

Bellefonte, Pa., March 5, 1909.

Making It Plain.

Henri was paying his first visit to London and was already wishing himself home in gay Paree, for he knew not a word of English. He had been very unfortunate and had lost all his luggage, a toothbrush. So he determined to buy another. But how was he to make his needs understood?

At last his luck turned, however, and he espied a chemist's shop with a notice outside. "Ici on Parle Français." In he went and told the assistant in French what he wanted. But that assistant knew no language except English, and another who came to help

him was just as far at sea. But the proprietor was an intelligent man, and he knew at once from the cut of the customer's clothes that he

was speaking French. "Leave him to me." he said, with

superior smile. Then, forming a megaphone with his hands, he shouted in the Frenchman's

"Our assistant who speaks French is out at lunch. You'll have to wait!"-London Scraps.

Swordsmen of the Sea.

The swordsmen of the sea are the sawfisher, spearfishes, sailfishes, swordfishes and the narwhal, with its spirally twisted straight tusks. The sawfishes inhabit the warmer seas, while the parwhal is a creature of the arctic. The tusk of the narwhal is hollow nearly to the point and is spirally grooved. It uses its tusk as a weapon of defense and to plunge through the ice to breathe, the narwhal being a cetacean. Sometimes when a boat has been caught in the ice great damage has been inflicted by the inquisitiveness or blundering of this great creature, that sometimes reaches a length of fifteen feet, with a tusk of from six to ten feet in length. As a rule, however, the narwhal uses its tusk for the purpose of killing fish for food. In the castle of Rosenberg the kings of Denmark have long possessed a magniticent throne made of tusks of this cetacean. These tusks are harder and whiter than ivory.

Beavers Train Their Young.

Naturalists have placed the beaver a long way down in the list of vertebrates, but it undoubtedly stands next to man in the variety of occupations in which it engages. All cats are hunters, while foxes that are not thieves may be included also among the Nimrods. All canaries are prima donnas. and monkeys make clever comedians, but it is only the beaver parent that educates its children to take up several trades. In a single colony among them you will find civil and marine engineers, woodchoppers, raftsmen, laborers, quarrymen, m masons, carpenters, hodcarriers and fishermen. All beavers take contracts for building dams, but when the work is undertaken the task is so divided that each member of the colony has its | -Philadelphia Bulletin. own particular work to look after. In this way they make some wonderful excavations and construct their dams in an incredibly short time.

Marry and Part For a Year.

Among the many peculiar customs prevalent among the people of Central America is that of parting for one year after the marriage ceremony has been solemnized. This custom has prevailed among the Jarnos from time immemorial. There is no courtship allowed to be carried on between the parties prior to the wedding. When a man selects a woman he obtains the consent of the parents on both sides, and if this is given they are at once married. The reason, however, for their not living together as man and wife for one year after marriage is in order to permit of the parties visiting and staying with their respective friends in different parts of the country, which is a customary thing and occupies the time specified. Ninety-nine out of a hundred | terer (perhaps the most efficient in the of these marriages turn out well.

A Chance to Spoon.

A young couple from the suburbs went to Dublin the other day to see the pantomime. Being early, they visfted a tea room and had the place all to themselves. The attending waitress ful about lamb too. Give it plenty of had omitted in serving them to supply the necessary implement to effectually assist in the proper and palatable admixture of the tea, cream and sugar. "Can we have a spoon?" inquired

the swain. "Certainly," replied the observant attendant. "I am just tidying up, and you can have the whole room to yourselves in a minute or two."-Liverpool Mercury.

Holding His Job.

"I think the man who works at that place across the street is the most faithful and conscientious workman I ever saw. He never takes a holiday and always labors away till it's too dark to see any longer."

"Faithful workman! Great Scott! He's the proprietor of the shop!" Chicago Tribune.

The Fireside Diplomat.

"I don't want to be nagging at you." Mrs. Marryat began, "but it's the little things that bother me most"-

"Ah!" interrupted her husband sweetly. "I suppose you're going to tell me you haven't a decent pair of shoes."-Philadelphia Press.

"We are told to cast our bread upon

the waters," said a young wife. "But don't you do it," replied her husband. "A vessel might run against It and get wrecked."-Simplicissimus.

The Message on His Watch.

In "Memories of Eight Parliaments" Mr. Lucy, the author, tells a story about Mr. Pyne, member for West Waterford, who, when under the crimes act a warrant was issued for his arrest in 1887, shut himself up in his Irish home. Lisfarney castle, had the trenches filled with water, the drawbridge up, took in supplies by a window in the battlements and thus lived for months, while he poked fun at the policemen who were wandering about below with the warrant in their pock-

"The originality of Mr. Pyne's mind." continues Mr. Lucy, "was further indicated upon his watch. On its dial he had roughly engraved 'Pay no rent.' Whenever in troubled times any of his neighbors came to him for advice as to what they should do in the presence of a demand for rent, Mr. Pyne solemnly shook his head. 'I cannot.' he said. express my views on the subject, for Mr. Balfour says they are illegal. But I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll show you what time of day it is,' and, holding out his watch, the perturbed tenant read upon it the admonitory legend.

Laws Against Beggars.

Begging was a capital offense in England in the days of Henry VIII .. | when the laws were very severe against beggars, and under a statute passed in that reign any one caught begging for the first time, being nelther aged nor infirm, was whipped at the cart's tail. If caught a second time his ear was slit or bored through with a hot iron. If caught a third time he suffered death as a felon unless some honest person having £10 in goods or 40 shillings in land or some householder approved by the justices would take the offender into his service for two years, entering into a bond of £10. So the law of England remained for sixty years. First enacted by Henry VIII., it continued unrepealed through the reigns of Edward and Mary. Reconsidered under Elizabeth. the same law was again formally passed, the two legislative houses thereby expressing their conviction that it was better for a man not to live at all than to live the life of a beggar.

Tainted Diamonds.

The lapidary was about to cut the tail off a tadpole shaped yellow dia-

"The chances are," he said, "that this fellow will turn white from terror when I split him. If he does his value will go up 200 per cent."

The lapidary set his steel knife in position. He prepared to strike on the knife's back the momentous blow.

"Wish me luck," he said. And the hammer fell, the amputated tail dropped into the box underneath, and, lo, the yellow diamond that had been split was now quite white.

"The yellow taint." the cutter explained, was only in the tail. Yet the taint was reflected all through the stone, and this made it seem of a uniform yellow throughout. Now the taint is gone, and our yellow diamond is a pure white one.

"The miracle happens fairly often."

Epigrams of an Indian. Chief Joseph of the Nez Perces was a truly remarkable Indian. He rarely spoke, but when he did his lips drop-

ped wisdom. Here are a few of the sayings attributed to him: "Look twice at a two faced man." "Cursed be the hand that scalps the

reputation of the dead." "The eye tells what the tongue would "Fire water courage ends in trem-

bling fear." "Big name often stands on small

"Finest fur may cover toughest "When you get the last word with an echo you may do so with a squaw."

Fish, Chicken and Veal.

Raw pullet, raw veal and raw fish make the graveyard fat. This is hundreds of years old. A New York cacity) said to me: "There are three important articles of food that must under no circumstances be served underdone. They are fish, chicken and veal. By chicken I mean all poultry of a domestic nature. All game birds should be rare. You want to be a little carecooking."-New York Press.

"Which is the cow that gives the buttermilk?" innocently asked the young lady from the city, who was inspecting the herd with a critical eye. "Don't make yourself ridiculous,"

said the young lady who had been in the country before and knew a thing or two. "Goats give buttermilk."-Springfield Journal.

Few and Far Between. "If men really would 'vote as they pray," remarked Goodley. "this would

truly be a happy world." "Yes," replied Wise, "but in that case you wouldn't get some men to the polls once in ten years."-Washington Star.

Must Be Stylish. "Why do you wear that ridiculous

hat?" he growled. "Do you really think it ridiculous?" she replied graciously. "How lovely

of you! I was afraid it wasn't quite the style!"-Philadelphia Ledger. Permanent Receiver. Patience-I hear Will is going to marry that girl he's been spending so much money on. Patrice-Yes. He's

going to make her a permanent re-

Revenge a wrong by forgiving it.-

French Proverb.

ceiver.-Yonkers Statesman.

European housekeeping in Papua is charmingly simple. Everything arrived in a tin, for the most part ready for us. Meat, milk, butter, vegetables-all stood in tins in neat rows in the storeroom. A diet of tinned stuffs grew rather monotonous at times, but we were able occasionally to vary it. Sometimes a man would arrive with a live turtle, which he would sell for two sticks of tobacco, costing threepence. The wretched turtle would be killed and cut up, but would still insist on quivering in a most realistic manner even when placed on the fire to cook Then, too, if the season was a good one, the kitchen would be found lined with joints of wallabies, and it would be hard to know what to do with so much fresh meat.-Wide World Maga-

Housekeeping In Papua.

Witty Sayings. W. S. Gilbert said of Beerbohm Tree's Hamlet that it was "funny

without being coarse." During an Englishman's lecture in New Haven the usher said to a late comer: "Please, sir, take your seat as

quietly as possible. The audience is

A Philadelphia woman said: "Of course there will be no marriage in heaven. There will be plenty of women there and a few men, but none any one would care to marry."

Spoiled by the Cook. Cardinal Manning, the famous English churchman, was gaunt of face The great ecclesiastic's appearance was so ascetic that he seemed to have been almost starved. Once in Liverpool he visited a convent, and the cook knelt to him for a blessing, which she

"May the Lord preserve your eminence," said she, and then, looking at his thin face, she added, "and, oh, may God forgive your cook!"

A Convenience. Curate-And so, Mrs. Howard, you come to church every Sunday? Mrs.

Howard - Yes. Mr. Priestly. We're such strangers in town yet that we have no other engagements.-Brooklyn Life.

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