

# With the World's Great Humorists

Selections from the Writings of the Best Known Makers of Mirth.

## Addison Spriggs in

### Pursuit of Happiness

By S. E. Kiser.

A mule had kicked him through a fence. And bleeding in the ditch he lay. The pain he suffered was intense. But he was proof against dismay. "Why should I mourn my life?" he thought. "Or give expression to an oath?" He looked with one foot on what he had landed with them both. "There," said Addison Spriggs when he had perused the spitting words of the poet, "is philosophy enough for any man to get through the world on with honor. To me that message shall be as a star shining in the firmament. It shall give me strength by day and guidance at night."

It was a very rainy day—one of those days when the rain comes down with no effort whatever, as if from long and steady practice—a day when everything was soaked and that which seemed as if everything would always be soaked. Addison Spriggs, remembering the strengthening words of the poet, hurried across the street at noon to get a sandwich and a cup of coffee. The seats at the lunch counter were very close together, and Mr. Spriggs, when it necessary to weigh himself in between a fat man who drove a brewery wagon and a sad-faced young person who seemed to be mourning for some lost Lenore.

#### The Seats Were Very Close Together

The lady who sat on Spriggs, the philosopher, deftly scooped a sandwich from a pile on a shelf and tossed it upon a plate which she caused to slide about seven feet along the counter and pause at the proper place. It was neatly done, and perhaps it was for the purpose of increasing the wonder of Mr. Spriggs that she attempted to deliver his cup of coffee after the same fashion. Unfortunately, however, he became possessed of a foolish fear that his coffee might pass on to the brewery.

#### All's Well That Ends Well

By Thomas L. Masson.

"Wouldn't it be rather nice," said Mrs. Dimpleton, "to have a fire in the fireplace?" "First rate," replied Dimpleton. "I'll go down and get some wood." He descended into the cellar, and in a moment returned with his arms full. He got a newspaper and proceeded to make up the fire. "Are you sure that will burn?" asked Mrs. Dimpleton, who was watching him. "Ha! Perhaps you know it all well."

He got a match from the neighboring table, struck it, and applied it to the end of the paper. The paper flared up, a few desultory flames licked their way around the wood, died



"Give Me That Poker." He brightened up, died out again, spluttered faintly—and then there was blackness. "Told you so," said Mrs. Dimpleton, who got up and started toward the fire. "You let me!" "I won't do anything of the sort. I tell you I know how to make a fire. That wood is green." "I could have told you that before. You have too much." "Now you just wait." He took off some of the wood, scoring, however, to make it appear that he was following her suggestion, and, putting more paper in, started it up again. There was a fair-sized flame now. Mrs. Dimpleton, however, thought she saw a way to make it better, she began poking the wood with the poker. Dimpleton couldn't stand it.

## TRAGEDY OF THE SEPARATION

Supreme Agency When Death in Age Parts Life-Loving Companions.

The old wife arose with dignity from her seat, and went to the door to look her last look—to take her farewell. Through the fast falling tears she gazed long and fondly down into the pale, unconscious face. What did she see there? Others saw nothing but the rigid features of the dead; she saw more. It was every wrinkle of that brow she read the history of; years; from youth in manhood, from manhood to old age, in joy and sorrow, in sickness and health; it was all there; when those children were not quite outgrown the sympathies of childhood, were infants lying on her bosom, and every year since then—there it was. To others the history of mute monitors were unattainable; to her they were the alphabet of the heart, familiar as household words. Then the future: "What will become of me? What shall I do now?"

## Women For Sale For Rent

For Sale—Three burner wickless oil stove and oven, \$2.50. T. P. Foote, Southfield avenue.

A good piece of potato land, for early potatoes, virgin soil, plowed, for rent on shares. Also a couple of settings of thoroughbred Rhode duck eggs for sale. Apply to A. E. Smith, Wood property, Birmingham, May 7.

Saw dust for sale at my place, north Woodward/ F. W. Clawson. Farmers attention! N. J. Maughan just installed a new stone for grinding feed of all kinds at any time. Prompt attention. Quick service and satisfaction. N. J. Maugh, Birmingham Flouring Mills.

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Interesting Analysis of Snow. The London Lancet once made an analysis of London snow on a weekday and on a Sunday. The Sunday snow showed roughly a fifth of the amount of impurities present in the weekday snow. But the most significant difference was that while the weekday snow contained as much as 2.36 grains of sulphuric acid in ten pounds the Sunday snow contained practically none.

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Report of the Condition of the Michigan State Telephone Co. for the year ending December 31, 1909. Assets: Capital stock paid in, \$50,000.00; Surplus fund, \$4,000.00; Undivided profits, net, 2,470.96; Commercial deposits, \$23,147.81; Savings deposits, 96,088.12; Various certificates, 18,800.00; Total, \$184,506.95.

My "Motor-Cycle of Readings." February 23—A wound inflicted by weapons may be cured, but never a wound inflicted by the tongue. Therefore, you had better hit a man with a piece of lead pipe than let him hit his necktie in off color.

March 4—However many times you may fail, don't be a quitter. If you fail you had better fail, fall again. Also an insurance fire, followed by a sacrifice sale of damaged goods, may help again.

June 2 p. m.—In order to educate a man, fit for the future, to stand ahead of the present generation, it is necessary to educate him while he is in view an ideally perfect man. (Note—My portrait is run, or ought to be, daily with this service.)

Last August—if we have not the strength, nor money, to burn and defile light, we should at least refrain from blowing out the gas.

about to close the coffin, the old wife turned back, and stooping down, imprinted one long, last kiss upon the cold lips of her dead husband, then staggered to her seat, buried her face in her hands, and the closing coffin—

Author Unknown.

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