

He Dodged Cold Mutton. Green, the English historian, one day asked a friend which of all the inventions of their day had done the most for the people as a whole. His friend guessed this and that, but the answer was: "Beyond doubt, sixpenny photographs."

A reply involving quite as great an absurdity as that was made by Cecil Rhodes in answer to a lady who, seeking to draw him out, suggested that he owed his phenomenal rise to the impetus of noble sentiments. "Madam," returned Mr. Rhodes, "I owe my fortune simply and solely to cold mutton."

"Cold mutton!" gasped the lady. "Oh, Mr. Rhodes, what do you mean?" "When I was young," continued the South African millionaire, "I was so dosed with cold mutton and I hated it so cordially that I resolved to grow rich in order to put it on one side for the rest of my life. Yes, madam, cold mutton was at the root of my success. Noble sentiments had nothing to do with it."

Preparing For a "Dewel." One of the most remarkable documents that have ever come under our observation, says a law journal, is to be found in the case of ex parte Scoggin, 6 Tex. App., 546. Mr. Scoggin was under indictment for the murder of one William Gerrard, and an extract from a memorandum book in defendant's handwriting and found near the body ran as follows:

Johnson Co., Tex., Jan. 24, 1875. As it may be the last penciling that I may ever do on earth May heaven Bless me and the man that I am going to file. For we have been traveling to gether some time and have fell out. I bought the sum of \$25 and have agreed to fight a dewel this Butiful night of our lord, and as one of us has to die May heaven bless us, as this is the last half hour on earth with one of us, heven Preserve me now and forever. Written by Jesse Scoggin, Bored and rased in Tx. Sined by William Jirod, Bored in Illinois.

Mr. Scoggin's plety apparently brought victory to him in the "dewel," for his adversary when found appeared to have been struck behind the ear by a thirteen inch shell.

A Substituta. The young lawyer, having been nominated for the office of county attorney, thought to surprise an eccentric genius of the name of SI who was working as a hired man on the young lawyer's father's farm. "Well, SI, what do you think?" the young man began. "Sometimes one thing, Lonny, an' sometimes 'nother."

"But, SI, they have nominated me for county attorney."

"They might 'a' done worse, Lonny. Howsomever, don't holler till you're out of the woods."

The young attorney was duly elected and on his next visit to the farm announced the fact unctuously to SI, who was at the wood pile, saw in hand. "Well, SI, I am elected by a large majority. What do you think of that?" "Well, Lonny, down in our parts, where I was raised, when we wanted a stopper an' hadn't any cork we generally took a corneob."—Exchange.

Practicing on Wooden Legs. Of the five cases in the accident ward that were pronounced cured at the same time three remained in the hospital more than a week after the other two had gone home.

"They had to stay," said an interne, "to get used to their wooden legs. It takes some time to learn to manage them, and most men who will have to peg along with them for the rest of their natural lives stay in the hospital several days after they get well to practice stumping around on their new legs. Of course they can learn outside, but the man who has just acquired a wooden leg feels so awkward and is so likely to fall down and break the other leg or an arm or maybe his neck that we prefer to keep him here so he can take his first lessons under our supervision."—New York Press.

Thousand Islands. The Lake of the Thousand Islands is forty miles long and varies from four to seven miles in width. It is both a continuation of Lake Ontario and the beginning of the St. Lawrence river. The Thousand Islands are really about 1,700 in number, big and little. Many of them are favorite summer resorts, with hotels and boarding houses of rich Americans and Canadians. The voyage through them is picturesque, and many of the islands are illuminated at night.

Who Voted? Benjamin Franklin once discussed the property qualification for voting in Pennsylvania. A man owned a donkey of sufficient value to enable him to vote, but before the next election the donkey died, and the man's vote was refused. "Now," asked Franklin, "who voted at the previous election, the man or the donkey?"

A Tribute. Walter—They do say you're a great hand at a Welsh rabbit, sir. The Clubman—They do, eh? The Walter—Yis, sir. O' heerd wan man say ye made wan that was worth all the trouble it gev him ather he ate it.

More In His Line. "Do you think I will make a player?" asked a sluggish applicant for football. "You may make a chess player," said the coach. "You are slow enough in moving."

THE DAY-STAR. FOR THE WATCHMAN. The Day-Star is shining O'er hill and O'er valley, And nature's sighs are in gorgeous array; Creation now voices Her fervent oration; The sun in his grandeur Is king of the day. Mild zephyrs are waiting Rich odors about us, A-bloom are the flowers In garden and field; O Day Star—flourish, Mount up in thy splendor, Till nature's full glory To man is revealed. The green fields invite us To rare scenes of beauty, Plumed songsters are trilling Glad notes on the air; The king of the heavens The day-dawn makes golden; Then welcome to morning So lovely and fair!

A Woman's Age? Forget It. Man has no right to question woman's age—even think about it. A woman, bless her, is as old as she makes out or makes up and not a day older. Man is out of his latitude when he begins trying to locate woman's age longitude. It is her privilege to conceal her age in any form or manner she may choose, and it is man's prerogative to assist her as much as possible rather than hinder or question her in any way. Man owes it to himself to see that she is supplied with every means of concealing her age or any new wrinkle which she chooses to keep from the gaze of the overcurious public. Man is not supposed to be young or beautiful. He couldn't be if he wanted to be and wouldn't be if he could. With woman it is different. She wants to be and can be and is, whether she wants to be or not, and it is a whole lot better for her and for her admirer or admirers, as the case may be, that her age be carefully guarded under that charming veil of mystery which should ever be hers by right of possession. Forget that she has an age, brother, and you will be happier, and so will she, but don't, for heaven's sake, forget that she has a birthday.—Boston Herald.

The Fighting Editor. The fighting editor is no joke in Paris. There, if a paper calls a man a liar or a thief, the man takes it seriously, and, visiting the office, he demands a retraction or a fight. It is the fighting editor who receives him. The fighting editor sits in a Louis Seize study, smoking a cigarette and reading a new novel with a yellow cover. He is faultlessly dressed in deep black—the duelist's color. The ribbon of the Legion of Honor is in his buttonhole. His brilliant eyes and clear skin proclaim his perfect condition. His alert, supple carriage shows his military training. The fighting editor never writes a line, but is responsible personally for every word in the paper every day. On a plain, outspoken sheet like Le Matin, which keeps him pretty busy, his salary is very large—\$40 a week or so. A conservative journal like Le Temps, having little use for a fighting editor, pays the man no more than \$20.—Exchange.

No Danger. The Lady—'D buy you a nice pearl handed knife for your birthday, but I'm superstitious. I'm afraid it would cut our friendship. The Man—Cheer up! No knife a woman buys could ever cut anything.—Cleveland Leader.

The morose man takes both narrow and selfish views of life and the world. He is either envious of the happiness of others or denies its existence.—Simmons.

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