

How to Size Up People || Dorothy Dix || Test of Character || Funny-Bone

The Best Way to Judge People is by the Things They Laugh At—They May School Themselves to Say the Correct Thing, but They Show Their True Natures in the Things That Amuse Them

"I THOUGHT you were going to marry John So-and-So," I said to a young woman of my acquaintance. "So did I for a while," she responded. "He is some sheik and it is balm to the eyes to look at him. He is intelligent and carries a peppy line of conversation. He is a go-getter and the girl who marries him will have plenty of butter on her bread, to say nothing of caviar, but when it came to marching to the altar with him I couldn't risk the grade."



"What was the matter with him," I inquired. "Oh, he laughed at the wrong things," returned the girl. "The things that touched me to tears moved him to mirth. He would laugh his head off at anything that was tender and full of sentiment. We used to go to the theatre together a lot, and he would give a loud guffaw at the scenes that were simply depicting the naked souls of men and women at some crucial hour in their lives."

"I COULDN'T stand that. The end came after we had been to see a play in which a poor drab of the street, whose baby had died, goes to a shop and steals a fine little dress, although she knows she will be caught and punished as a shoplifter, because she cannot bear the wretched little creature who has had nothing in life, not to be as well dressed as the other baby angels. My boy friend simply roared over that episode, and that evening was the auspicious time he took to ask me to marry him."

"HE had proposed to me before we went to the theatre, I should have said 'Yes and thank you, too,' but he waited until we got home, and I turned him down good and hard. He asked why? I replied that it was because he laughed at the woman in the play and her dead baby, and he said he didn't see what that had to do with us, and I said it had everything to do with us, and he finally went away thanking Heaven that he had escaped marrying a crazy woman."

"I DIDN'T want to marry a man who would only see something ridiculous in any act that wasn't logical and sensible, for I knew there would be many times when I would be guided by my heart instead of my head. I didn't want to marry a man who would make a mock of holy things, and who would make a joke out of the things that were the most sacred to me. I didn't want to marry a man who could never understand the impulses that move a woman. I didn't want to marry a man without fineness of perception and without sympathy, and that is the sort of a man who laughs in the wrong places."

"TO MY way of thinking," the young woman went on, "there is no better way of judging people than by the things they laugh at. They can school themselves to say the correct things. The lowbrow can learn the patter of the highbrow. Hypocrites can pose as saints. The mean and stinky can make the grand gesture of generosity."

"I KNOW women who neglect their own children, who simply overflow with noble maternal sentiments when they speak before mothers' clubs. I know lots of people who are just as careful ways to express the popular sentiment of the day as they are to wear the latest style in clothes."

"SO YOU can't always tell what manner of men and women they are by their speech, but you can get a close-up of their souls by noting the thing that amuses them. Their laughs are a dead give away."

"LOOK at the people who are simply convulsed with laughter when somebody falls down and gets hurt, or a poor man ruins a suit of clothes that he has gone hungry to pay for by sitting down on a freshly painted bench. Watch the people who laugh at a cripple, or a deformed person, or who find it killingly funny to see a decrepit, deaf, old man or woman painfully trying to hear what is said to them. Observe the people whose wit is like a two-edged sword, that stabs to the very heart of some weakness or peculiarity of its victim."

"THERE are plenty of people who never think that anything is amusing that does not bring pain or humiliation to some one else. They never laugh with you. They always laugh at you. Beware of them. They have not an atom of human kindness in them. They are cruel. They gloat over the spectacle of suffering. They would have been among those who turned their thumbs down in the old Roman amphitheatres when they brought on a fresh martyr for the beasts to tear to pieces."

"WHEN there are those whose idea of a good story is a vulgar story. Their idea of wit is smut. They laugh themselves sick at anything that is filthy. Outwardly they may seem to be ladies and gentlemen, refined and cultured, but their minds and hearts and souls are nothing but cesspools."

"THERE are those who think it excruciatingly amusing to play a sharp trick on some one, to take advantage of some one's ignorance or credulity. All of their good stories center around their having duped some one."

"I HAVE heard men roar with laughter as they told of having given counterfeit coins to blind beggars, and of having flattered some poor old-maid school teacher by making love to her and sending her violets until they induced her to put the hard savings of her lifetime into some worthless investment."

"I HAVE heard women tell with chorales of glee of how they had had hats and cloaks sent up from department stores on approval and had worn them and then sent them back as unsuitable. I have wondered that these men and women did not realize that every one of their side-splitting anecdotes showed them up as thieves, utterly lacking in any sense of honor or honesty."

"I KNOW lots of husbands whose favorite form of wit is holding their wives up to ridicule, and who will take any little mistake their wives have made and dress it up until it makes them look like perfect idiots. I know parents who will set the table in a roar when they are giving a dinner party by revealing the secrets of their children have told them while the poor youngsters write in humiliation and every guest with a heart in his bosom longs to use the carving knife on his callous host."

"SO THAT is why I say that the funny-bone is the test of character. Let me see what a man and woman laugh at, and I will tell you how understanding, how sympathetic, how tender, how cruel, how honest or dishonest they are." DOROTHY DIX.

Women's Institute Meetings of P. E. I.

NEW PERTH December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Earnest Moor. The usual business opened the meeting. Committees reported the papers on "The habit of asking questions" and "My favorite career" were read. It was decided to buy the usual Christmas presents for the school children. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James Gordon.

ROLLO BAY WEST meeting which met at Mrs. Harry McKinnon's was opened with the ode, followed by Roll call and Minutes. The members decided to clean the school and make candy for the orphanages. Two new members were added. Mrs. John MacRae will have the next meeting at her home.

ANGLO RUSTICO. Eleven members met at the home of Mrs. G. Buntain on Dec 12th. Sick committee reported fruit sent to sick and shut ins. School committee being absent no report was given. New committees appointed after which the members held a discussion regarding Sanatorium, but no definite steps were taken. Next meeting is to be held at home of Mrs. F. Bulman when roll call will be answered with programme suggestions.

HAZELBROOK. A demonstration on sealing wax was given by Mrs. H. A. Jenkins and a dialogue by Misses Julia and Amy Myers. A nice sum was realized from social, new brushes and bloom for school, also prizes and treat from Institute to school children are to make sir/sa last meeting. A new method for entertaining has been taken up in this branch. It is known as the credit "system." Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Seymour Myers.

NORTH ENMORE This branch is having the interior of the school painted putting new windows in school and erecting signboard for North Enmore. Two new members enrolled. Next meeting will be held at the schoolhouse.

DONALDSTON December meeting met at home of Mrs. Leonard Court with eleven members and eleven visitors present. Sick and school committees were appointed and it was decided to give \$50.00 towards the proposed sanatorium. After lunch was served a social hour was spent in playing games. A committee was appointed to clean school.

Mrs. John. Morris will have the January meeting at her home.

NORTHAM Institute meeting, which met at the home of Mrs. E. Dymont, was attended by 14 members. The school organ has been repaired during the past month. It was decided to buy a Christmas treat for the school children, and also to remember two from the district who are in the Sanatorium. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Reuben Ellis.

GEORGETOWN.—A discussion was held on canvassing for building of Sanatorium, and arrangements made for Whist Drive and Dance during Christmas week. Some discussion also took place with regard to sale of town lot, after which meeting adjourned, lunch was served, and members dispersed with the singing of the National Anthem.

EAST POINT W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Ellen MacLean on Dec. 6th, with an attendance of eight members and one visitor. Meeting opened in the usual order. Roll Call being answered with "My favorite flower." Arrangements were made for the purchasing of material for a comforter to be made by the home members, as a means of raising funds. Next meeting is invited to the home of Miss Margaret and Josephine Beaton, roll call to be answered with "Longue wistlers."

MT. ALBION.—It was decided to buy a Patriotic Calendar for School. An interesting discussion took place re Sanatorium, and it was unanimous that this Branch would do everything possible to further the cause. Prizes for Department, Proficiency and Attendance are to be given to school children at the June closing.

\$15.00 was voted to be placed in the bank. WATERVALE.—The members of this Branch decided to have a Christmas tree in the schoolroom for the children. Mrs. John T. Grimes was appointed to prepare a programme for the next meeting, which will be at the latter's home. Meeting closed with the National Anthem.

PLEASANT VALLEY.—Eight members and three visitors met at the home of Mrs. Harry Weeks on Monday evening Dec 10th. Committees gave reports, and new committees were appointed. A new Atlas was purchased for the school and also cretonne for cupboard. Plans have been completed for holding a Christmas tree in school. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. M. MacInnis.

EGLINGTON & HOWE BAY.—Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wesley Keefe. Reports of the Red Cross Nurses were read, and satisfactory reports from committees were heard. Money was given to each of the two schools for the Christmas trees. Meeting closed with National Anthem, after which lunch was served by hostess, Mrs. Wm. C. Fisher will entertain next meeting.

NEW GLASGOW.—A letter was read from Miss Beers, asking the Institute to treat one of the children of the Orphanage. At a special meeting of the officers and directors it was decided to hold a concert and chicken supper in the Hall in aid of the Rink. Next meeting will be held at Miss Elsie Laird's home.

SPRING HILL Institute meeting was held in the school house with an attendance of eight members. It was decided to buy a lock for woodhouse. A new sick committee was appointed, but no new work was undertaken.

GREENWICH.—Reports of Programme and School Committee were given. A paper on "How to make a School fair a success" was enjoyed by all, as was the paper on "Smiles" and the Demonstration on Woolflowers, given by Mrs. Earl MacEwen. A pencil sharpener is to be bought for the school, and the Secretary authorized to write for retary on hardwood flooring and door and frame for school. A Patriotic Calendar is to be bought. Mrs. Minnie Sutherland will have the next meeting at her home.

NORTH PINETTE Institute meeting was held in the school house on Dec. 7th and was attended by six members and four visitors. No new business was undertaken, but a very interesting discussion on Christmas suggestions took place. Mrs. Lauchie Ross will entertain the next meeting.

LINKLETTER.—Seventeen members and two visitors met at the home of Mrs. Ernest Rogers. A letter was read from a committee appointed at the committee of Shippers' Conference and to attend when a meeting would be called to discuss the matter. More material for another quilt is to be bought, and the afternoon was busily spent in quilting. Next meeting is to be held at home of Mrs. L. Newsome.

ELLERSLIE.—A bill of \$2.80 for shingles for school was ordered paid and some discussion took place about buying a new stove for the school. Next meeting will be entertained by Mrs. A. E. MacLean.

ST. PATRICK'S ROAD meeting, held at home of Mrs. Thomas Rogers, was opened by singing the Ode, followed by roll call and minutes of last meeting. Christmas seals were sold, and the members decided to give a treat to the children of the district. Other business was talked over and meeting closed by singing National Anthem. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Frank P. Donnelly.

STURGEON.—Sixteen members and five visitors met at the home of Mrs. Jas. Wight, where a very enjoyable programme of instrumental and vocal music was carried out. This year's meeting was held at former pupils of Sturgeon School who are at present abroad. These names

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are to be forwarded to the Commission of School Library. The members intend holding a concert and social to raise funds for school work and also in aid of Sanatorium. Mrs. Murdoch King will have the next meeting at her home. ENMORE Institute meeting was held in the Hall with ten members in attendance. Meeting opened with regular form, and regular business was carried on. A Committee of three was appointed to get the names on the Sanatorium question. GRAND RIVER WEST Institute decided to send boxes of fruit to sick at Christmas, and programme committee intend having cards at next meeting which will be at the home of Miss Sophie McInnis. A paper on Xmas thoughts was given by Mrs. W. S. Robertson and demonstration on flower making by two members. Next meeting will be at home of the secretary Mrs. M. Stewart. "TRUE BLUE" December meeting met at home of Mrs. P. J. Noye on Dec 7th. The committee reported that \$1.00 had been forwarded to the Tuberculosis Seal Sale committee for stamps received. It was decided that the members supply oranges for the school children, and it was also decided that we act as Santa Pals for a couple of children. A needy resident had her needs supplied for the winter. Two new members enrolled. Mrs. Wm. McMillan will have the next meeting at her home. QUEEN MARY Twenty-nine members and two visitors met in the home of Mrs. F. Powell, vitetona in the tea room of the public hall. The members had an exchange of Christmas gifts, followed by a monologue by Mrs. A. McLeod. A box of clothing and toys is being packed by the members for the Protestant orphanage, and they are planning on having a play during school Inspector for advise. A canvass is to be made of district in order to get names of those in favor of Sanatorium, and a committee of

SAP'S RUNNING: STRATFORD, Jan. 2.—The cry of "Sap's running" is usually the herald of spring, but as a forerunner of winter it is unusual. While enjoying Christmas holidays David and John Thompson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Thompson of North Easthope, tapped a number of maple trees in their own laneway, and to their delight, obtained quite an amount of sap, which, when boiled down, made quite a large cake of maple sugar. This is, however, deemed rather a harmful pastime as regards the trees. The mildness of the season is further shown in the fact that the boys saw several robins in the orchard. These brave feathered friends may still be forced to seek the southern climate, or when the north winds blow they will fly to a barn to keep themselves warm. German Voyagers in Ireland. Hans Conrad and Walter Leinweber, of Dortmund, Germany, the two students who are travelling around Europe in a collapsible boat, recently arrived at Queenstown, Ireland, and left the next day on the U. S. liner Republic for Cherbourg, France. They carried their unique craft and baggage strapped to their backs. Both looked bronzed and healthy, and were intent in completing their voyage.

BRINGING UP FATHER

Comic strip 'Bringing Up Father' by George McManus. Panels include: 'HO-HUM, THIS IDEA OF GETTIN' UP AT SIX O'CLOCK EVERY MORNIN' IS GETTIN' TOO STRENUOUS FOR ME.', 'I'LL SEE ME DOCTOR AN' GIT HIM TO CUT OUT THIS EARLY RISEN' FER ME—BUT I SUPPOSE HELL KICK AS HE SAYS IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO BE HEALTHY.', 'WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU ANSWERED THE DOOR—TELL THE DOCTOR I WANT TO SEE HIM.', 'I'M GORRY, SIR.', 'YOU CAN'T SEE HIM NOW AS HE NEVER GETS UP UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK.', 'GO DOWN AND FIRE THAT COOK AND DO IT RIGHT NOW.', 'I WILL—WILL.', 'THE QUICKER I FIRE HER THE BETTER IT'LL BE FOR MY HEALTH.', 'GIT OUT OF THIS KITCHEN AN' STAY OUT.', 'I THINK THE ONLY THING TO DO IS TO MOVE AN' LEAVE THE COOK BEHIND.'

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