on the enemy, who were strongly posted behind some improvised breastworks, was shot to the ground and woke the next morning to find that his lett leg had been amputated below the knee. The strangest part of it, however, was that at the same time he tell five of his men fell around him, each and every one of whom lost a leg. The unpleasant coincidence was commented upon extensively in the army at the time, but, like a great many other things that happened in that stirring period, was soon forgotten and passed out of the minds of men.

Unfitted for a soldier, Capt. Culp returned to his old home in South Carolina and began life anew, after the war closed, as a country merchant. These were the flush times that there is so much talk about and he prospered as he deserved, and in the course of time managed to put aside a of an old bachelor. His war comrades were all in Florida and South Georgia, and he gradually lost touch with them, as men will, and even forgot their names. He was a stanch old Confederate, however, and preserved his cap and jacket until the reunion in Richmond a couple of years ag without once having occasion to wear them. Then he concluded he would go on and hear the 'rebel yell' just once more, and in the fulness of his enthusiasm he brought out these time-stained relics of the bloody past. Thirty years of prosperity had played havoc with the slender waist of the young soldier, however, and the jacket was returned, with a sigh of regret, to its box. The cap was still available, and with half of the brim shot away, was donned

Of course, the reunion was a grand [success, and the enthusiasm highly gratifying to him, but for the first day he was fearfully distressed because he could not find one of the members of his old command. Walking was a painful process for him, and he had about exhausted his energies in the effort and seated himself on the doorstep of a handsome residence, when a weather beaten old fellow, with a veteran's badge came along and sat down by him. The Captain noticed that he limped suspicious. ly, and was not long in learning that he too was the possessor of a cork leg. This naturally led to the inquiry where he had lost its predecessor, and the reply was that it was in such and such a fight, on such and such a day. It was in the very fight in which the Captain had suffered his loss, and he stated the fact.

'Well, that's curious,' said the veteran. 'I lost mine this way: We were ordered to drive the enemy from their works on the brow of the hill, and just as we rose up out of the underbrush to make a rush my leg was shot off, right beside a big pine tree. But you won't believe it, five other

'Had their legs shot off at the same time,' said the captain excitedly, taking the words out of his mouth, 'and I was one of

That was the signal for a little reunion of their own and the proposition was made that they hire a hack and go out to see the

It was only a few miles out, and as soon as they had concluded a bargain with a hackman they made a start. When they reached the ground, however, they found everything changed, the trees cut away, and the whole place under cultivation. They managed to find an old stump, however, and united in declaring it the remains of the "big pine tree," but there was still some doubt about the matter, and they decided to apply to the occupant of a big house a short distance away for information. They found it occupied by a handsome maiden lady of 40 or thereabouts. who blushingly confessed to having lived there as a little girl during the war, and told them what she could about it. But Daily, by mail, - - - - \$6 a year the Captain seemed fascinated by the spot, and returned to it more than once before the reunion closed. Then he stayed over after everybody else had gone, and in the end came away with a promise from the maiden lady. A short time ago he returned and married her, and now lives on the identical farm where he was wounded. and in sight of the big pine stump, a few hundred yards from the Darbytown road.



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