

NOT QUITE THE SAME THING.

Three-year-old Janie's mother was called away just as she had settled the baby on a bench.

"Stay here now and watch your little baby brother, Janie," she said. "I'll be back in a few minutes. He will fall asleep presently."

Before the few minutes were up a resounding roar startled the mother. As she hurried toward the bench, Janie came running to meet her.

"Mamma," she called excitedly, "he falled all right, but he wasn't asleep."

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DISAPPOINTING.

Mr. Linkins, the junior member of the firm, had a peculiarly irritating sneeze. It began with an elaborate and terrifying series of facial convulsions, and ended with a most lame and impotent paroxysm that always disappointed the expectant observer.

"Your sneeze," said Mr. Jenkins, the senior partner, after watching him through one of his performances, "is a regular circus."

"A circus?" said Mr. Linkins.

"Yes," was the rejoinder. "The performance never comes up to the advance notices."

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SO SIMPLE.

A certain painter is confined in a lunatic asylum. To persons who visit him he says: "Look here; this is my latest masterpiece."

They look, and see nothing but an expanse of bare canvas. They ask, "What does that represent?"

"That? Why, that represents the passage of the Jews through the Red Sea."

"Beg pardon, but where is the sea?"

"It has been driven back."

"And where are the Jews?"

"They have crossed over."

"And the Egyptians?"

"Will be here directly. That's the sort of painting I like—simple and unpretentious."

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SMILE-RAISERS.

Old man, browsing in book store: "*Last Days of Pompeii*. What did he die of?"

Bookseller: "Oh, I dunno—some sort of eruption!"

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A kindly-looking old gentleman was addressed by a very little girl carrying a parcel. "Please, sir," she said, politely, "is this the second turning to the left?"

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Collector: "I have called again, sir."

Debtor: "I suppose you want your money?"

Collector: "Oh, no, I merely dropped in out of curiosity to learn just what your reason would be this time for not paying the bill."

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"Mummy, does the sun go down into the sea every night?"

"Yes, dear."

"Then how do they get it dry enough to light it again in the morning?"

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He: "My dear, it's no use for you to look at those hats; I haven't more than a pound in my pocket."

She: "You might have known when we came out that I'd want to buy a few things."

He: "I did."

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A dentist placed over his doorway a business sign which read: "Teeth extracted with great pains."

This was something like the butcher's sign which ran: "Beef is very high; our prices are the same"; and the grocer's: "Don't go elsewhere to be robbed. Try us."

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SCIENCE SIFTINGS

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Quick Walking at Fifty.

Men should not talk about being too old at forty, said Sir James Cantlie to a physical training class for business men of over fifty years of age at Mortimer Hall. "Don't be afraid of your hearts," he added. "They will stand more disease than any other organ in the body." Sir James recommended all men to walk at the rate of 110 paces a minute, saying the exercise would make them totally different people. The exercise which would comprise the course were the same as those used by the Chinese 5000 years ago.

A Restorer of Youth.

Dr. Burchardi, said to be one of a very limited number of exponents and practitioners of a new system of surgical treatment for the preservation and even the restoration of youth, arrived in London on Saturday morning from Vienna (says the *London Catholic Times* for December 9). In an interview with a press representative, he said he had come to London as a practitioner and not as a missionary. If invited to do so, he would be quite prepared to lecture to scientists and practitioners on the new treatment, but his immediate purpose was to perform a number of operations which he had undertaken.

Asked what he claims to be able to achieve, Dr. Burchardi said, "I do not pretend to accomplish miracles, but I do claim to be able to preserve youth, with its capacities and its enjoyments, in the case of suitable subjects." He and others (he said) had been engaged in experiments for something like twenty years, and those experiments had been made on animals. Actual treatment of men had been in operation for about three years, and of women for five years.

"In all the human cases operated upon," he added—"glandular transformation in the case of males and a secret X-ray treatment of females—not one has been a failure. All the cases are still enjoying very great benefits. Under this treatment remarkable transformations have been effected. Sunken cheeks have been raised, looks restored, and general air of physical and mental alertness produced. Youth has been restored both to face and figure."

Dr. Burchardi said: "Much depends upon the state of the patient. If the body is quite worn out, of course I can do nothing, but if it is still susceptible to the operation I can hope to preserve the qualities of youth for periods of from five years to twenty years. It depends largely on the state of the patient in each individual case." The identical operation which he intended to perform in London (he added) had recently been performed upon the ex-Kaiser.

"In some cases, when men are attacked by premature senility, the operation has not only effected marked improvement in appearance," Dr. Burchardi said, "but there has been wonderful restoration of mental and physical faculties. Even in cases of men of 65 to 70 years of age the operation has been followed by rejuvenation of appearance in every respect and mental and physical capacities have been largely restored. A 'new lease of life' has been given, as you express it here."

"Striking changes in the outward appearance of women patients have been effected. Signs of weariness and weakness have disappeared. The operation on men is quite simple and harmless. Only a local anaesthetic is necessary. After the operation the patient should stay in bed for about three days and be kept reasonably quiet for eight or nine days. For men there is actual operation for glandular transformation, but the X-ray treatment has been found more suitable for women."

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