



JUST TOO LOVELY.

When Remembered, the Game of Football All Comes Back to Me.

She told him when he asked her if she would like to go out to the football game that she would like to go out to the game, because she did enjoy a ball game so much and that she hadn't seen one for two years, when Charlie Joy told her and told her all about it. That pleased him immensely, for he didn't like Charlie a little and she had been on a spot that was something besides embroidery and canvas. So they went, and she looked on, apparently as great interest, for half an hour, and by way of a compliment, almost forgot her. It occurred to him after awhile that she was there, and he turned to her.

"Do you understand it?" he inquired. "Oh, yes," she said; "that is, most of it, but I think, and some of the terms I hear I don't quite understand."

"What, for instance?"

"Well, what is a 'touchdown'?"

"That's when a player touches the ball back of his opponent's goal, and it counts four points."

"Oh, yes, and what is a 'punt'?"

"That's when a player of the side which has made a 'touchdown' kicks the ball to a player of his own side, the object being to get into a better position for a kick at the goal."

"Yes, I see," she responded in some doubt, "and what is 'charging'?"

"That's rushing forward to seize the ball or to tackle a player."

She waited a few minutes until a lively tussle was ended and he could give her a moment's time again.

"Wasn't that perfectly lovely?" she exclaimed, "and how stupid of me! I remember distinctly now that Charlie told me all those points, and that three strikes were out, and when a man stole a base the batter pounded him for three hits, and when the ball is foul they fanned the air. Of course I ought to have remembered, but I was thinking about something else when we came out this afternoon. Then, see that man making a home run! Ain't he just too lovely, and the young man gave her one long, agonized look and shrieked aloud."—Detroit Free Press.

The Sense of Omnipotence.

"This talk," said the bachelor, "of a woman's engaging in the pursuits of man is all nonsense."

"Don't know," said his friend doubtfully.

"There's no doubt of it. Suppose a war should arise. Women couldn't fight, could they?"

"Why, because they are not naturally constituted for warfare?"

"Humph! Just come over to the bargain counter in our dry goods store some day, and you'll change your mind."—Washington Star.

To Dad.

Edith's grandmother had come from Maine for a visit, and the young woman—she is almost 19 years old—look her into the parlor to show her a lion's head done in crayon. Edith made the picture and is proud of it.

Grandmother adjusted her spectacles and gazed admiringly at the drawing.

"You don't know what that is, grandma," Edith said.

"Don't know what it is?" responded grandmother, a little touched. "Lived on a farm 60 years and not know a calf's head when I see it!"—New York Times.

P's by All Means.

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Let He Gave It the Shake.

Uncle Allen had dropped into a cobbler's shop for repairs. As he rose up after putting on the mended shoe he pulled the chair up with him.

"That lump of wax," said the shoemaker, "seems to have formed a strong attachment for you."

"I don't regret it," replied Uncle Allen, "but I confess I'm attached to the chair."—Chicago Tribune.



Not Unreasonable.

Patient Man (with newspaper, to stranger)—"Will you kindly let me know, sir, when you have finished the article you are reading? I've gone three blocks just my street already."—Puck.

Appropriate for the Occasion.

"You may think you're smart," said the tragedian as the audience peered him with late lamented ben gaze. "If you think you're making some pretty bad tracks."—Elmira Gazette.

A Tempting Proposition.

Homeskeeper—"Well, sir, what do you want?"

Tramp—Please, mum, I feel a bit down, and I'll go somewhere else and have it for the small sum of a dime."—New York Weekly.

Head.

"Bobby got into trouble up in the woods. Shot a deer out of season." "That's pretty hard on Bobby, I think he never could hit out the season." "You might let him have a little sport."—Harper's Bazar.

A Husband He Appreciated.

"Have you noticed my wife's new bonnet?" said Blushington to Dossell.

"Yes, it's instance."

"That's what it is. Now, she has had a great many bonnets, and you know she was married, but nothing that she has worn has given me greater satisfaction in all that time."

"Like it, do you?"

"That's what I do. It cost \$22."

"Is that the reason you like it?" gasped Dossell.

"Yes, sir. Hitherto she has never worn one which cost over \$20."

"And now you appreciate so highly this one which cost nearly twice as much?"

"That's it, Dossell. My wife and I don't usually get so much enjoyment out of having an expensive bonnet for their wives."

"That's just it, Dossell, exactly. You see, her father sent her the money for it."—New York News.



Easy Enough.

Judge—How do you explain your being found inside Major Brown's chicken coop last night?

Prisoner—Judge, sir, was chickens in the coop, sir?—Brooklyn Life.

Mad Men.

"You look a trifle delicate tonight," said one of a group of gentlemen to another, while all were sitting one Saturday evening before the fire in one of the clubs.

"Well," said the gentleman addressed, "I have as good a right to look delicate tonight as any man I know of."

"What's up?" asked the other members of the group in chorus.

"It was this way. You know that I am an ardent bicyclist, and I have a boy who has the same passion. This evening just after dark, as I was riding down the street to the club, walking along thinking of nothing in particular, I was hit in the back by what seemed to be a locomotive and knocked sprawling into the ditch. It was muddy there, and I was all covered with dirt and very sore. I looked around to see what had hit me, thinking perhaps in my abstraction I had walked onto a railway track, and there, found a young man and a safety bicycle on the pavement all tangled up. I was mad, as I said before, and without stopping to think what I did I took that young man by the coat collar and kicked him off the pavement. Then I jumped on the bicycle and rode all the spokes out of the wheels and generally disgraced it."

"How the gentleman stopped. And one of the audience said:

"Well, why should that make you feel as you do. You had just the right thing."

"I suppose I hadn't ought to feel so," said the speaker, "but you see, it was my boy and my bicycle."—Tri-Week.

A Great Convenience.

"Dad's new people didn't do house 'cross road' any more."

"Dad they is. An der's quality folks too."

"How kin we tell?"

"Use dey and de signs. Dey shows dey hab 'sidenation' fo' dey's fellow man."

"How?"

"Dey done tek de chubbies in de waist shed."—Exchange.

None Too Large.

A good appetite is sometimes a help to clear vision and effective judgment.

"Tommy," said Mr. Vaneer, "that's a pretty big buckwheat cake for a boy of your size?"

"It looks big," said Tommy, "but really it isn't. It's got lots of porridge in it."—Youth Companion.

Tom Crout.

"I can't be your sister because I am a sister to so many loaders now but I can be your army," she said as she gaily dropped him.

"Make it a grandmother," answered gruffly, and she spread him from her forever.—Detroit Free Press.

None For Him.

"Sell you a live alligator bag for \$2," said the city attorney clerk to Uncle Isom, who was trying to buy a value.

"What on earth do I want with an alligator bag?" asked the old man. "I ain't gone to Florida; I'm gone to Chicago."

—Indianapolis Journal.

Government Program.

An arrangement has been entered into between the postmaster general of the United States in relation to the transmission of government telegraphic messages. There has been a disagreement as to rates, and in consequence no settlement made. The telegraph companies, however, received and transmitted all government business, depending on future adjustment. The rates now agreed to are 20 cents for 20 words or less for 1,000 miles or fraction thereof, with an addition of 1 cent per word for each over 20 words, irrespective of the rate of each 100 miles, up to 40 cents. But no message of 20 words is to be more than 40 cents. No additional word is to be added more than 2 cents for any distance up to 2,000 miles.—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

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