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Patti Wanted Her Money. One of Adelina Patti's peculiarities was that she never sang a note until she had her salary either paid or so fully assured that there was no doubt as to her getting it. When she sang at the Academy of Music, in New York, at one time the manager was sorely put about to find money to pay her, but she always stoutly refused to

sing until she had her salary. One night at a quarter past 8 her to ask the watchman when I went to representative went to him and said: "Madam is all dressed except her the president had knocked off work shoes. She will put those on when

she gets the money.' The manager, half distracted, rushed about the house and succeeded in rais had finished some severe task that he ing one-half the amount due the prima donna, which he hastily sent to her. o'clock. I usually stopped work at 1 But another quarter of an hour passed, and, though the audience showed great impatience, there was no Patti, where at the manager ran to her room.

"My dear madam, why do you not go on? I have sent you half the money, and the rest will reach you before Clure's. the end of the first act."

Patti smiled dolefully, exhibited the tips of her feet and said: "You see, I have only one shoe on. I cannot go on the stage without the other. It would be quite impossible."

Almost crazed, the manager rushed out and discovered that the other ety means overdressed women, bediahalf of the money could be raised .-New York Tribune.

The March of the Caravan. Perhaps the weirdest and most impressive of the many unwonted memories that the traveler carries away with him from travel in the east is the recollection of the camel caravans which he has encountered at night. patrons swirling about you. A man | IF YOU WISH TO BECOME. Out of the black darkness is heard the distant boom of a heavy bell. Mourn fully and with perfect regularity or iteration it sounds, gradually swelling nearer and louder and perhaps mingling with the tones of smaller bells signaling the rear guard of the same caravan. The big bell is the insignia and alarm of the leading camel alone. But, nearer and louder as the sound becomes, not another sound and not a visible object appears to accompany it. Suddenly and without the slightest warning there looms out of the darkness, like the apparition of a phantom ship, the form of the captain in her hand he dispensed with the of the caravan. His spongy tread customary exhortation to pay her fare sounds softly on the smooth sand, and like a great string of linked ghouls the silent procession stalks by and is swal-lowed up in the night.—"Persia and

## It Is to Smile.

the Persian Question."

In walking through a train a smile always relieves the tension of the moment, even if it is the train of your

hostess' best dinner gown. A smile is frequently used to conceal a vacuum. If it is a broad smile, however, it defeats its purpose.

If your newly married friends insist upon your holding the baby, grab the infant firmly by the back of the neck and smile. The parents will remove the child at once.

If your dinner partner is talking over your head, smile. He will probably grow uncomfortable immediately and change the subject.

If your rival appears to be cutting you out with the only girl, smile. This will rouse her suspicions at once, and she will devote the rest of her time trying to find out who "that girl" is. A smile is a handy thing to have

round, even when it is as broad as it is long. It may square a long standing grievance.-Puck.

## Redundant Particulars.

Cleveland people consider the name of their town sufficient as an address without the addition of Ohio, and one protesting against the use of the name of the state tells a story to illustrate the folly of redundant particulars. "It reminds me," he said, "of the fussy Englishman who went up to St. Peter and said, 'I'm from London.' And then, for fear the saint might mix him up with somebody else, he added, 'London, England, you know.' That riled the good old gatekeeper. 'From London, England, eh? he said. 'Well, Mr. Man from London, England, you're knocking at the wrong door. Your new address is Sheol, Brimstone county, Dominion of Lucifer!" "-Exchange.

## The Gnu In the Zoo.

They've got a gnu in the zoo. It's a new gnu. That is to say, no one ever knew it there before. When it arrived it had very little coat. Consequently it was in a state of gnudity; hence, this new ditty we are composing on the subject. But now it is no longer gnude. That new gnu knew something and grew a new coat for the cold weather. If some people knew what that new Nubian gnu knew, they would keep their hair on.-London Scraps.

Importance of Vowels.

Do you fully realize the importance of the vowel "e" in English? The inscription, "Prsrvyprfctmnvrkpthsprcptstn," over the Decalogue in an English country church puzzled people for 200 years. Pepper it properly with "e's" and you may read, "Preserve, ye perfect men; ever keep these precepts ten." Easy, isn't it?—Boston Globe,

Modest Modern Man.

Whatever may be said of the modern man, he cannot be said to be lacking in modesty. While the ancients did their utmost to prove that they issued from the gods, we do our best to demonstrate that we have descended from monkeys.-Paris Journal.

Cleveland's Greediness For Work. President Cleveland was often at his desk in the White House until 3 o'clock

in the morning and up again at 9. I fell into the way of working until about 1 o'clock in the morning, and because of the oppressive heat I kept the door of my room wide open. Often during the hours around midnight I would step into the hall in hope of getting a stray breath of air. Once it so happened that as I looked across the hall to the half open door turned toward mine I saw upon its polished surface the reflection of the hand of a man writing with a patience and an industry that amazed me. I knew that the president was at his desk. I used my task in the morning at what hour the preceding night. I found that it was generally about 3 o'clock in the morning, although sometimes when he had set himself he would stop at 2 o'clock, but I did once or twice hang

New York's Lobster Palaces.

on until 2 in the hope that I might, if

only for once, show an endurance

equal to that of the man next door,

whose greediness for work had become

proverbial.-George F. Parker in Mc-

Nobody of distinction of appetite goes to a lobster palace to eat. One goes there in gaudy mood or when every other place is filled or closed or with the kind of man who thinks gaymoned men, waiters rushing with champagne as if they had the fire buckets and a caterwauling orchestra. At midnight the din and the excitement incline a sedate man to ask himself whether he is not in a riot. If you have a lobster digestion, you don't hear the din or feel the maelstrom of omnibuses, waiters, head waiters and who is eating lobster has to concentrate all his faculties, mental, physical, moral and intellectual, on the ordeal. You have heard no doubt of the young lady who was asked over her first lobster how she liked it. "I think," she declared, "it's perfectly delicious if there weren't so many large bones in THE PENNSYLVANIA it. They look like celluloid, don't they?"-Richard Duffy in Putnam's.

He Was a Poor Guesser.

He was a new conductor and anxious to expedite matters. When he saw a woman holding a two dollar bill and began to count out change. There had been a drain on his pocketthroughout the trip, and he was obliged to interview half the passengers in the car before he finally secured the desired small coin. Finally the transaction was completed, and the

"Fare?" he said. The woman fished a nickel from her pocketbook. Then she looked at the two dollar bill.

"Dear me!" she said. "How careless I am! I forgot I had that money in my hand. Somebody might have stolen it.'

"Chump!" growled the conductor. The woman thought he meant her, but he didn't. He was cursing his own stupidity.-New York Globe.

French Peasant Women Hard Workers. The French peasant woman, Bretonne or otherwise, works hard as any man. It makes one sad to see the women working in the fields, digging and delving, carrying heavy burdens, driving the cattle, sometimes attending to the machinery employed on the farms. One wonders whether husbands and fathers appreciate it all, especially when you hear some of the ballads, for ballads are supposed to reveal the soul of a people. I heard one the other day of which the refrain is as follows:

Dear is my good wife Jeanne, Her death I should deplore, But dearer are my beaves, Their loss would grieve me more! -From Plougastel (France) Letter to New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Mennonites.

The Mennonites grew out of four sects of Dutch. Flemish and German Baptists. They derive their name from Menno Simons, a Catholic priest who became a leader of the anabaptists in about 1537. Simons was born in 1492 and died in 1537. His "True Christian Belief" was published three years before his death. Following the death of the leading spirit the sect underwent divisions and changes of creed.-Pittsburg Dispatch.

Washington's Rebuke.

"Washington," said a senator, "was not a cynic, yet he sometimes said things so wretchedly true that they had a cynical note. Thus, rebuking a certain type of churchgoer, he once

" 'The church's feasts and fasts are marvelously well kept up. The rich keep the feasts and the poor the

A Candid Critic.

Author-Have you read my new book?

Friend-Yes. "What do you think of it?" "Well, to be candid with you, I think the covers are too far apart."-Chicago

Reciprocity. "Do you expect your constituents to

believe all you tell them?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum, "and in return they must not expect me to tell them all I believe."-Washington Star.

If a man empties his purse into his head no one can take it from him.-

"My dear," said a thin little Brighton man to his wife, "this paper says that there is a woman down in Devonshire who goes out and chops wood with her husband." "Well, what of it? I think she could

easily do it if he is as thin as you are. I have often thought of using you to peel potatoes with."

The thin man laid down his paper with a sigh that sounded like the squeak of a penny whistle.-London

Immediate Results.

Mrs. Hinnesy-Jamie, phwat's thot noise? James-'Tis little Paddy Mulligan pokin' a shtick into th' ribs o' Casey's goat. Mrs. Hinnesy-Ah, he's shtopped now! James-No, mother: he's goin' yet. I think he won't shtop till he strikes th' house.-Exchange. Merely Local.

Young Thomas, afflicted with a green apple pain in his midst, thus explained his condition to his mother: "Mother, I've got an awful bad pain right in the middle of my stomach, but the rest of me feels fine!"-Lippincott's.

In this world one must be a little too kind to be kind enough.-Marivaux.

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