

A GIFT.

There was a young lady of Butte,
Who thought herself very acute,
That her suitor might praise her,
She gave him a razor,
Which suited her suitor's hirsute.

PERSEVERANCE.

A cat in despondency sighed,
And resolved to commit suicide;
He got under the wheels
Of nine automobiles,
And after the last one he died.

A PORTRAIT.

There once was an affable liar
Who sat round and smoked an old briar;
But his smile was so gracious
And his heart was so spacious
That everyone loved that old liar.

A gentleman on the Rialto
Saw a pretty peroxide contralto.
In a timid and awed way
She tried to cross Broadway,
So he helped her across the asphalt, oh.

FASTIDIOUS.

A gentleman of Bucharest
In the State's prison once took a rest.
He said: "I don't care
For the plainness of fare;
But truly I can't brook arrest."

PRUDENCE.

Dentist—I've filled all your teeth that have cavities, sir.
Mahoney—Well, thin, fill th' rist av thim too. Thin whin
th' cavities come they'll be already filled, b'gobs!

WOULD YOU?

He kissed me! It was very wrong;
For though his heart is warm and true
Such right does not to him belong.
I ought to punish him; would you?

He kissed me! How was I to guess
That he the daring deed would do?
And till too late in words express
My disapproval? Ah! could you?

He kissed me! Heaven forgive the harm
Our hearts in love's glad raptures do!
About me softly stole his arm—
And I—Would you have kissed him, too?

A TOAST.

Let us eat, let us drink and be merry,
And with never a thought of the gout,
Let's forget every sorrow today, for tomorrow
We'll have indigestion, no doubt.

A DIAGNOSIS.

With a frog in your throat and a flea in your ear
And a bee in your bonnet, too,
And an elephant on your hands, it is clear
We must call it a horse on you.