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CRANKS AND COUNTERSHAFTS

HIS OCCUPATION

Nosey Old Gent—"What are you doing, my little man? Fishing?"

Disgusted Boy—"Naw! Drowndin' fishworms."

We've heard of the height of this and the height of that, but the height of politeness, we insist, is the following sign:

KINDLY KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF THIS WIRE
IT CARRIES 20,000 VOLTS—THANK YOU!

—*Reserve Red Cat.*

"There's a fraternity man."

"How do you know?"

"He answered four names in classes today."

—*Wash. & Lee Mink.*

"I'm sure that language on the telephone is quite uncalled for."

"So is the number they've given me."

—*London Opinion.*

She is a horseman's daughter, but she doesn't love a bit.—*Northwestern Purple Parrot.*

"At the hop last Saturday night my suspenders broke right out on the floor."

"Weren't you very embarrassed?"

"Well, not very. My roommate had them on."

—*Annapolis Log.*

Baseball Fan—"Babe Ruth walked twice today."

Co-ed—"Gosh, she should be more careful whom she rides with."—*Kansas Engineer.*

Nurse—"Do you want to see the little brother the stork brought you?"

Bobby—"Naw, I wanna see the stork."—*Automotive South.*

The chairman of the gas company was making a popular address.

"Think of the good the gas company has done," he cried. "If I were permitted a pun, I would say in the words of the immortal poet, 'Honor the Light Brigade.'"

Voice of consumer from the audience, "Oh, what a charge they made."—*Tid-Bits.*

Prof.—"The window should be opened. (Loud-er) Mr. Smith, will you open it?"

Smith (waking up)—"I'll open for four bits."

—*Oklahoma Whirlwind.*

"This university certainly takes an interest in a fellow, doesn't it?"

"How's that?"

"Well, I read that they will be very glad to hear of the death of any of their alumni."

AMERICAN FRIED

Mr. Coolidge—"How was the last ambassador I sent you?"

Cannibal King—"One of the best I ever tasted."—*Oklahoma Whirlwind.*

Football Fan—"Whose game?"

She—"I am."—*Ala. Rammer-Jammer.*

There had been a train wreck and one of two traveling authors felt himself slipping from this life.

"Goodbye, Tom," he groaned to his friend. "I'm done for."

"Don't say that, old man!" sputtered the friend. "For God's sake, don't end your last sentence with a preposition!"—*Goblin.*

Judge—"You admit you drove over this man with a loaded truck?"

Driver—"Yes, Your Honor."

Judge—"What have you to say in your defense?"

Driver—"I didn't know it was loaded."

FORCE OF HABIT

Enterprising Undertaker—"My firm would be glad to take care of your corpse."

Bereaved Engineer—"Submit sealed bids on Thursday, please. I'm letting this contract on a competitive basis."

The Hero—"You're a bright boy, all right. Is your sister apt, too?"

Little Brother—"Sure. If she gets a chance, she's apt to."

"Hard as concrete, you say?"

"Yeh. Fact is, I took her for a walk."

—*Stanford Chaparral.*

CORRECT?

Minister—"My lad, do you know what become of little boys who use bad language when they break their toys?"

Little Boy—"Yessir, they grow up and take engineering."—*N. Dakota Engineer.*

"Your boys are graduating from college rather late. What kept them back so long? Are they delicate?"

"No, they're athletes."—*Texas Ranger.*

"I see that the cigarette companies are catering to the ladies in their ads."

"Well, it's about time the women started buying their own smokes."—*U. of S. Calif. Wampus.*

Ed—"I've never seen such dreamy eyes."

Louise—"You've never stayed so late before!"

REMINDED

"The storm burst upon us so suddenly and violently that we had no warning of its approach," said the tornado victim, relating his experience to a friend. "In an instant the house was demolished and scattered to the four winds. How I escaped being torn to pieces I do not know! We—"

"G-good gracious!" exclaimed Mr. Meeks, jumping to his feet. "That reminds me I almost forgot to post a letter for my wife!"

ANATOMICALLY SPEAKING

You may talk about your "nifty dogs" and cute calves all you please;

But me, I am contented with

A little peek a' knees.

—*Pennsylvania Δ*



He united the country with nails

BEN FRANKLIN made the horseshoe nail a symbol of the importance of little things. "The kingdom was lost and all for the want of a horseshoe nail", goes one of his wise sayings. So when he became Postmaster General, he knew full well the need for proper horseshoeing as one step in punctual mail schedules.

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