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We mustn't overlook the notion counter at the capitol either. The members don't, so why should we...

It contains everything you can think of that would properly come under the head of notions and a great deal besides...

FAKED PAINTINGS.

An American Who Was Fooled and an Artist Who Was Insulted.

M. Henri Rochefort was being interviewed one day on bogus picture collections...

"They were carried into the room. There were Rembrandts, Corots and Harpignies...

Kept His Head. An ambassador of the great Charlemagne while visiting a court in the east...

Might Is Right. "Eddie" said the timid highland lover, "I wad kiss ye, but I'm feart ye wadna let me..."

On the Right Road. "Our daughter puts on too many airs," observed Mr. Spillkins.

His Usual Preference. "What kind of meat have you this morning, Larry?" asked the board of trade operator.

"Well, sic," said the butcher, "I've got some fine bear steak and some beef that's just bully..."

TAKING THE CURE.

Graphic Pen Picture of Carlsbad and Its Dyspeptics.

MUD BATHS AND VILE WATER

The Victims Drink Often and Drink Deep and Absorb With the Evil Brew Large Doses of Misery—An Unpleasant and Costly Road to Health.

A city shaped like a cup, a cup containing hot water. The sides of the city are clothed with pines...

In Carlsbad you drink often and drink deep. Drinking is your main occupation. Your drinking glass is strapped over your shoulders...

So you take your place at the end of a queue 300 dyspeptics long and wish you were dead. You very nearly are, for no "morning tea" sustains you...

Then you retire to a corner with the evil brew and try to drink it. It tastes of dead rats—not ones, long dead. Your character may be divined by your method of dealing with it...

An hour afterward you may have an inadequate meal of sour milk, one egg and a brown roll that would baffle a dentist...

But in spite of the 60,000 you will probably be a lonely soul in Carlsbad. Its dietetic system does not make for sociability or mirth...

When you are not here Carlsbad puts its shutters up and goes away to cure itself of the tedium of having cured you...

Interesting Spots. "I suppose," says the lady next door, "that you saw many really wonderful places while you were abroad..."

No whip cuts so deeply as the lash of conscience.—Proverb.

RUBBER CANNON BALLS.

A World's Fair Exhibit That Puzzled Louis Napoleon.

An instance of the obsession of the mind by one idea is seen in a ludicrous mistake made by Louis Napoleon in 1855 at a world's fair held in Paris...

The emperor approached me and remarked that he had that afternoon walked through our department of the exposition...

"Well," he answered, "in one corner I saw, stacked as one sees them in an artillery yard, a pile of vulcanized india rubber cannon balls..."

"I had not even seen the balls in question and had to say so. "I cannot imagine," resumed his majesty, "how any preparation of india rubber can be used for projectiles..."

"I was compelled to admit that it was equally mysterious to me how the inventor could have thought seriously of making cannon balls of it..."

"I was at that time residing very near the Palace of Industry. The next morning I went over before breakfast for the purpose of getting information upon the subject which had so puzzled the emperor..."

"They are not cannon balls," he answered, "they are footballs."

The Literary Lady. In the course of duty and society obligations a senator one evening was a guest at the house of a man noted for the number of literary people he gathered about him...

a literary person. She pleaded guilty and added: "I think the world of Iridae, and I like Hawthorne's 'Red Letter,' and I'm simply mad about Dickens's works."

The senator has never been able to figure out who Iridae is, but he believes the literary lady meant Ouida.—St. Louis Republic.

One of Nature's Mysteries. The zodiacal light, still one of the unsolved mysteries, has shown very regular positions in intensity and form...

Universal and Eternal. "Yes, life is universal and eternal, for time is one of its factors—yesterday the moon, today the earth, tomorrow Jupiter..."

The Place to Paint. A party of gunners were painting the guns and weapons of a field battery when a sergeant came up to them...

The Aesthetic Beard. A man does not properly appreciate the limitations of beardgear until he grows a beard. A man with a beard cannot take liberties with his hat—Outfitter.

Who is able to help is not yet poor; who is able to love is not yet old.

Germany's Telephone "Girls." Telephone "girls" in Germany cannot work after the age of seventy, though they can retire on pension prior to that advanced day...

On Her Birthday. "Congratulate me," said "Anghus-band, "My daughter is just one year old today..."

They Were Picked. "Do you call this a band of picked musicians?" said the hotel manager to the leader of a band.

"Well, then, you picked them before they were ripe."

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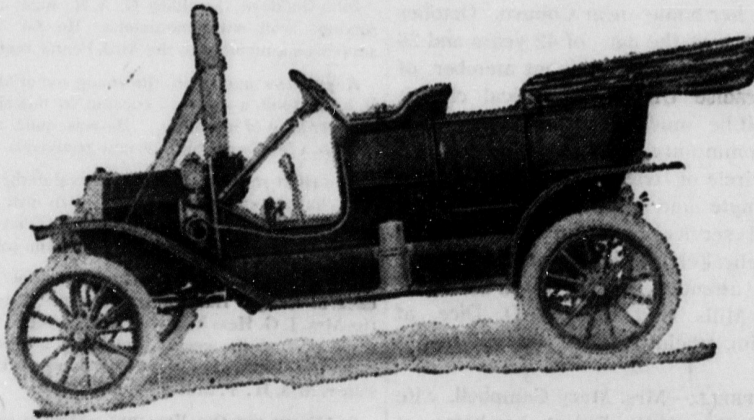
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