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CRANKS AND COUNTERSHAFTS

HE DIDN'T GET THE JOB

"Would you care to dance this one?"

"Yes, if you can find me a partner."

—*Yale Record*

She was only a pirate's daughter, but oh, boy, what a Kidd.

—*Annapolis Log*

"What would you do if a horse fell into your bathtub?"

"I'd pull the plug out."

—*Ames Green Gander*

A DIRECT ANSWER

Englishman: You Chinese are so irrational. You put food on the graves of your dead. Dead men cannot eat food.

Chinaman: Nor can dead Englishmen smell flowers.

—*Sawdust*

The Old Spinster: Has the canary had its bath yet?

The Maid: Yes, he has, mum. You can come in now.

—*Virginia Journal*

WE AGREE

"Is an editor a man who puts things in the magazine?"

"No, you fool, an editor is a man who keeps things out of the magazine."

—*Armour Engineer*

TOUGH LUCK

Waiter: Would you like to drink Canada Dry, sir?

Customer: I'd love to, but I'm only here for a week.

—*Wire and Pipe*

"Mamma! Mamma! Poppa iss kilt!"

"Ikey! Vot you are sayink!"

"Hiram choost said de hosses hed et up de fodder."

"These links are terrible, caddy."

"This ain't the links, sir. You got off them a long time ago."

—*Mugwump*

NO CHOICE

A Scotchman living on the outskirts of Chicago became engaged to a girl who got so fat that he wanted to break off the engagement. But the girl couldn't get the ring off, so he had to marry her.

"What I've missed by not going to college!" reflected the traveling salesman. "These ex-college guys have all my good stories beat a mile."

—*Carnegie Puppet*

Helen: You've broken my heart.

Charlie: You've broken my training.

—*Carnegie Puppet*

INSISTENT

He: I want to marry your daughter.

Father: Have you seen my wife yet?

He: Yes, but nevertheless I prefer your daughter.

—*Sawdust*

WHERE HE GOT IT

"Where did you get the name Teddy for your car?"

"There are no doors. You simply step in."

VITAL STATISTICS

Patient: Doctor, what are my chances for recovery?

Doctor: Excellent; statistics show that one out of every ten gets well and the nine cases I attended before you have all died.

—*Armour Engineer*

DISAPPOINTMENT

We know just how hunters feel when they see bear tracks and don't see any bears. We've often been disappointed in a similar manner. We've seen car tracks, but no street cars.

—*Pennsylvania Triangle*

OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT

The young attorney was called by the court and given his first case, as is the custom when defendants have not enough money to retain an attorney.

He was a bit frustrated as he looked around for his client.

"Are all these thugs to be tried?" he asked.

"That," said the court, "is the jury."

Jack: Say, Gus, what is this steel wool I hear so much about?

Gus: I'm not sure, Jack, but I think it is made from the fleece of hydraulic rams.

—*Pennsylvania Triangle*

AIN'T THAT SWEET?

As I was coming down the street I met a man from St. Ives. "Watcha got under that arm?" says I. "Sugar for my coffee," says he. "Watcha got under t' other arm?" "Sugar for my tea," says the lad, coyly. Well, you may imagine how my ire was up, so by and large, I gave him a couple lumps for his cocoa. Chortle. Chortle.

—*Amherst Lord Jeff*

She (just back from Paris): I can't go to the dance tonight; my trunks haven't arrived yet.

He: Good Lord! What kind of a dance do you think this is going to be?

—*Tawney Kat*

We have all heard of the absent-minded professor who put the cat to bed and threw himself out of the window, but some of us have yet to hear the following:

A college professor was stopped by an acquaintance on the street. After a short chat the professor started on his way, but had not gone far when he called his friend back to inquire in which direction he was going. His friend enlightened him and at the same time expressed surprise. Then the professor explained that if he had been going the other way he would have been returning from lunch but that as it was he was just on his way to eat.