

Humorous Department

Where the Similarity Came In.—As a back-handed slap at a well-known member of congress who is too fond of looking upon the wine when it is anointed, Mr. Dewey tells this anecdote, says the New York American.

"The member of congress was being shaved by an aged colored barber in Washington. The shop was a favorite one with the prominent men of the capital, and the old negro who presided over it often boasted that he had shaved every great statesman since the Madison administration, which may or may not have been true. The member of congress referred to was being shaved by the veteran one day when he said to the latter:

"Famous, you must have shaved many famous men?"

"Oh, yes, sah; I has indeed."

"And a great many of those famous personages must have sat in this very chair where I am sitting, eh?"

"Dat's right, sah. An' I see 'ee been a noticin' a mighty curus similarity between yo' and Daniel Webster, sah."

"You don't say!" exclaimed the highly delighted law-maker. "Is it my face?"

"Oh, no, sah. 'Taint dat."

"Is it my manner?"

"No, boss, 'taint yo' manner, nudder; hit's yo' bress!"

He Began Life Wrong.—Samuel H. Church, president of the Carnegie Institute, said at a luncheon in Pittsburgh, apropos of certain war atrocities:

"The excuse for those atrocities reminds me of the miner bridegroom."

"A young miner got married, and for the first week's housekeeping expenses he gave his wife the good round sum of one dollar."

"The girl, to his surprise, accepted the dollar cheerfully, and that week they lived abundantly enough, albeit plainly."

"So, for the second week, the miner doled out only half a dollar. Then his wife went for him. She told him that she thought of his meanness. The house reverberated with her indignation."

"The miner, in the midst of the storm, clapped on his hat and stalked out, muttering:

"I see what's the matter here. I spotted yo' first week."

The Way to Boston.—The tramp was now eleven miles from Boston, says a writer in the "outfit's" Companion. The condition of his pockets was such that there was no way for him to reach the city without further wear of his shoes. Several automobiles had rushed past him toward the city, but although he had looked at them appealingly, the drivers had made no sign that they were willing to help the footsore pedestrian.

He grew a little bitter as he put one foot up and the other foot down on the dusty road. Finally, he was halted by the driver of a car.

"Hey, there, do you know the way to Boston?"

"Yes, just follow me. I am going there."

The driver grinned. The weary tramp reached Boston in twenty minutes.

Not On the Job.—The following story, the chief actor in which is still alive, would seem to justify the term "canny," some times applied to the Scot.

An old retired fisher farmer was from time to time called on advised to insure his house against fire by a man who was familiarly known as "Sandy."

The old man, however, met the agent's advances with "Na, na!" following by what he doubtless considered a clinching argument: "My house is no likely to gang on fire, mon!"

The unexpected, however, happened, and the neighbors were astonished to see the old man, running up and down the village street, shouting:

"Whaur's that man Sandy, noo? Whaur's that insurance chap? It's terrible ye can never get a body when ye're needin' 'im!"—London Opinion.

Of Course It Was True.—Congressman Claude Kitchin was reminded of this amusing incident when the conversation turned to the trials and triumphs of love:

Some time ago a young man called at the home of the darling of his heart after several anxious minutes after he had pressed the buzz button, a maid came to the door.

"I wish to see Miss Smith," softly remarked the youth, making motions like heading for the hat rack.

"I am very sorry, sir," returned the maid, barring the way. "But Miss Smith is not in."

"Not in!" exclaimed the young man in a dismayed voice. "Are you sure?"

"Fardon me," was the reproachful response to the mail, "but you surely don't doubt her word, do you?"—Philadelphia Telegram.

He Was Thankful.—Sergeant Pitz believed in handling his men firmly. Pausing before one recruit, he eyed him sternly.

"Now, then, pull yourself together," he remarked harshly. "You're standing all wrong! Your uniform's not put on right, your buttons are dirty, and you're holding your rifle like a hayfork. Let's see if you can march."

"Right-about-face."

The recruit stood stock still, and heaved a sigh of relief.

"That's goodness," he said, with resignation. "I'm right about something, anyway!"—London Times.

If the Ladies Ruled.—Lady Judge—I'm getting tired of these requests for postponement. What's your latest excuse?

Lady Lawyer—Why, your honor we only ask you to give us another week. The fact is my client's dressmaker is ill and can't get her going-to-court gown finished until that date.

Lady Judge—Granted. Next case.—Stray Stories.

For Posterity's Sake.—"Why do you put your dolls away so carefully?" asked Aunt Myra.

"Oh," replied little Eva, "I'm keeping them for my children to play with."

"But suppose you do not have any children?" queried her aunt.

"Then," replied the little miss, "I'll give them to my grandchildren."—Chicago Tribune.

He Asked to Know.—First Juror—Young Attorney Bray made a mighty fine speech, didn't he?"

Second Juror—Eh-ya! Wonder which side he was on?—Judge.

TOLD BY LOCAL EXCHANGES

News Happenings in Neighboring Communities.

CONDENSED FOR QUICK READING

Dealing Mainly With Local Affairs of Cherokee, Cleveland, Gaston, Lancaster and Chester.

Rock Hill Record, March 29: Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Roddy and daughter, Catherine Wylie to Mr. Harry Tudor Jones. The wedding will take place in Dunbar, President of B. Johnson of Winthrop and Misses Withers, Frayser, and Prof. Thomson and Oker of the Winthrop faculty.

Prosa, Burlington, Pa., and Misses Hutchison and Poag from the city high and graded school, have returned from the meeting of the State Teachers' Association at Florence, S. C.

Mr. W. W. White who lives near Harmony, was in the city today. He has recently received a letter from his brother, Robert P. White of Council, Idaho.

He was born and reared in the Harmony section, a son of the late Henry P. White, who lived here in 1868, first settling in Arkansas and later moving to Idaho. He was 52 years of age and has two children, a son and a daughter.

Company H, Catawba Rifles, was inspected Thursday evening by Lieutenant Hunt, U. S. A., and Assistant Adjutant General J. Shapter Caldwell. The boys presented a splendid appearance and were highly complimented by the officers.

After the inspection, which was held in the city hall, which is used as an armory for the company, a dinner was served in the parlors of Commerce hall, and in addition to the military company there were a number of invited guests who participated in the social part of the evening, which were very much enjoyed.

The board of trustees of Winthrop College, which met last night, Senator T. H. Tillman and Governor Manning will be among those present.

W. M. Shaw, manager of the Davidson baseball team, spent the day at the city arranging for the Wofford-College game to be played here next Monday afternoon at the large grounds.

There was a meeting of the board of directors of the city at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Moore, Robert C. Moore of Rock Hill, S. C., the wedding to take place the latter part of April.

Gaffney Ledger, March 29: After having completed the erection of a steel bridge over Brown's Branch, between Brooks and Chesapeake, the Cherokee county changing will begin this week the erection of another steel bridge over the creek at Little Thickety Creek. The county has two more bridges to be erected after the one over Little Thickety is completed.

Five additional deacons were installed at Protesson Baptist church, Sunday, March 29.

The new deacons are: Messrs. W. T. Duncan, T. D. Daniel, J. M. Humphries, W. A. Haas and W. H. Pettit.

The friends of Mrs. Delma B. Tucker will be glad to learn that she has recently been appointed postmaster at Lowndesville, her home town, she having taken the civil service examination last August.

Funeral services over the remains of Mr. George H. Gardner, who died several days before his occurrence. He was 72 years of age, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gardner, and several children.

Following a quarrel over thirty cents worth of milk Lewis Spears, a negro, shot Tom Hames, another negro, four times with a 32 calibre pistol Saturday night. The affair occurred shortly after 10 o'clock at Zion Methodist church in the eastern part of the city, where a church festival was in progress. Hames was shot twice in the right arm and the right side and once in the left jaw.

Chester Reporter, March 29: Mrs. Lou Williams, widow of the late New York, was arrested Saturday morning at East Hinton street at 4 o'clock Friday morning after a brief illness from pneumonia and died Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the hospital.

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GALLON A MONTH LAW.

Solicitor Cooper Construes It For Sheriff Blease of Newberry.

Correspondence has been given out from the governor's office in regard to the matter discussed in a column a month ago.

The matter came up through correspondence had between Governor Blease of Newberry county, the governor having written all the sheriffs of the state, enclosing a copy of the law. In vouchsafing his co-operation, Sheriff Blease wrote that he had asked an opinion upon certain sections of the law from the solicitor of his circuit, R. A. Cooper. The solicitor replied with a categorical opinion upon the salient features of the law now in dispute.

The following questions relate to the law as asked by Sheriff