

## A Long Credit.

The motto of the highland host that battled for the Stuart cause, which bonny Prince Charlie headed, apparently was that heaven helps those who help themselves liberally. They levied toll on the henroost, stable and, according to the author of "The Land of Romance," even on the pockets of the Covenanters.

At Swarthholm a party of these marauders overhauled the house of a tailor, and when one of them was about to cut up a web of homespun that had taken his fancy the good wife earnestly remonstrated.

"A day'll come when ye'll ha' tae pay for that," she solemnly assured him.

Scissors in hand, Donald paused. "An' when will she pe hafing to de that?" he asked.

"At the last day." said she.

"An' that will pe a fery goot long credit," the robber coolly returned. "She wass going to pe only taking a coat, but now she will pe taking a waistcoat as well."

A Mountain In the Sky. Somewhere many miles away from this earth an enormous mountain twenty miles high is flying through space. The mountain is known astronomically as the planet Eros. The ordinary man has long taken it for granted that all the planets are more or less round in shape. The small planet Eros, however, is an exception to this rule. According to the latest astronomical information, it is a mere mountain in space, "without form and void." and as it turns upon its axis first one corner and then another is presented to view. These small worlds (few are over ten or twenty miles across) are not large enough to have of the clock is divided into iwentysufficient gravity to draw their struc- four hours and shows the phases of ture into symmetry and remain as the moon and a map of the universe .when launched into space-mammoth Harper's. meteorites. A tantalizing fact for astronomers is that Eros passed very close to us about Jan. 24, 1894-before the planet was recognized-and that quite so near an approach is not due again till 1975.

#### "The Mine's Blown Up."

I was sitting on the edge of my bed. loosening the heel of one of my rubbet boots with the toe of the other, when suddenly through the stillness of the sleeping town, from the power house half a mile away, came a low and rising note, the great siren whistle in the power house. Almost fascinated, 1 listened as the great note rose higher and more shrill and died away again. One blast meant a fire in the town, two blasts fire in the buildings at the mine and three blasts, the most terrible of all, a disaster or trouble in the mine.

weight to many minds. It is strange what a glory a foreign label can cast upon a commonplace article. The fact of a commodity having crossed the water, however, is not taken quite so seriously today as it was some fifty or sixty years ago. M. C. D. Silsbee gives an instance in her "A Half Cen-

Too Precious.

"Makers to his majesty" and "im-

tury In Salem." Miss Ann M. Rust was one of the two milliners. She had a large collection of finery, shelves full of handsome ribbons and glass showcases of rich embroideries, besides the inevitable bonnets. Once she imported a quantity of exquisite French caps. The strings were somewhat crushed in the transit across the ocean. The caps were quickly disposed of. An aunt bought one, and Miss Rust innocently

observed that a "warm iron would make the creases all right." "What!" indignantly exclaimed the

aunt. "Smooth a crease made in Paris? No. indeed: never!"

#### A Famous English Clock.

Wells cathedral contains one of the most interesting clocks in the whole world. It was constructed by Peter Lightfoot, a monk, in 1320 and embraces many devices which testify to the ancient horologist's ingenuity. Several celestial and terrestrial bodies are incorporated in the interesting movement and relationship. They indicate the hours of the day, the age of the moon and the position of the planets and the tides. When the clock strikes the hour two companies of horsemen fully armed dash out of gateways in opposite directions and charge vigorously. They strike with their lances as they pass as many times as correspond with the number of the hour. A little distance away. seated on a high perch. is a quaint figure, which kicks the quarters on two bells placed beneath his feet and

strikes the hours on a bell. The dial

#### He Made Them Listen.

"X" Beidler, the old vigilante leader of Montana, was elected sheriff of Lewis and Clark county, in which Helena is situated. During Beidler's incumbency the jail was rebuilt and one of the new fashioned steel cages

for the prisoners installed. Beidler invited all the notables down to see the cage when it was completed. The governor and the state and city officials and many prominent citizens accepted the invitation. "X" took them into a cage and excused himself for a minute. He went out and locked the door. Then he took a chair and sat down outside.

"Now, dern ye," he said to the imprisoned notables. "ye've bin edgin' off lately when I was tellin' my stories Once more, after an interminable of the old days an' not listenin' to 'em.

Why She Quit Her Job. A lady of my acquaintance in Tokyo, says a writer in the World Wide Magazine, possessed a valuable servant of somewhat mature years who rejoiced in the poetic name of Oharu San-"The Honorable Miss Spring." . One day Miss Spring brought in luncheon as usual. All seemed serene; there was not a shadow of a cloud in the domestic sky. But at teatime no tea appeared; neither, in answer to calls at first patient and afterward impatient, did Oharu. After awhile the lady went herself to the back regions and found-desolation. The charcoal box was filled with gray ashes, the kettle cold. Half the luncheon plates lay immersed in a bowl of soapy water; the other half stood on

the sink ready to be put away. Oharu herself simply was not. The next morning, however, she reappeared, very much on her company manners, with a clean kimono and her hair done in a shining bun to denote the state of a matron, demanding the fragment of wages due to her since the beginning of the month. The lady ex- ly. 'I'm only adapting.'" postulated and asked why the servant was leaving thus suddenly.

"Oh," replied Oharu, "just as I was washing the plates yesterday I remembered that Saito San, the pawnbroker, wanted a wife. Therefore I went out and married him."

#### Unjustly Accused.

Andrew Carnegie, when talking about the Scotch dialect once, said: "Scotch dialect is a lingo hard to understand, and it often causes awkward mistakes. Once an American divine spent Christmas in a highland inn. On Christmas morning he gave the maid a tip of a sovereign, and he said, looking earnestly at her, for she was a pretty maid:

'Do you know, Kathleen, you are a very good looking lassie?

"Of course Kathleen was pleased. but, being modest, she blushed like a rose and answered:

"Ah. na! Ab, na! But my kissing, sir, is beautiful! "The divine frowned.

"'Leave the room, you wicked young baggage!" he said sternly.

"He didn't know, you see, that modest Kathleen had been simply praising in her highland dialect the superior charms of her cousin Janet of Peebles.

#### Philosophic Tea.

The famous Adam Smith had all the proverbial absentmindedness of the philosopher. An amusing story of him is told in Mr. Fyvie's book, "Noble Dames and Notable Men of the Georgian Era." "Mr. Damer, it appears, called one morning upon the Scottish philosopher just as he was preparing his breakfast. As they talked the learned man took a piece of bread and butter in his hand and, after rolling it round and round, popped it into his teapot and poured the boiling water MC upon it. Damer watched with quiet

amusement without drawing attention to this peculiar proceeding, and presently he had his reward. for when Adam Smith poured himself out a cup of this queer decoction and tasted it he quite innocently remarked to his visitor that it was the worst tea he had ever met with."

## Not Stealing.

David Belasco delicately dissected a certain playwright one evening at a dinner given by the former to some of his friends of the theatrical profession. This playwright is successful and pro duces many plays, but, it is admitted, owes nearly all his best ideas to oth-

"One night the playwright imagined that he heard a noise in his house," said Mr. Belasco. "He lighted a lamp, went downstairs, searched his library, parlor, dining room and kitchen, then went to the butler's pantry and there discovered a masked man kneeling over the chest of silverware.

"'Aha?' said he huskily. 'Stealing?' "'Oh, no,' replied the burglar calm-

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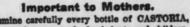
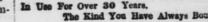


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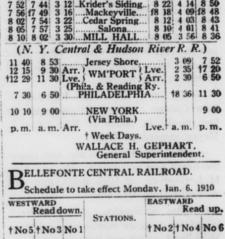
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pause, the sound came again and once more rose and died away. I did not move, but there was a sudden coldness that came over me as once more. for the third time, the deep note broke out on the quiet air. Almost instan taneously the loud jingle of my telephone brought me to my feet. I took down the receiver. "The mine's blown up," said a woman's voice.-Atlantic.

Saying No. The author of "Pat McCarty," a book of verse with a setting of prose, shows how naturally some of the Irishmen of Antrim dilute the wine of narrative with the water of verbiage. In the ex cerpt below-"The Way We Tell Story"-the diluent is used with a par ticularly free hand:

Says I to him, I says, says I. Says I to him, I says, The thing, says I, I says to him Is just, says I, this ways. I hev, says I, a gre't respeck For you and for your breed, And onything I cud, I says, I'd do, I wud indeed. I don't know any man, I says, I'd do it for, says I. As fast, I says, as for yoursel' That's tellin' ye no lie. There's naught, says I, I wudn't do To plase your feyther's son, But this, I says, ye see, says I, I says, it can't be done.

#### The Spectacled Bear.

The spectacled bear of Ecuador is so called because of a patch of white around each eye, which makes the animal look as though he was peering through a pair of great spectacles. In size and general color the spec tacled bear looks not unlike the American black bear. But its hair is very shaggy. At each side of the head is a white bar, which gives the animal the appearance of wearing a halter. But the most distinctive feature is the white around the eyes.

#### Attachment.

The schoolteacher was trying to illustrate the difference between plants. and animals.

"Plants," she explained, "are not susceptible of attachment to man as animals are.'

"How about burs, teacher?" piped : small boy who had passed the sum mer in the country.-Chicago News.

Make Children Happy. The first duty toward children is to make them happy If you have not made them happy you have wronged them. No other good they may get can make up for that .-- Charles Bux-

ton.

## His Reward.

Lawyer Brown-So I called the judge a liar. Lawyer Jones-And thep what did you do? Lawyer Brown-Thirty days .- Toledo Blade.

And the Grounds.

Lady Customer-Do you keep coffee in the bean? New Clerk-Upstairs, madam. This is the ground floor .-Princeton Tiger.

He kept them there three hoursuntil he had told his whole budget of tales.-Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

Max O'Rell's Reply. Max O'Rell at a dinner in Montreal at which were present English, Scotch, Irish and French was asked to give his opinion of the different races. Here is the answer he gave on the instant. "The Scotchman," he said, and he

clinched his right hand tightly and pretended to try to force it open with his left. "The Englishman"- And he went through the same performance. opening the hand at the end after an apparent struggle. "The Irishman"-And he held out his hard wide open, with the palm upward. "The Frenchman"- And he made a motion with both hands as if he were emptying them on the table. There was not a word of explana-

tion, but all understood thoroughly and had a hearty laugh.

### A Good Shot.

A sportsman of great imaginative gifts and fond of telling his exploits related that at one shot he had brought down two partridges and a hare. His explanation was that, although he had only hit one partridge, the bird in falling had clutched at another partridge and brought that to earth entangled in its claws. "But how about the hare?" he was

asked. "Oh." was the calm reply, "my gun

kicked and knocked me backward, and I fell on the hare as it ran past!"

### An Old Christmas Law.

The general court of Massachusetts Bay Colony, following the example of the English parliament, in 1659 enacted a law that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way, any such day as Christmas day shall pay for every such offense 5 shillings." This law was repealed in 1681.

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#### It Got Warmer.

Little Willie-Say. pa, doesn't it get colder when the thermometer falls? Pa-Yes, my son. Little Willie-Well, ours has fallen. Pa-How far? Little Willie-About five feet, and when it struck the hall floor it broke."

On the Trail. "I'm gunning for railroads," announced the trust buster. "Then come with me," whispered the near humorist. "I can show you so

of the tracks."--Brooklyn Life.

He Was Immune. Howell-Her laugh is contagious. Powell-Well, I was in no danger of catching it. She was laughing at me. -New York Press.

To know the worst is one way whereby to better it .- Alfred Austin.

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