

Our National Capitol. "One thing I learned during a recent visit to Europe was that the average life of a stone building is not more than 700 years," said a builder.

Historic Spot at Ems. On the riverside promenade at Ems there is a stone inscribed: "13 July, 1870, 9 Uhr 10 Min. Morgens."

The Wonders of Color. A small and simple experiment can be made by any reader which will go far to convince him or her what a debt we owe to color and what a good thing it is we have sunlight.

A Risky Place for Doctors. Medical skill is at a rather low ebb throughout Russia and not without cause. An American physician, tempted by the enormous fees so frequently paid by the nobility, went to St. Petersburg and within a year had a lucrative practice.

Knights of Old. The knights of the days of chivalry were so well protected by their armor that they were practically invincible to all ordinary weapons.

Inquisitive. "Do you think women would improve politics?" "Well," replied Mr. Growcher, "after listening to the conversation on the front porch, I'll say this for them: If they ever start an investigation they'll find out something."

Friendship. Friendship is courteous and gentle; it does not domineer, does not command, but is satisfied with proposing without exacting compliance.

Prison Laundry. "All arrivals are washed," explained the warden of the prison. "And if they kick up a fuss?" "Then they are ironed."

Might Have Been Worse. "Did the play have a happy ending?" "It might have been worse. My wife only forgot her handkerchief and one glove."

Renaming Indians. Some years ago in order to make their inheritance of land more simple and secure our government commissioned Dr. Charles A. Eastman, a Sioux Indian, to rename more than 15,000 Sioux with their family names.

Sherlock Holmes' Original. Sir A. Conan Doyle often recounted incidents regarding Dr. Joseph Bell, the distinguished Scottish surgeon from whom his character of Sherlock Holmes was drawn.

When the Duke Scrubbed. When the Duke of Coburg-Gotha was a very young royal highness he was taken by his mother, the Duchess of Albany, to Mr. Wesley's school for boys.

How the Dust Gets In. When the barometer falls the air around expands into a larger volume, and the air inside the cupboard also expands and forces itself out at every minute crevice.

Keeping It Dark. The black sheep of the Warywalk family had distinguished himself again. "This is the last straw," grumbled his respectable brother.

Vigilant and Speedy. "There's nothing slow about Jones." "I guess you never loaned him money."

Force of Character. "I thought your wife forbade you to marry again when she died?" "So she did, but now I'm going to show her who is master in this house."

The Laziest Man. "Went to bed at 8 o'clock last night." "Why so early?" "My shoe came untied, and I thought I'd save the trouble of tying it again."

Fretfulness. Do not give way to fretfulness. It takes the fragrance out of life and leaves only weeds where a cheerful disposition would cause flowers to bloom.

Do not love life? Then do not squander time, for time is the stuff life is made of.—Benjamin Franklin.

Spain's Free and Easy Railways. An idea of the free and easy methods of the railways in Spain is given in this incident, related by Henry A. Franck in "Four Months Afoot in Spain."

When I reached the station next morning the platform gate was locked and the train I had hoped to take was legally departed. A railway hanger on in rags and hemp sandals, however, climbed the iron picket fence and shouted a word to the engineer.

Germs in the Teeth. Everybody knows in a general way how important it is to give the teeth a good cleaning and to rinse the mouth out first thing in the morning.

Gorillas. At present there is not a live gorilla in America. There have never been more than three, and only one of these lived more than a few weeks.

Caste in Music. "Sometimes it is a disadvantage to have a musician with a reputation at the head of a hotel orchestra," said a hotel manager.

Heine Made Goethe Smile. When I visited Goethe, in Weimar, and stood before him, I involuntarily glanced at his side to see whether the engineer was not there with the lightning in his beam.

The Advantage of Waiting. Her father—But, my boy, surely you are too young to marry Aurelia. How old are you? Her father—One and twenty, sir. Her father—And she is twenty-seven—too great a disparity.

High Life. "Is it meet and proper that you eat your heart out?" "She did not answer." "Dear heart!" he whispered intensely.

Deadlocked. He—I am willing to make concessions. His wife—Really? He—Yes, but it seems impossible to make the supply meet the demand.—Boston Transcript.

The original noise is what counts. Most folks are only echoes.

The Blame. He—Oh, but you mustn't blame me for my ancestors, you know. She—I don't. I blame them for you.—Boston Transcript.

Repentance. Sorrow for sin is not repentance. Repentance is a great volume of duty, and godly sorrow is but the frontispiece or title page. It is the harbinger or introduction to it.

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