

Humorous Department.

Devotee of Christian Science.—Dr. Hugo Munsterberg, the Harvard psychologist, was talking about Christian Science, and in the midst of a profound and brilliant analysis of Christian Science he paused to tell an anecdote.

"The children of vegetarians," he said, "loathe meat, which they call graveyard fruit; and the children of Christian Scientists are more convinced devotees than the parents themselves.

"There's a little Boston urchin named Mary, an urchin of 5 years, who is a Christian Scientist to the marrow.

"Mary fell one day and barked her shin, and, rubbing the hurt with her hand, she began to cry. Her aunt, an unbeliever, happened along at this moment.

The aunt was mindful of Mary's faith and of those contradictory tears and with a mocking smile she said: "Why, Mary, are you hurt?"

"No, I ain't hurt," sobbed the little girl, restraining her sobs as best she could.

"But, if you're not hurt, why are you crying?"

"I'm crying," said Mary, "because I'm mad."

"And what are you mad about?"

"I'm mad—boo, hoo!—wept the little girl, "because I can't feel I ain't hurt."

Future of Baseball.—"Well dear," asked the ballplayer's wife, "who won the game this afternoon?"

"We did," said the star batsman of the home team, "and I tell you I had a mighty profitable afternoon. I was at bat four times. The first time up I made a two-base hit. A little bit higher and it would have been over the fence; but as it was, it hit the elephant of the Elephant Cigarettes sign square on the right tusk, and I got \$50 for that, besides 1,000 cork-tipped cigarettes."

"Fine!"

"Yes, and the second time up I hit the fence again, this time right in the middle of the Big Red cat that advertises Bobbie's Pure Food Soup. That netted me \$15 more."—Brooklyn Times.

Did Not Take It.—Sandy MacVoy was "feeling just well," so he went to the doctor.

"What do you drink?" demanded the doctor.

"Whisky."

"How much?"

"Maybe a bottle a day."

"Do you smoke?"

"Yes."

"Well, you give up whisky and tobacco altogether."

Sandy took up his cap, and in three steps reached the door.

"Here!" called the doctor, "you have not paid for my advice!"

"Ah, no takin' it," snapped Sandy as he shut the door behind him.—Newark Star.

The Whole Truth.—Father was on the warpath and when at last he came across Willie in an odd corner of the garden the engagement commenced.

"Willie," demanded Mr. Smith, "have you eaten any of those large desert pears I left in the cupboard?"

"Pa," replied the young hopeful, "I cannot tell a lie. I have not touched one."

William senior eyed William Junior wrathfully.

"Then how is it," asked the parent, "that I found these three cores in your bedroom, and there is only one pear in the cupboard?"

"Father," said Willie, with an eye on the garden gate—"father, that's the one I didn't touch."—Answers.

The Fountain Head.—Robert Henri, the well-known artist of New York, was laughing about an art hoax that had been practiced in Paris on an American millionaire.

"Millionaires of that type are so easily hoaxed," he said. "They are so ignorant."

"I heard recently of an elderly millionaire who was taking his young wife abroad to have her portrait painted.

"But why don't you try home talent?" some one asked him.

"Oh, he answered, 'we've tried home talent in vain. Now we're going to see what the genuine old masters can do.'"—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Precious George.—"What's the idea, George?" inquired Mr. Washington.

"Why do you chop down this cherry tree? Have you anything against cherry trees?"

"No, sir."

"Maybe you are in favor of deforestation?"

"No, sir."

"Doing this for a moving picture concern?"

"By no means."

"Then, why chop down a tree?"

"I just thought of going on the stump," replied the future father of his country, and then Mr. Washington realized that George was a born statesman.—Kansas City Journal.

The Waiter's Price.—It was a banquet where a notable gathering of politicians had assembled. A certain aspiring young attorney was among the number, and as he spied an influential judge at the far end of the parlor, he called the head waiter, slipped half a dollar into his hand, and whispered: "Put me next to Judge Spink at the table."

Upon being seated, however, he found he was at the other end of the room from the judge.

He called the head waiter to explain.

"Well, sir," replied the official, "the fact is that the judge gave me a dollar to put you far from him as possible."—Lippincott's.

Favored Father.—A story is told of two Irish farmers who had not seen each other for a long time and who met at a fair. They had a lot of things to tell each other.

"Shure, it's married Ol am," said Murphy.

"You don't tell me so," said Moran.

"Fai' yes," said Murphy, "and Ol've got a fine, healthy boy, which the neighbors say is the very pictur' o' me."

Moran looked for a moment at Murphy, who was not remarkable for his good looks, and then said:

"Ah, well, what's the harm as long as the child's healthy?"—Tit-Bits.

As to Freckles.—Is it true, doctor, asked the summer girl, "that eating cucumbers will remove freckles?" "Of course," replied Dr. Kidder "in certain circumstances." "Really? What circumstances?" "Well, provided the freckles are on the cucumbers."—Tit-Bits.

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