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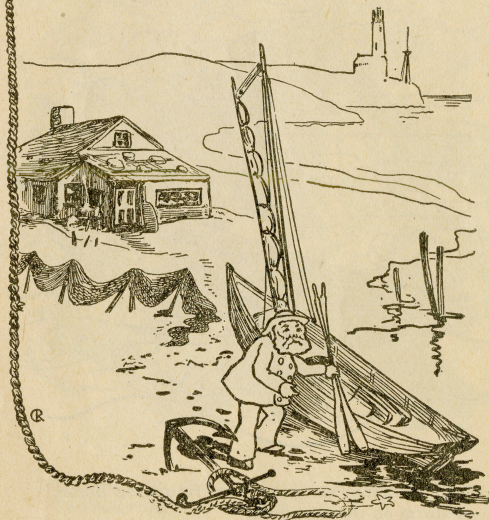
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Old Uncle Ritts.



Old Uncle Ritts was a jolly good fellow,
And a fisherman by the sea ;
Where he lived all alone in a little hut.
As happy as he could be.

There came to visit him one summer day
His nephews, Jimmy and Jack,
To take a ride in Uncle Ritt's boat,
As he went to market and back.

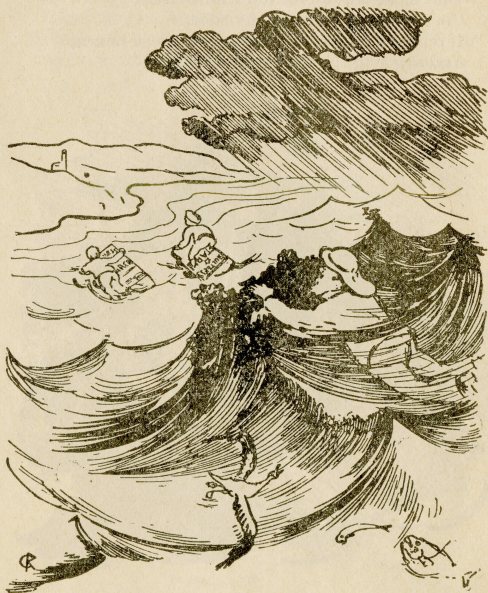


When the happy company were returning home,
A storm on the sea arose,
Until the waves rolled high o'er their heads
And wet them all thro' their clothes.

“What shall we do?” cried Uncle Ritts,
I’m unable to manage the boat,
“Here, boys,” he cried, “jump on these boxes,
And away to the shore you’ll float.”



When the upturned boat threw Uncle Ritts out
The last that he saw of the boys,
Was that they were both clinging to the boxes tight,
Altho' tossed as two tiny toys.



At last Uncle Ritts spied the boys on the shore,
And cried out in the midst of his strife,
"Hurrah, boys! hurrah for **Faultless Starch**,
Those boxes have saved your life."

When this sad tale the boys related at home,
Their mamma sobbed aloud and cried,
“Thank heaven, my dears, for **Faultless Starch**,
It gave you a life-saving ride.



“And not only has **Faultless Starch** saved your life,
But that of your mamma also,
If thro’ these years I’d ironed with other starch,
I’d been buried long ago.”

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Parlor Games.

Shadow Pictures.

One of the party being appointed artist, each person in turn is seated near the wall with the shadow of his face falling upon a sheet of white paper held or pinned upon the wall. The only light in the room must be a single powerful lamp, that the shadow may be clear and distinct.

The artist traces with a pencil the outline of the shadowy face and head upon the white surface, then hands the result to an assistant, who carefully cuts out the head, and upon the back of the paper remaining, writes the name of the person represented.

After each player has been thus treated, the papers are fastened, one at a time, upon a dark curtain or screen, which, showing through the head-shaped openings, gives them the appearance of silhouettes, the originals of which the company is called upon to guess.

Letter Carrying.

All the company being seated around the room, two people are chosen, one for postmaster, the other for carrier.

The former stationing himself at the head of the company, gives every person the name of some city, writing the names down upon paper as they are given. The carrier then being blindfolded, stands in the center of the room and the postman announces for instance: "I have a letter to go between New York and Chicago."

As soon as the names are mentioned, the persons representing these cities must change places, the carrier at the same time trying to catch one of them. If he succeeds, and can, while blindfolded, give the name of the captured player, the latter must in turn become carrier.

Whenever the postman says: "I have letters to go all over the world," everybody must rise and change places, and if in the general confusion the carrier secures a seat the person who remains standing after all the seats are taken, becomes the carrier.

Ransoms for Forfeits.

FOR A LADY—To answer three questions without smiling, however absurd they may be.

To courtesy to everybody round the room without smiling.

To sing a song.

To kiss her sister rabbit-wise (or, if she has no sister, a friend). This is done by each girl taking an end of the same piece of string into her mouth, and nibbling it up till their lips meet. The string must on no account be let drop by either player.

To count twenty backwards.

To guess who feeds her with water. A glass of water and a spoon are brought, she is blindfolded and seated in a chair: every person in the room gives her silently a teaspoonful of water. She guesses each time who feeds her, and is only released when her guess proves correct.

To turn her thumbs in opposite directions at the same time; or to hop four times round the room.

Make a speech in dumb show.

Answer "No" to twenty questions. She may choose who shall ask them.

Answer five questions without saying "Yes" or "No."

March three times around the room with a book on her head, without dropping it.

FOR A GENTLEMAN—To speak a piece.

To guess how much money he has in his purse without looking.

To tell his age, giving day and month of birth.

To tell how many times he's been in love.

To sit down and write a letter to five in the party, selected by the hostess.

To tell how many counties there are in his native state.

To describe the ideal of his heart on paper, not to exceed 100 words.

Interest Computation.

The following will be found to be excellent rules for finding the interest on any principal for any number of days. When the principal contains cents, point off four places from the right of the result to express the interest in dollars and cents. When the principal contains dollars only, point off two places.

FOUR PER CENT.—Multiply the principal by the number of days to run and divide by 90.

FIVE PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days, and divide by 72.

SIX PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days, and divide by 60.

SEVEN PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days, and divide by 52.

EIGHT PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days, and divide by 45.

NINE PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days, and divide by 40.

TEN PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days, and divide by 36.

TWELVE PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days, and divide by 30.

FIFTEEN PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days, and divide by 24.

EIGHTEEN PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days, and divide by 20.

TWENTY PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days, and divide by 18.

TWENTY-FOUR PER CENT.—Multiply by number of days and divide by 15.

Do not live a day without **Faultless Starch** in your home.

About Fruits.

Preparing Fruits for Preserving.

Boil—	Minutes.
Cherries moderately.....	5
Raspberries moderately.....	6
Blackberries moderately.....	6
Plums moderately.....	10
Strawberries moderately.....	8
Whortleberries moderately.....	5
Pie-plant, sliced.....	10
Small Sour Pears, whole.....	30
Bartlett Pears, in halves.....	20
Peaches, in halves.....	8
Peaches, whole.....	15
Pineapples, sliced.....	15
Siberian or Crab Apples, whole.....	25
Sour Apples, quartered.....	10
Ripe Currants.....	6
Wild Grapes.....	10
Tomatoes.....	20

The Amount of Sugar to a Quart Jar Should be

For—	Ounces.
Cherries.....	6
Raspberries.....	4
Lawton Blackberries.....	6
Field Blackberries.....	6
Strawberries.....	8
Whortleberries.....	4
Quinces.....	10
Small Sour Pears, whole.....	8
Wild Grapes.....	8
Peaches.....	4
Bartlett Pears.....	6
Pineapples.....	6
Siberian or Crab Apples.....	8
Pie-Plant.....	10
Plums.....	8
Sour Apples, quartered.....	6
Ripe Currants.....	8

Get Faultless Starch the next time.

Jokes and Conundrums.

On what day of the year do women talk the least?
The shortest day.

Why is an umbrella like a pancake? Because it is seldom seen after Lent.

When will time be preserved? When men learn how to Canada. (Can-a-day.)

Why is it right for B to come before C? Because we must B before we can C.

Why is a camel a very pugnacious animal? Because he always has his back up.

Why is a stick of candy like a race horse? Because the more you lick it the faster it goes.

What is the most awkward time for a train to start? 12:50, as it's ten to one if you catch it.

What is the greatest wonder in the world? That everybody doesn't use **Faultless Starch**.

Why do insurance company's insure more houses than men? Because men are oftener "fired."

Why do women make good post-office clerks? Because they know how to manage the mails (males).

Why is it dangerous to keep a clock at the head of a pair of stairs? Because it sometimes runs down.

What is the difference between dead soldiers and repaired garments? The former are dead men and the latter are mended (dead)

Why would it be very appropriate for a man named Benjamin to marry a girl named Annie? Because he would be Bennie-fitted and she Annie-mated.



“Do you believe that Dr. Dolms was right when he said ‘hunger is a cure for dyspepsia?’”

“It may be but I’d rather have the dyspepsia.”

Henpecked Husband (reading the paper and rocking the cradle.)
—“Ahem! the bustle is going out, I see.”



Mother, make your daughter good-looking. Faultless Starch will help do it.



Father. — “Young man, I am amazed, astounded, sir, that you should seek to marry my daughter on so short an acquaintance. You are almost a stranger to her.”

Young Man. — “Well, she don’t take any more chances than I do. She’s almost a stranger to me, too.”

“So she said she would be a sister to you?”

“Yes.”

“What did you say to that?”

“I told her we would compromise on ‘aunt’—I was too young to be her brother.”



Why is a dirty boy like flannel? Because he shrinks from washing.

What grows the less tired the more it works? A carriage wheel.

What confection did they have in the ark? Preserved pairs (pears).

Why is an orange like a church steeple? Because we have a peel from it.

What will make your children healthy? A big laugh over the **Faultless Starch** Books.

If a tree were to break several windows, what would the windows say? Tre-mend-us.

Why should architects make excellent actors? Because they are good at drawing houses.

What weapons does a young man use if he kisses a young lady by mistake? A blunderbuss.

Why can you never expect a fisherman to be generous? Because his business makes him sell fish.

On what supposition could pocket handkerchiefs build a house? If they became brick (cambric).

Why are there three objections to taking a glass of brandy? Because there are three scruples to a dram.

Why is a watch-dog larger by night than by day? Because at night he is let out, and in the day he is taken in.

Why is modesty the strongest characteristic of a watch? Because it always keeps its hands before its face, and runs down its own works.

When is it dangerous to enter a church? When there is a cannon in the reading desk, a great gun in the pulpit and a bishop charges the congregation.



A Kentucky gentleman was asked by a gentleman from Boston whether it is really true that the people of Kentucky are so bibulous.

"Bibulous!" said the Kentuckian. "Bibulous! I don't reckon you could find a dozen Bibles in the whole State"

"Look here, what do you mean by sending me this coal bill a second time? Why, man, I paid that bill a month ago and got a receipt for it!"

"Um! Ah! Yes, I see. Well, don't mind that, my dear fellow. You see, my son was graduated from a business college, and this is some of his double-entry bookkeeping."



You will never, never, never buy any other kind if you once use **Faultless Starch.**



"Hair dyed, boss?"

"Yes; it died nigh on to twenty years ago, 'cept that leetle fringe round the crown, an' it don't seem ter grow much less."

Doctor.—"My poor man! You seem to be in a sad condition, indeed. What is your trouble?"

Thin Patient.—"Difficulty in swallowing."

"Does it seem to be due to contraction of the throat?"

"No, it's due to not having anything to swallow."



When is a newspaper the sharpest? When it is filed.

When has a man four hands? When he doubles his fists.

When is a newspaper like a delicate child? When it appears weekly.

Why are butchers thieves? Because they steel a knife and cut away with it.

Why is an old coat like iron? Because it is a specimen of hardware (wear).

Why is the Fourth of July like an oyster? Because we cannot enjoy it without crackers.

Why is an actress like an angel? Because we seldom see one that is not painted.

Who can laugh longer than one woman? Two women who have used **Faultless Starch**.

What is the difference between a spendthrift and a pillow? One is hard up, the other is soft down.

Why are fowls the most economical things that a farmer can keep? Because for every grain they give a peck.

What is the difference between a hen and an idle musician? One lays at pleasure, the other plays at leisure.

What is the difference between a fisherman and a lazy school boy? One baits his hook and the other hates his book.

What is the difference between a cloud and a whipped child? One pours with rain and the other roars with pain.

What is the difference between a farmer and a seamstress? One gathers what he sows, the other sews what she gathers.



Hotel Proprietor.—“What is the matter with that sick gentleman in my office?”

Physician.—“Jim-jams.”

“Sir, that gentleman is one of my oldest guests, and has the most expensive apartments in the

house.”

“Oh! He is suffering from nervous prostration.”

“What do you call that act?” said the bass singer to the acrobat.

“Oh! that’s merely a backward spring,” answered the acrobat.

“Ah!” said the bass singer; “if I should try there’d be an early fall, eh?”



Ask your neighbor what makes her ironed clothes look so nice; and she’ll say ‘**Faultless Starch** did it.’”



“I want a good pair of rubbers.”

“Arctics, I suppose?”

“No, I want something real warm. I guess about Antarcotics.”

“Mr. Bronson must have failed to pay his bill this week.”

“Why do you think that?”

“Why, didn’t you notice Mrs. Tompkins gave him the neck of the turkey at dinner?”



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