

Not Piety, but Pork. The following bit of humor is taken from "The Farringtons," an English romance. The speakers are Mrs. Bateson and Mrs. Hankey, worthy wives, but not altogether above feeling a certain pleasure in showing up the ways of husbands:

"They've no sense, men haven't," said Mrs. Hankey; "that's what's the matter with them." "You never spoke a truer word, Mrs. Hankey," replied Mrs. Bateson. "The very best of them don't properly know the difference between their souls and their stomachs, and they fancy they are wrestling with their doubts when really it is their dinners that are wrestling with them."

"Now, take Bateson himself," continued Mrs. Bateson. "A kinder husband or better Christian never drew breath, yet so sure as he touches a bit of pork he begins to worry himself about the salvation of his soul till there's no living with him. And then he'll sit in the front parlor and engage in prayer for hours at a time till I say to him: "'Bateson,' says I, 'I'd be ashamed to go troubling the Lord with a prayer when a pinch of carbonate of soda would set things straight again!'"

Dyeing Real Flowers. "Every one in awhile some florist gets busy and puts some odd colored blossoms in his window as an extra attraction to the display," said a clubman. "I just noticed one down the street. It consisted of a bunch of impossibly green carnations. At first glance a good many people thought they were made of paper, but they got interested when they found out that they were 'natural.' Now, anybody who wants to have any of these freak flowers can get them by buying some kind of aniline ink, any color desired. Carnations are the easiest to color—white ones, of course. Put their stems in a glass filled with ink. Their stems are soft, and in a short while the larger veins in their petals are filled with the ink. Don't let them absorb too much color. They are prettier with just so much. Then remove them and put them in a vase of salt water. Lilies of the valley lend themselves to this scheme also. In fact, any white, soft stemmed flower may be used."—Philadelphia Record.

Famous Golf Match. A projected golf match between two well known amateurs and a leading member of the London stock exchange for a stake of £500 recalls the famous foursome in which the Duke of York, afterward James II., took a prominent part on the Leith links in the year 1682. It was really an international contest, in which the duke, with John Paterson, a golfing shoemaker of great repute, championed Scotland against two noblemen of England, a heavy wager depending on the issue. The duke and the cobbler, had an easy victory, thanks largely to the man of the last, and John Paterson's share of the stakes was so substantial that he was able to build a goodly house in the Canongate, in a wall of which the duke caused a stone to be placed bearing the Patersons arms with the motto "Far and sure," a tribute to the cobbler's driving powers. Paterson's house, we understand, survives today. —Westminster Gazette.

Failed. Noiselessly, but with all his might, the burglar tugged at the dressing table drawer. In vain. It refused to open. He tugged again. "Give it another jerk," said a voice behind him. The burglar turned. The owner of the house was sitting up in bed and looking at him with an expression of the deepest interest on his face. "Jerk it again. There's a lot of valuable property in that drawer, but we haven't been able to open it since the damp weather began. If you can pull it out I'll give you a handsome royalty on everything that's in it." But the burglar had jumped out through the window, taking a part of the snash with him.—Exchange.

Tat For Tit. They were sitting out in the conservatory. Sam sat on the sofa, and Sally sat on Sam, but it was all right, for he had just asked her to marry him. She had said, "I don't care if I do," and thus they were engaged. "Sam, dear," she began, "am I the only girl?" "Now, look here, Sally," he interrupted, "don't ask me if you're the only girl I ever loved. You know as well as I do." "Oh, that wasn't the question at all, Sam," she answered. "I was going to ask if I was the only girl who would have you."—London Answers.

Difficult Advice. Mrs. Rayce was talking to another young woman at a tea. "How decidedly better off a man would be," said the other young woman, "if he would only take his wife's advice!" "Quite true, my dear," said Mrs. Rayce. "I've advised my George time and time again not to bet on horses that don't win, but he will do it."

Why He Quit. "So you abandoned the simple style of spelling?" "Yes," responded the former advocate of the fad. "I found it so difficult to make people understand that I knew better."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Grecian Food For Dreamers. Hasheesh, the strange drug which has given our language its word "assassin"—a man so frenzied by the drug that he accomplishes murder—is used by the Persians, Turks and Egyptians in a manner akin to the use of opium by the Chinese. It is the product of a plant grown in large quantities in the Peloponnese (southern Greece), in the district about Tripolitza. The plant grows to a height of about four feet, and its branches are thickly covered with small leaves and studded with tiny seeds. The entire plant, stalk and branches, is cut within a few inches of the root and laid out in the sun to dry. The branches are then rubbed to separate the seeds, and these in turn are ground into a fine powder, which constitutes the drug. The drug has the power of inducing sleep and producing pleasant and fantastic dreams. Continued use of hasheesh renders its devotees reckless and results in a wreck of their mental and physical constitution.—Montreal Standard.

Immune From Arrest. In Washington, in the capital of the nation, there reside 200 men who, with their households, have absolute immunity from the laws of the land, even though they commit crimes of the first degree. They may shoot down the man who injures them; they may, if they see fit, paint the equestrian statue of General Phil Sheridan a vivid pea green, yet the hands of Uncle Sam must be kept from their shoulders, and woe unto the unfrightened policeman or other servant of the law who undertakes to bring them to justice once they have declared their official connections. These men who are so clothed in immunity are the members of the diplomatic corps, and their shield is international law. It is provided in the laws of nations that they must answer before the tribunals of their own countries for the offenses they commit here in Washington, but that they shall not be tried by any court of the United States.—Washington Star.

A Realistic Actor. Malcolm was three years old. He stood stock still in the middle of the floor, one arm extended horizontally. His mother, looking up from her sewing, saw the door open. "Shut the door, Malcolm, please," she said. No response. She repeated her request. Still no response. "Malcolm," she said more sternly. "I asked you to shut the door." Still Malcolm stood in the middle of the floor with his arm outstretched and did not move.

Memory Studies. A small boy went into a South Boston drug store, wrinkled his face, rubbed his head and rubbed his left foot up and down his right leg in an effort to remember something that had escaped him. "Say," he began, "will you tell me the name of the place where we Americans have so many soldiers?" "Fort Sheridan?" "Oh, no. It's farther away than that." "The Philippines?" "That ain't just it, but it's somewhere around there." "Perhaps you mean Manila?" "Manila! That's right! I knew I would get it after awhile. I want a bottle of manila extract for flavoring. They're goin' to have ice cream."—Boston Record.

Old Time Temperance. The first temperance society is said to have been founded by Margrave Frederick V. in 1690, and it is instructive to learn that the noble members of that society were bound by a pledge good for two years not to drink more than seven bumpers of wine with any meal nor more than fourteen bumpers a day. They were, however, permitted to quench any surplus of thirst with beer and to drink one glass of whisky on the side. By this ideal of abstinence may be gauged the ordinary drinking habits of our forefathers in the good old times when knighthood was in flower.—Morris Hillquit in Socialism.

His Walking Papers. "My sister'll be down in a minute," said little Clarence, who was entertaining the young man in the parlor. "I heard her tellin' maw a little while ago that she was goin' to give you your written permission to perambulate tonight. What do you reckon she meant by that?" "I think I know, Clarence," said the young man, reaching for his hat. "You may tell her, if you please, that I have decided not to wait for it."—Exchange.

Barring It Out. Irate Parent—So you think my daughter loves you, sir, and you wish to marry her? Young Lover—That's what I called to see you about. And if you don't mind I thought I'd just ask first if there is any insanity in your family. Irate Parent—No, sir, and there's not going to be any.—London Express.

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