

COMPLIMENTS FOR ONE ONLY.

New York Club Woman Proves That She Has Humor by Telling a Joke on Herself.

There is one New York club woman who has a sense of humor. In fact, to be on the safe side, there are several who have a "claim" in that direction, says the Sun. But not all of them are able to sense the joke when it happens to be on them. This woman, however, has this ability and proves it by telling this story about herself:

"At one time," she says, "we had a colored butler who stayed with us for years, and who admired my husband immensely. He thought that Dr. H. was a marvel of manly beauty, as well as the embodiment of all the virtues, domestic, professional and otherwise. Of course, I quite agreed with the butler on this point, but the fact is, I sometimes pined to have him place his enthusiastic compliments around to the family, and not bestow them all on the doctor. So one morning, when Dr. H. had just left the breakfast table, and was even then to be seen, an imposing picture, as he stood on the front steps drawing on his gloves, I remarked to James:

"Dr. H. is a handsome man, isn't he?"

"Yes, ma'am! 'Deed an' he is ma'am!" with gratifying enthusiasm.

"Then, hoping to get a rise from James, I added with an absent-minded air as if I sincerely knew what I said but was just uttering my inmost thoughts:

"How in the world do you suppose that such a handsome man as Dr. H. ever happened to marry such a homely woman as I am!"

"Well, James just stopped short and rolled his eyes and shook his head as if he gave it up. Then he ejaculated: "Gawd knows, ma'am!"

HAIRPINS FOR VICTORIA.

A Christmas Present That Was Given by the Little Daughter of Emperor William.

One Christmas present which caused intense delight was received by her majesty last year from the tiny daughter of Kaiser William. It was a box of hairpins of the value of about a quarter dollar. The little princess was taken by her mother, the empress, to a shop in Berlin and told to buy grandmamma a present, and also to buy something that she wanted for herself. In order to accomplish this object the princess was given a gold piece of 20 marks value (five dollars). First, she bought herself a doll, for which she gave 19 marks. Her imperial mother did not interfere. Then she bought grandmamma's of England the hairpins for the remaining mark out of her 20, and felt proud and generous. The emperor of Austria always sends the queen of England a case or two of a certain brand of very costly, very rare Tokay, and I ought not to forget, by the way, that the German emperor follows his grandfather's example of sending his English grand-mother a case of Johannisberg, the real, genuine Johannisberg, as valuable almost as the elixir of life. The Russian emperor for the last year or two has sent the illustrious lady, who, thanks to his marriage, has now become also his grandmother, malachite and jade vases to match the magnificent malachite vase which his father, Emperor Alexander III, presented to the queen in 1887.

FOUR LIONS WEIGH A TON.

The King of Beasts is a Great Deal Heavier Than His Appearance Indicates.

"What does a lion weigh?" Those who know the look of the king of beasts best, and how small his lithe body really is, will probably come farthest from the truth. About 200 to 350 pounds is a usual estimate. But a full-grown lion will tip the scales at no less than 500 pounds. Five hundred and forty pounds is the record for an African lion. His bone is solid and heavy as ivory, says Stray Stories.

The tiger runs the lion very close. A Bengal tiger killed two years ago by an English officer scaled 320 pounds. A tiger this size has, however, considerably more muscular strength than the biggest lion.

Few people know that a grizzly bear can give points to any other carnivorous animal in point of strength. A grizzly bear weighing just four hundred and fifty pounds has been watched carrying a heifer two-thirds its own weight for two miles up the most steep and rugged mountain side, and this without pausing for one instant for rest.

The big white polar bear, though not really so dangerous a customer, is capable of performing the most extraordinary feats of strength. A polar bear has been seen to move with his paws a bowlder six men had with difficulty put in position to guard a cache of provisions.

SOCIETY IN SITKA.

Strange as It May Seem, Dress Suits Are Important Requisites at Social Functions.

That dress suits should be considered important requisites in Sitka is a somewhat startling anomaly, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The fact remains, however, that the most rigid social rules prevail. Whether it be a ball, a tea-party or a muffin struggle, evening dress is imperative. Dinner parties of ten and twelve courses are frequently on the tapis, and since none of the officials come prepared to entertain on a lavish scale, every prospective hostess borrows from her neighbors. All the day long preceding an important function a more or less intermittent procession of men, women and children and hand-carts may be seen carrying lamps and furniture, punchbowls, crockery, glass and silverware and other paraphernalia to the scene of festivity.

Everybody lives in small, cramped quarters, and when an entertainment of unusual scope is desirable a vacant store or other unoccupied building is appropriated. Sometimes the courtroom is denuded of its cumbersome furniture, the walls decorated with flags, bunches of scarlet elderberry, festoons of spruce and cedar, moss and ferns, and beheld an attractive ballroom. A guitar and concertina, or perhaps a couple of banjos and a flute, compose the more or less tuneless orchestra. Sandwiches of cucumbers or nasturtium leaves and blossoms are among the surprises of the refreshment table.

The courtroom is over the jail, and the rhythmic tread of the dancers and enlivening strains of music are vastly enjoyed by the prisoners. In fact, they look forward to these festive occasions with quite as much pleasurable anticipation as the invited guests. The courtroom is also used for divers other entertainments, the inmates of the jail drawing the line at amateur concerts. They think that they have already suffered enough, and that it is taking an unfair advantage of their limited sphere of action.

WOMEN AT MEN'S COLLEGES.

There Has Been a Large Increase in the Number of Girls Attending Yale.

Women are rapidly invading the domain of the men in college work in America as they are competing with the members of the sterner sex abroad. The large number of women students enrolled in the graduate department of Yale at the present time calls attention to a feature of academic life which is assuming larger proportions every year. It was in 1892 that the educational world was somewhat startled by the information that the corporation of Yale had decided to open its graduate department to bachelors of art without distinction of sex, and there were many forewarnings concerning the failure of such an iconoclastic departure.

During the six years that the experiment has been under way the women students have had to struggle against innumerable difficulties, but it is believed that at last they have established their position upon a permanent footing. There is hardly any member of the faculty who does not have a good word to say in their favor, and even the undergraduates are beginning to regard their presence upon the campus with indifference. The official catalogue of the present year has not yet been published, but it is known that there are, at the present time, about 40 women students at Yale, and there are not lacking those who claim that it would be impossible to find among the 2,500 members of the university 40 students who contribute more to the real scholarship of the institution, and who are regarded with greater respect by the professors under whose instruction they come.

AMERICAN GENERALS.

Two Who Are Splendid Types of the Courageous American Soldier.

We had not seen the flight of the cavalry brigade, says Frederic Remington in Harper's Monthly, because we were not at the front. We would not let it happen again. We slung our packs and most industriously plodded up the Via del Rey until we got to within halting distance of the picket position, and he said: "Now, Frederic, we will stay here. They will pull off no more flights of which we are not a party of the first part." And stay we did. If Gen. Lawton moved ahead, we went up and cultivated Lawton; but if Gen. Chaffee got ahead, we were his friends, and gathered at his mess fire. To be popular with us it was necessary to have command of the advance.

But what satisfying soldiers Lawton and Chaffee are! Both seasoned, professional military types. Lawton, big and long, forceful and with iron determination. Chaffee, who never dismounts but for a little sleep during the darkest hours of the night and whose head might have been presented to him by one of William's Norman barons. Such a head! We used to sit around and study that head. It does not belong to the period; it is remote, when the race was young and strong; and it has "warrior" sculptured in every line. It may seem trivial to you, but I must have people "look their part." That so many do not in this age is probably because men are so complicated; but "war is a primitive art," and that is the objection I had to Von Moltke, with his simple student face. He might have been anything. Chaffee is a soldier.

Mushrooms as a Vaccine.

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LOTS OF WAR WIDOWS.

Pension Report Shows Remarkable Facts in Regard to Longevity.

HOW BRADY LOST HIS MONEY.

The Bowers Celebrity Died the Day Before the Annual Vanderbilt Check Was Due.

By the death of John Brady, who choked to death on a mutton chop-let, the Bowers has lost one of its typical characters. He was known to shop and hotel keepers from Chatham square to Cooper Union. Brady bore the reputation of an honest man who loved horses and revelled in races, who thought the Vanderbilts "up to the limit," and who was a faithful follower of Tammany Hall. For several months he had lived at a hotel at No. 7 Bowers. In the last day of 1898 he went into a restaurant and with friends ordered drinks and mutton chops. While eating one he became purple in the face and fell to the floor, where in a few minutes he died, reports the New York Times.

Since Brady came to this country from Ireland 50 years ago, he continually hung around race track affairs. His favorite story was how he saved the life of a Vanderbilt, and he had just finished telling it when he died. "Several years ago," he had said, "a team came running down Fifth avenue. A spanking team it was, boys with a footman and a coachman full of buttons sitting on the box. A lady all dressed in furs and silks was sitting in the carriage. The coachman had lost the horses' heads and they were tearing down the avenue like wild. I saw them, and there's no man knows more about stopping wild horses than I do; so I steps out in front of them, grabs the brides as they got to me, and in half a block had them stopped as still as a mouse. The lady thanks me and the coachman drives away. Next day I gets word to come to the Vanderbilts' house on the avenue, and there I gets \$100. Every New Year's day till now I get my \$100, and to-morrow I gets it again." He pointed at the man opposite and began to resume the story, when he choked.

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