

One Was Enough. The British academy once had printed a few copies of an important work for presentation to some foreigners...

Well, as an example, said the secretary, "here is the name of Professor C. F. Gauss of Göttingen. Who is he?"

What Man Owe to Birds. "It should be realized," said a naturalist, "that without birds to hold in check the insects vegetable life soon would cease and life for man would become impossible upon the earth."

Laziness. "Laziness is responsible for too much of the misery we see about us," said a clergyman. "It is all very well to blame alcohol for this misery, to blame oppression and injustice, but to what heights might we not all have climbed but for our laziness?"

The Dragon Tree. The dragon tree of Tenerife is perhaps the strangest vegetable in the world. It is thought to be a kind of giant asparagus, whose dead branches serve as a support for the crowns.

Worked Too Well. A hotel proprietor, noticing that some of his customers were evidently trying to eat their suppers in the shortest possible time, lest they should miss the boat which was waiting at the wharf, thought it would be funny to frighten them.

It Didn't Fall Out. "I see your hair is falling out, sir," remarked the hairdresser, who was getting ready to work the hair tonic idea on the customer.

The Tailor's Patron Smit. The tailor's salar is St. John the Baptist, but why we do not know, for, as far as sacred writ informs us, "his clothing was of camel's hair and a leather girdle about his loins."

Cheering Her Up. "I hear you are going to marry Charley," "Yes; he asked me last evening."

Told You So. "It's the unexpected that always happens," "Oh, I don't know. Somebody always claims to have predicted it."

The Poor Doctor. Hawkins—So you sent for a doctor? Does he think you will be out soon? Robbins—I imagine so. He said he wished I had sent for him sooner.

Didn't Pass It. A missionary in Trinidad once asked a negro sitting in idleness by the roadside how he managed to pass the time.

Tommy's Choice. Fond Mother—Tommy, darling, this is your birthday. What would you like to do? Tommy, Darling (after a moment's reflection)—I think I should enjoy seeing the baby spanked!

British Savings Clubs. The working people of England are great patrons of savings clubs, all sorts of agencies being created to enable them to save money.

Easter Island. Easter Island is a lonely Pacific islet, forty-seven square miles in area, entirely volcanic and containing several extinct craters, some of which are more than a hundred feet high.

Then and Now. Act I. Tilkins—How is business, Wilkins? Wilkins—Can't make it go. At this rate I shall be bankrupt in another month.

Act II.—Ten Years Later. Guest—What a magnificent place you have—everything that wealth could buy or heart long for! You have been wonderfully prosperous, Mr. Wilkins.

Fear of Premature Burial. The fear of premature burial, which prompted the late Lord Burton to direct by his will that his heart should be removed from his body, has caused many well known men and women to order a surgical operation to be performed upon their bodies.

Locations of Promotion. Elzeena, aged four, revealed in kindergarten lore and each day imparted to her young mother the many interesting things that the sweet faced teacher had told them.

German Way of Serving Asparagus. When living in Germany we noticed that the asparagus served there was unusually tender and of a much more delicate flavor than that which we got in America.

A Crusher. A consequential little man entered the commercial room of a big hotel not long back and gave a vigorous pull at the bell.

Their Troubles. "You've got no grounds to envy me," said the millionaire to the beggar. "I've got just as many troubles as you have."

Unreasonable. Mrs. Sharpe (severely)—Norah, I can find only seven of these plates. Where are the other five? Cook (in surprise)—"Sure, mum, don't ye make no allowance for ordinary wear and tear?"

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Charles Hawtreys's Twang. "Once on a time" it is Charles Hawtreys who tells this tale—"I tried to sink my identity in the part of a man who was my dearest friend. I had known him since he was a baby. I wanted to sink my own identity and copy him. I was not allowed to. This is how it happened."

Sixteenth Century Meals. Judging from a passage in Harrison's "Description of Britain," breakfast eating in the sixteenth century was held to denote effeminacy. "Heretofore," he writes, "there hath been more time spent in eating and drinking than commonly is in these days; for whereas of old we had breakfasts in the forenoon, beverages or nuntions after dinner, and thereto reare suppers when it was time to go to rest, now these of repasts, thanked be God, are verie well left, and each one (except here and there some young hungry stomach that cannot fast till dinner time) contenteth himself with dinner and supper onlie.

The Krakatoa Eruption. Perhaps the most remarkable volcanic eruption known was that which took place in August, 1883, at the island of Krakatoa, in the strait of Sunda. Streams of volcanic dust were thrown seventeen miles high and more than a cubic mile of material was expelled from the volcanic crater.

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A King's Bank. The practice of hiding money in all manner of out of the way corners is by no means modern. In the old days, according to "Gleanings After Time," secret receptacles were often made in the bedsteads and contributed both to safety and romance.

Naming a Kansas River. Practically all the streams in Kansas were named by Indians and carry those names to this day, though in an Anglicized form. The Neosho, the largest stream in southeast Kansas, has its own little story. The Osage Indians at one time lived in Missouri, and when they began talking of trailing their lands in that state and moving to southern Kansas a party was sent out to look the country over and make a report on it.

Living the Simple Life. A number of men gathered in the smoking car of a train from Little Rock to another point in Arkansas were talking of the food best calculated to sustain health.

Very Nicely English. This curious Bengali English was used to advertise a circus in India: "Some horse will make very good tricks. The clown will come and talk with that horse therefore audience will laugh itself very much. The lady will walk on horses back and horse is jumping very much also. The clown will make a joking words and lady will become to angry therefore clown will run himself away. One man will make so tricks of trapeze audience will fraid himself very much. One lady will make himself so bend, then everybody he will think, he is the rubber lady. This is the very grand display. This is the very better gymnastics. One man will walk on wire tight, he is doing very nicely because he is professor of that."

The Secret. "I say," said Berkeley to his wife yesterday at dinner, "you didn't say anything to any one about what I was telling you the night before last, did you? That's a secret."

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