

STAIRWAY TO GOD.

Have patience! Let the world disdain
The service of our daily needs;
Account is kept of cost and pain
By the Great Register of deeds
The soul that no low duty fears,
But bows to fate's imperious nod,
Will build by ladders through the years
A stairway reaching up to God.

JOKES OF THE DAY.

Unanswerable — Young Impecunious Swell (rather proud of his figure, and anxious to produce a great effect at forthcoming county ball — to tailor) — I say, my friend, do me a great favor; let me have this new suit by the end of the week, and I shall be for ever and ever indebted to you. Tailor — Thank you much sir; but I think on consideration, I should prefer a cheque down, even under a slight discount.—Punch.

"I have noticed that my wife becomes more amorous as the hours grow old." "Really?" "Oh, yes. Called me a pretty beauty when I came to bed this morning."—Judy.

City Note. — As a rule going in for "specs" is a very short-sighted policy. — Punch.

"Women are all a sham." "I don't deny it." "Clever women spend half their time making up their minds, frivolous women making up their bodies."—Judy.

He had tried it.—Hix — Do you consider it wrong to cheat a lawyer? Dix — Well, it may not be wrong, but it's impossible. — Sketchy Bits.

Thankful.—Big Pat (who has fallen off roof, in faint, hoarse whisper) — "Thank 'evings! I don't believe it's broke. Mick — Phat, yer head? Pat — No; the bottle o' whiskey in me trousers pocket. —Halfpenny Comic.

Undesirable — Gent — Yes, I certainly advertised for a valet, but you're as old as the hills. Applicant — Well, sir, begging your pardon, ain't valleys always as old as the hills?—Coloured Comic.

"Are you willing to share honest poverty with me, darling?" "I'm sorry, Mr. Nocsash, but I have already promised to share Mr. Millyun's wealth, and no questions asked."—Comic Cuts.

Cheap at The Price. — Wife (after violent quarrel) — I'll have the last word, though I should die for it. Husband (quietly) — You can have it, my dear, on those terms, and welcome. — Funny Cuts.

He Did Not Buy That Book! — He — Women are like books; they are only interesting till they have been read through. She — You seem only to read books out of the library.—Larks.

Kitty — My husband's sight was poor before I married him. Crissie — I thought so.—Melbourne Weekly Times.

Famous Woman Educator.

Miss Elizabeth Phillips Hughes, member of the Governing Board of the University of Wales, has just passed through Canada on her way to Japan to study educational conditions as the accredited representative of England. Miss Hughes is one of the most noted teachers England has produced, and she has held many Government appointments, among the rest being a member of the Educational Commission to the Colonial Exposition. Miss Hughes was born in Carmarthen, Wales, 50 years ago, and is entitled to wear a bright green dress, having been made a bard in 1897. She was initiated by the Mystical Druids in the ancient form and rechristened Merch Myrddyn, which means daughter of Merian. In 1884 Miss Hughes captured the honors at Cambridge in philosophy, and in 1885 took her degree in history. She is a thorough believer in co-education and woman's suffrage, and speaks enthusiastically of the municipal suffrage as enjoyed by the women of England.

Longevity in Warm Climates.

A medical authority has discovered that more people over 100 years of age are found in mild climates than

in the higher latitudes. According to the last census of the German Empire, of a population of 55,000,000 only 78 had passed the hundredth year, France, with a population of 40,000,000, has 213 centenarians. In England there are 146; in Ireland, 578, and in Scotland, 46. Sweden has 10, and Norway 23; Belgium, 5; Denmark, 2; Switzerland, none. Spain, with a population of 18,000,000, has 401 persons over 100 years of age. Of the 2,250,000 inhabitants of Serbia, 375 have passed the century mark. It is said that the oldest living person is Bruno Cotrim, born in Africa, and now living in Rio de Janeiro. He is 150 years old. A coachman in Moscow has lived for 140 years.

Whistler and the Prince

It is said that the Royal Society of British Artists never had a charter until Whistler became president. On the occasion of the first visit of the Prince of Wales, Whistler was there to welcome him. "I never heard of this place, Mr. Whistler," said the Prince, "until you called my attention to it. What is its history?" "It has none, your Royal Highness," was the quiet rejoinder. "Its history dates from today."

Nobody in England knows whether Whistler is an "art acrobat" or a "reformed genius." His house at Chelsea was the greatest curiosity. He furnished only one room besides his bedroom in the first two years of his stay, and none could tell whether it was from laziness or impecuniosity.

His business was bicycles.

A London bicycle agent, who advertises a machine by saying that it had been ridden a thousand miles a week for 12 weeks without breaking down, was speaking from the point of view of the bicycle. An intending purchaser, however, showed more interest in the condition of the rider at the end of the 12 weeks. "Oh—the rider!" was the calm reply. "He ruined his health for life." The agent was there, indisputably, to advertise the machine and not the rider. His indifference to the latter recalls the opposite attitude of the child who connected the frequent absences of her father with his recent acquisition of a new bicycle. "God wants us to be kind to animals and flowers and people," she said, meditatively. Then, after a pause, "But I'm not sure about bicycles!"

He Sat Down.

A Scottish divine was noted for his pointed and cutting sayings both in and out of the pulpit. One Sunday morning just as he was about to begin the service, the kirk door opened, and in walked a sprightly young plowman in a brand new pair of light corded trousers.

The young man was in no hurry to get to his seat, and when he did get there he stood up delicately and slowly arranged his coat-tails before sitting down. The minister had eyed him from the first and as the young man was turning round to see if there was any dust on the seat observed in an impatient voice:

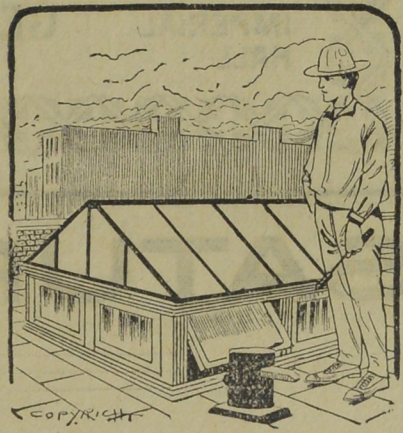
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