

Humorous Department.

A Broken Resolution.—"A man can't make a better New Year's resolution than in season and out of season to mind his own business."

The speaker was Representative Henry of Texas. With his grim smile, he resumed:

"A Texan, at a hotel, got acquainted with a millionaire. One night in the hotel lobby, as the two men puffed their cigars, the Texan said: "I make it a rule to mind my own business, sir."

"And a very good rule it is, too, said the millionaire, placidly."

"Yes, sir," the Texan went on, "back in '93 I made a New Year's resolution to mind my own business, and, by heck, I've stuck to it ever since."

"Good," said the millionaire, as he reclined in his leather arm-chair and smoked, with half closed eyes. "Good!"

"But, sir," said the Texan, "there are times when a man must speak out, and I want to tell you, sir, that you are making a terrible mistake in employing as private secretary the young fellow you do. He's not worthy of a position of such trust. The fact is, I've seen him drunk in fashionable theaters and restaurants at least a dozen times. He joy rides in your motor car in the small hours with all sorts of bad company. He's been seen plunging heavily at several gambling houses. By jingo, sir, I wouldn't trust him with a 10-cent piece. I guess you hired him out of charity—to reform him, and all that, eh?"

"Well, yes, I suppose I did," muttered the millionaire, and very red in the face, he added: "You see, he's my son."—Washington Star.

The Chauffeur Wasn't Economizing.—Wesley M. Oler, the president of the Knickerbocker Ice company, said of scientific management at a recent dinner in New York:

"Scientific management would increase every woman's profits by a thousand per cent, provided—and this is the important point—provided that the employee would go in for it as zealously as his boss."

"Would the employee take a very ardent interest in a system which would cause him to do three or four times more work than before—a system that would quadruple his employer's income without benefiting his own?"

Mr. Oler smiled.

"I'll tell you a story," he said, "a story very much to the point."

"A friend of mine was traveling through New England last month in his touring car, with his wife and two daughters. They stopped one day for luncheon at a very nice hotel, and after the meal was over my friend said to the waiter:

"Bring the bill, please. We have had sandwiches and four pieces of apple pie. Wait a minute, though. What has the chauffeur had down stairs?"

"The chauffeur, sir," replied the waiter, "has had a Parmesan omelette, a grilled brook trout, lamb cutlets and peas, an ice, a cup of black coffee, a 15-cent cigar and a pint of champagne."—New York Tribune.

The Whale's Wife.—The fire in the parlor of the Spotted Cow roared up the chimney, while the hardened fishermen boasted and wrangled over their doughy dollops. Then the tall, spare, silent man who had been listening quietly, spoke:

"Gentlemen, did it ever occur to you to wonder what finally became of the whale that swallowed Jonah?"

"What's the good of wondering about a thing like that?" said the trout fisherman, rudely. "Nothing definite is known."

"Boys," he continued, "she must have tipped the beam at—"

"Look here," the silent man interrupted again. "I know what became of that whale."

"Humph!" said the trout fisherman. "What?"

"For the rest of his life he made a bore of himself telling all the other whales he met how the biggest and heaviest man he ever caught wriggled free and got away!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Scotch Negro.—A Scotchman landed in Canada not long ago. The very first morning he walked abroad he met a coal black negro. It happened that the negro had been born in the highland district of Scotland and had spent the greater part of his life there. Naturally, he had a burr on his tongue. "Hey, mannie," said the pink Scotchman, "can ye no tall me wheer I'll find the kirk?"

The darky took him by the arm and led him to the corner. "Go richt up to yon wee house and turn to ye're richt, and gang up the hill," said he.

The fresh importation from Scotland looked at him in horror. "And ar ye from Scotland, mon?" he asked.

"R-richt ye arre," said the darky. "Aberdeen's my name."

"And hoo lang have ye been here?"

"'About twa year," said the darky.

"Lord save us and keep us," said the new arrival. "Whaur can I get the boat for Edinboro?"—Cincinnati Times Star.

A Lesson in Courtesy.—Booker T. Washington, the noted educator, said of George Washington in a recent address at Tuskegee:

"Washington, as he drove in his coach one day, was saluted by an aged colored man, who lifted his tattered cap, whereupon Washington acknowledged the salute by lifting his own hat in return."

"His companion remonstrated. Why did the great George Washington bow to the ragged black? But Washington said in his grave and stately way:

"Do you think, my friends, that I can let myself be outdone in courtesy by a poor and ignorant old negro?"

Had to Swallow Many Things.—An amusing anecdote is related of the late Hungarian statesman Tizza, who when one day dining at the Hofburg with the Austrian emperor placed a large pear upon his plate at dessert.

The emperor remarked to his minister that cold fruit after a hot dinner was injurious to the digestion.

Tizza replied, "The stomach of a Hungarian premier, your majesty, is obliged to be a strong one."

Architecturally Speaking.—"I am the architect of my own fortune," said Mr. Dustin Stax.

"Well," replied Mr. Holden Howes, "by being your own architect you're liable to get some curious effects, but you do save a lot of money on plans and specifications."—Washington Star.

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