

# Humor and the Sense of Humor

By PROF. BRANDER MATTHEWS.

There is a great difference between humor and the sense of humor. Humor is a positive quality which a man has and which he uses for the enjoyment of his fellow man. Sense of humor is negative. It is a quality which prevents a man from making a fool of himself. We have no word for it. There is no reason to believe that American humor is not appreciated.

And there is no reason to suppose that the sense of humor of the American people is as more than a trifle blunted. We have always had a somewhat emotional side—as more than a trifle blunted. We have always had a somewhat emotional side—as more than a trifle blunted. We have always had a somewhat emotional side—as more than a trifle blunted.

American humor has not degenerated. It is as good as it ever was. People who say that are those who have seen the past, and have not eyes to see the present.

Henry James once said that every writer of fiction, and possibly also writers for the stage, should have the power of arousing either the emotions of surprise or the emotion of recognition. There is no doubt which is the higher of those two when we recognize our fellow man in a book or play.

## WHY HAIR TURNS GRAY.

Coloring Matter Moved to the Roots in Certain Cases—Depends on Granules.

The color of the hair depends on little granules, which can be seen if the hair be examined under a powerful microscope, says the St. Nicholas. Sometimes the hair may become white in a night. Brown-Squard tells us that when he was 45 years old his beard turned white in two days. This took place when he was perfectly well and could do any work as usual. Sometimes, however, sorrow or illness produces the change earlier in life than it would usually take place.

As to the cause, some have said that the hair becomes filled with small air particles which make it look gray; others have said that the outer part of the hair becomes altered so that it is like ground glass and you cannot see the color. But a man by the name of Metchnikoff tells us that the real reason is because small movable bodies in the hair devour the grains of coloring matter and move them to the root of the hair. Sometimes poisons in disease, or some result of sorrow, bring about an effect upon these small migrating bodies (cells), causing them to become active in the above fashion. That is said to be the reason why the hair grows gray.

## RAISING OF PHEASANTS.

Birds Are Hardy and Need No Artificial Heat in Winter—Clean Yards a Factor.

Pheasants are hardy birds and no artificial heat should be given them in winter. This weakens their constitution so that exposure to cold winds when they go out causes colds and sickness. The houses should be light and as warm as the sun and natural conditions will permit. The north and west side should be wind and snow proof and the south side, with its glass shade, should be exposed to the full rays of the sun, says American Homes and Gardens. This should be protected from the summer by boards and perfect ventilation should be given by having doors or screened windows opening on all sides.

It goes without saying that the pens and yards of the pheasant should be kept scrupulously clean, sweet and free from all kinds of vermin, rats, mice and weasels. This sometimes requires a good deal of work, but it is well worth the effort. The pens and yards should be kept out of the house and yards by careful methods of house-keeping. If rats and weasels are about it is necessary to catch them with traps and protect the houses by lining the lower parts with tin.

Where Postal Officials Are Numerous, According to the returns just issued by the International Union, Germany has more postal officials than any other country in the world, the total number amounting to 263,517. It must, however, be taken into consideration that in Germany telegraph and telephone employees are included in the total, whilst in other countries they are to a certain extent put in a separate list. The United States comes second with a total of 251,315. Great Britain occupies the third place with 192,451. All the remaining countries have each fewer than 100,000 postal officials, which consists of one solitary official in the case of the Turkish islands.

Insect Postmen. Bees, capable of being trained as letter carriers, the letter is taken away from home, a letter printed in microphotography is attached to its back, and is thrown into the air. The advantage he would have over a pigeon in this work are obvious.

Excess from Gout. Gout is rarely known among the working classes of Ireland. Its immunity from this complaint is thought to be due to the fact that their food consists largely of potatoes.

## MADE-OVER POULTRY HOUSE

An Instance of the Genius of Utilizing the Old and Unused Things on the Farm.

It only cost me \$11 to move our old, smoke-house and get enough new flooring and other material to make this a very comfortable and comfortable brooder house. It is not a handsome building; a good deal of the old boarding is old, the wire had laid up in the garret for years, but it will make a comfortable, roomy house for the chickens that we have raised in it. And my wife says it will be a better brooder house.

We find that 50 hens are enough to keep in one house, and we have divided this house into two parts. The scratching place is in the front part and the back part of the building is for their roosting. This old building is higher than there is any need of, but the upper part we have used for a place for grain, so we can feed the hens without making so many trips to the barn in bad winter weather.

There is no use trying to make poultry a success without suitable buildings and conveniences, declares a correspondent of the Prairie Farmer. We have tried it and know it. It is not work, but "where there's a will there's a way." On many farms there are old buildings and things like our old smoke-house of this use more or less than anything else, that can be transformed with a little labor and expense into comfortable houses for the winter. It must have if we want thrifty laying hens.



FIG. 1.—A SIMPLE DIPPING OUTFIT. FIG. 2.—PERMANENT DIPPING OUTFIT.

Quite well if arranged on supports as shown in Fig. 1. The tank, so as to return the liquid as it drips from the wet sheep. The floor must be tight enough to prevent leaking.

Where a large number of sheep are handled and a fixed device is desired, a chute and drain floor may be constructed as shown in Fig. 2, out of light fencing timber.

The most effective dips contain sulphur, lime, tobacco or arsenic in some proportions. These may be mixed in any manner to be quite harmful, and precaution must always be taken to have the solutions fresh and not too strong. The most commonly used dip consists of 100 gallons of water, 10 pounds of sulphur, 10 pounds of water.

A very effective dip used and tested by the bureau of animal industry is made of 24 pounds of flowers of sulphur, eight pounds unslaked lime and 100 gallons of water. This is made by mixing the sulphur and lime to a paste, and then boiling for three hours in 25 gallons of water, stirring it rapidly. Then the water is strained through a clear liquid, to which add the rest of the 100 gallons of warm water before dipping.

The combining tobacco and sulphur dip is made by steeping 16 pounds of tobacco leaves in warm water for one day, then boil a few moments and let stand overnight. Strain off the liquid and add to it as many pounds of sulphur as tobacco used. Add the sulphur to the liquid, stir it well, and add the whole mixture to 100 gallons of water.

More trouble is saved by using the prepared dips now on the market. They should be mixed in the proportion of directions and never too strong. Dip the sheep thoroughly, putting the animal in the liquid for a few seconds. Then allow the sheep to drain thoroughly, as several parts of liquid will be held by the wool as it soaks up the liquid. Don't let the sheep dry in this way will be less according as the sheep are dipped immediately after shearing.

SOME CLOVER DON'TS.

Things to Remember If You Would Secure a Good Stand and Keep It in Condition.

To begin with, don't fail to sow clover. Don't sow less than five quarts to the acre, and don't let your clover before the weeds go to seed. Don't pasture your spring seeds. Don't short but what there will be plenty of top growth. Don't let the clover freeze and thawing in the latter part of winter.

Don't try to cut but one crop of hay from one seedling. Don't try to spread thy clover over the poorer parts of your clover field all the manure you have. This may be done to the best advantage any time after the hay is off through all the fall and winter. Don't throw manure in piles, but spread it over the field. This will give the land all the same benefit. If put in piles it is apt to be neglected and allowed to remain and dry out and leach down into the soil making the ground richer in spots than elsewhere, making bumpy looking crops. Manure never spreads so well as when first drawn.

For a last don't, don't the Orange-Judd Farmer says: Don't fail to plow this field for corn or potatoes or some other crop, and don't let the clover by, cut, and then what, then clover or some other way in which clover will aid its way in the rotation.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

How-killing is a trying time for the farmer, as the demand for live stock is very large and prices are high. It is very large and prices are high. It is very large and prices are high.

Mutton is growing in favor with the farmers, and the quality of the wool is better than it has been for some time.

Good Sheep Pasture. Water is an excellent sheep pasture. If you can get it, it is the best. It is the best. It is the best.

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## HOW JELLIFER STOPPED SMOKING.

BY KENNETH HARRIS.

Jellifer was not in so many words, given his choice between the pipe and the cigarette. He was a man of the old school, and he had a habit of smoking a pipe. He was a man of the old school, and he had a habit of smoking a pipe.

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## WOULD NOT PLEASE "FLOSSIE."

That Store Had No Bones Doggie

The office of a downtown establishment devoted to the sale of various articles of feminine apparel, rang sharply and the head bookkeeper of the store. The voice he heard was a feminine voice. It was somewhat indignant and it began conversation about preliminaries.

"Those bones that you were talking about," said the voice, "I told you I wanted small bones. This is a large dog's birthday, and I wanted to give her a special treat. And here you have sent me some great ones. I thought you were a St. Bernard. My poor Flossie, who has been so long in the world, and she and I are both awfully disappointed."

"I beg your pardon, madam," said the bookkeeper in astonishment, "but an afraid you have rung up the wrong place. This is not a market, and the only bones we ever have are the kind that come in crates." Providence Journal.

## RUNNING SORES ON LIMBS.

Little Girl's Obstinate Case of Eczema—Mother Says: "Cuticura Remedies a Household Standard."

"Last year, after having my little girl treated by a very prominent physician in this case of eczema, I resorted to the Cuticura Remedies, and was so well pleased with almost instantaneous relief that I have since completely abandoned the physician's prescription and relied entirely on the Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Pills. When we commenced with the Cuticura Remedies her feet and limbs were covered with running sores. In about six weeks we had her completely well, and there has been no recurrence of the trouble. We find that the Cuticura Remedies is a valuable household standard, living in the homes of ladies from a doctor, and where it is used from twenty to twenty-five dollars a year, it saves the mountain."

Mrs. Lizzie Vincent Thomas, Fairmount, Walden's Ridge, Tenn., Oct. 12, 1905.

## New Ideas About Farming.

Nothing can contribute more to the advancement of agriculture than the eradication of the prejudice that farming is a mere physical drudgery and to be despised, and the incentive and respectation as any other occupation when there is devoted to the advancement of scientific knowledge and intelligent judgment and discrimination to which the business is entitled in any extent that the farmer can command. It is not a matter of degree, but of degree in the business of farming. It is not a matter of degree, but of degree in the business of farming.

Simple Remedies Popular. Instead of the more concentrated and usually more dangerous inorganic medicines has been revived very recently a number of simple remedies, which are of the school of physicians who have thrown out almost the whole of the pharmacopoeia and relied on an adaptation of the methods of wild animals in curing disease. In this school of thought systems have arisen in large numbers in America, and they are daily adding to their adherents.

Witty Remarks at the Theater. At a recent "first night" when the manager of the house was invited to accept the verdict of the audience, someone from the gallery remarked to Henry, who was sitting next to him, "I saw a Saturday night at the Lyceum, hope you're not keeping you up, sir," is, of course, ancient history.

Witty Saying Under Difficulties. A classical British campaign story is the story of a young hero who to a detoken was being pelted with rotten eggs while making a political speech. He was very angry, but when he saw the mess from his pocket, he said: "I have always said that the arguments of my opponents were unsound."

## A BUSY WOMAN

Can Do the Work of 3 or 4 If Well Fed. An energetic young woman living just outside New York, writes: "I am at present doing all the household work of a dairy farm, caring for 2 cows, a vegetable and flower garden, a large number of fowls, etc., in managing an extensive exchange business through the mails and pursuing my regular avocation as a writer for several papers. I have no maid, and I do the signing factory work for the latter and all the energy and ability to do this I owe to Grape-Nuts food."

"It was some time ago, and a year ago when the shock of my nursing baby's death utterly prostrated me and I was unable to get on my feet. My doctor said that I could not assimilate as much as a mouthful of solid food, and was in even worse condition mentally, he thought I was a hopeless case. My physician gave up coffee entirely and adopted Postum Food Coffee from all my meals. It was this suggestion, I began to use Grape-Nuts. My health and my digestion gave up coffee entirely and adopted Postum Food Coffee from all my meals. It was this suggestion, I began to use Grape-Nuts. My health and my digestion gave up coffee entirely and adopted Postum Food Coffee from all my meals.

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## CAN'T STRAIGHTEN UP.

Kidney Trouble Causes Weak Back and a Multitude of Pains and Aches.

Col. R. S. Harrison, Deputy Marshal, 718 Common St., Lake Charles, La., says: "I was a very weak man and my back was so sore that I could not get on my feet. I was a very weak man and my back was so sore that I could not get on my feet. I was a very weak man and my back was so sore that I could not get on my feet."

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