

Very Patient.

A doctor, now eminent, was at one time serving as interne in one of the Philadelphia hospitals as well as holding his own with a coterie of rather gay friends.

"Well, my man, what seems to be your trouble this morning?" inquired the doctor, concealing a yawn and taking the patient by the hand to examine his pulse.

"Faith, sor, it's all in me breathin', doctor. I can't git me breath at all, at all."

"The pulse is normal, Pat, but let me examine the lung action a moment," replied the doctor, kneeling beside the cot and laying his hand on the Irishman's chest.

"Wan, two, three, fure, five, six." When the young doctor, with a start, opened his eyes, Pat was continuing weakly, "Tin hundred an' sixty-nine, tin hundred an' stvinty, tin hundred an' stvinty-wan."—Success.

Taken Unawares.

It is likely that the most embarrassed man in New York could be found last Monday in a Sixth avenue store. He was a mild, inoffensive looking man. He stood leaning over the balcony that surrounds the first floor of the store, looking with interest at the crowd below.

Queer, but True.

"For this here spurge," said the caterer, "do the guests know one another well or are they jest passin' acquaintances?"

"Oh, they are intimate friends, lifelong friends."

"Then," said the caterer, "I'll add 20 per cent to that estimate if you don't mind."

"But I do mind. Why?"

"Twenty per cent more for lifelong friends," the caterer insisted. "I'd be out of pocket otherwise. A bunch of friends at a spurge always eat a fifth more than a bunch of passin' acquaintances or strangers. Didn't you never notice that?"

"You might have noticed it from your own experience. Among strangers you're ill at ease, nervous; that takes your appetite away. But with friends you're quite at home, and you eat like a horse."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Moving Pictures.

Moving picture cameras are remarkable pieces of mechanism. The films are only three-quarters of an inch wide. These are in rolls, sometimes 800 feet long. When taking pictures the camera man reels off these rolls just as rapidly as they are unreeled when thrown upon the canvas for the spectator, at a rate of ten or twelve films a second.

Curiosities in Wedding Rings.

Among the curiosities of wedding rings it is on record that in the early days rings were made of rushes. Perhaps the most curious material used for rings required on an emergency is the case of one being hurriedly made by cutting it out of the finger of a glove and another cut out of a visiting card.

Spanish Emeralds.

"Fine old Spanish emeralds" is a phrase which means something quite different from what it seems to imply. There never was an emerald mined in Spain, but after the conquest of Peru the conquerors brought home great quantities of loot of which emeralds formed an important part.

No Odors in His Cab.

An old lady about to hire a cab in London asked the cabman if he could take her to Trafalgar square. The cabman replied, "No, mum, I can't, and I wouldn't if I could, and the next time you want to eat onions bile 'em!"

The Servant Girl in Germany.

In most German households there is no such thing as the strict division of labor insisted on here. Your cook will be delighted to make a blouse for you, and your nurse will turn out in the dining room, while your chambermaid will take the child for an airing if you order it so.

When a girl has had luck and engages with a bad herrschaft she is worse off than in England because she is more in the power of her employers and of the police than she would be here. She has to have a dienstbuch, an official book in which her age and personal appearance are registered.

Restaurant Stories.

"I don't care for the vulgar type of restaurant story," said a New York hotel keeper. "I refer to that type where the guest shouts angrily to the waiter: 'Ugh, this steak is not fresh! What a horrible smell! Here, waiter, judge for yourself!'"

"But, shaking his head, the waiter points to the next table and answers grimly: 'Beg pardon, sir, you're quite wrong. It's the other gentleman's fish.'"

"Or the story of the man who complained about his planked shad, winding up: 'I hope you don't think me unreasonable, waiter?'"

"No, no, sir," the waiter answered. "You're the sixth person who has complained about that portion of shad."

"On a somewhat higher plane are the meat stories. Thus a strange guest says: 'Surely this isn't a barber shop as well as a restaurant? I see a lot of razors lying about!'"

"Oh, no, sir!" says the waiter. "Those are for the steak customers. Did you say steak, sir?"

Youthful Logic.

Mrs. L., a young and inexperienced Sunday school teacher, was at times sorely perplexed how to answer the questions put to her by some of her unusually bright pupils. One day just after she had finished telling the children the story that Adam was the first man God created quiet reigned in the class room for several minutes.

"Teacher, I am surprised my sister Rosie should ask such a foolish question. Why, God must have created Adam right away a big man, because if God had created him a baby he would have had to have a mother to take care of him."

Curious Book Titles.

Curious book titles are always being rediscovered, mostly from that prolific period of the commonwealth, when sanctimony was supreme.

Thus: "John Dances Better Than Peter; Peter Dances Better Than John; Both Dance Well" (a vicious attack on the Jesuits, in five volumes). "A Sigh For the Sinners of Zion, Coming from a Hole in the Wall, by an Earthen Vessel, Known Among Men as Samuel Fisher" (was this how taverns came to take the sign of the "hole in the wall?")—London Scraps.

Unrequited Genius.

The world has never learned the name of the genius who conceived the idea of spreading butter upon his bread, a combination of food elements more palatable, more wholesome and more universally popular than any that the combined wisdom of all the professors who have ever lived has been able to devise.—Epicure.

An Expert Carver.

Mme. X. wishes to secure a new butler. "You know how to serve the table and especially can you carve well?" she asked an applicant.

"Madam may rest assured of it," he replied. "When one has been ten years a surgeon's servant in a dissecting room one ought to understand his business."

The Natural Kind.

"What sort of steed do you suppose was most popular during the days of chivalry?"

"I suppose it was a knight-mare."—Baltimore American.

Wisdom.

Neighbor—Do you think your sister is in love with Mr. Simpkins? Little Dora—Of course not. She allows us children to remain in the parlor when he calls.—Exchange.

Had Lifted One.

"Pa, these burglars that blew up a store!"

Yes and No.

"Are you able to keep a cook?"

Behind the Screen.

At a particularly dainty little restaurant a lady with a sense of humor chooses the seat nearest the serving room, from which vantage point she notes and records, somewhat after the manner of Miss Beatrice Herford, the squabbles and comments of the dainty waitresses. Here are some of her curious transcripts from reality:

"I told you six soups, not desserts—the beginning of the meal, not the finish! Can't you hear straight?"

"Here, Birdie, take back this coffee! It's so cold it gave the woman malaria!"

"Great Scott! This lettuce isn't fit for a horse! I'd sooner eat grass!"

"Oh, gee! Hurry up! It's for an old maid, and her temper's worse'n mine!"

"Say, you're the limit! I asked for fat meat, and you've given me a joint—nothin' but bone! Wake up!"

Behind a screen, my correspondent tells me, they often imitate certain of the guests—mimicking their walk, even their table manners. And as for the remarks she overhears, she marvels less at their content than at the way they are uttered. "Such voices!"

And so she expresses astonishment that at table, while waiting on the people, "these young women are ever quiet and demure and patient—soft tones and a cheery but dignified manner."—Boston Transcript.

Whistler's Odd Ways.

Lord Redesdale once gave a description of Whistler's methods to a meeting in London in support of a memorial to the great artist. He was painting, he said, a portrait of a lady. Whistler took up his position at one end of the room with his sitter on the canvas at the other end. For a long time he stood looking at his model, holding in his hand a huge brush full of color such a brush as a man would use to whitewash a house. Then he rushed forward and smashed the brush full of color into the canvas. Then he ran back and forty or fifty times he repeated this. At the end of that time there stood out on the canvas a space which exactly indicated the figure, the form and the expression of the sitter. There was a pathetic story attaching to the picture. The billiffs were in the house when the picture was finished. That was quite a common occurrence, and Whistler only laughed, but he went round his studio with a knife and deliberately destroyed all his canvases, including this picture, which was to have been his (Lord Redesdale's).—Dundee Advertiser.

The Gentle Rebuff.

"Immeasurable are the rebuffs that the helpers of the poor, the seekers after charity for their suffering brothers undergo," said a New York charity organization official. "A friend of mine, a Methodist minister in a small western town, told me the other day of his last rebuff, a not unkind one. Entering the office of the local weekly, the minister said to the editor:

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"Why," exclaimed the editor, pushing up his eyeshade, "I'm the only chap in the village who answers that description. What's this gentleman's name?"

"I regret," said the minister, "that I am not at liberty to disclose it."

"Why, it must be me," said the editor. "It is I, me, sure. Heaven prosper you, parson, in your good work."

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