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WHAT THEY DON'T HEAR

The girl who likes to talk dropped the slice of lemon into her tea, meditatively. "It's perfectly wonderful," she mused, "how deaf a man grows after he's married.

"When he's just engaged," she went on, "he can hear his adored one's faintest whisper in a boiler factory going full blast, but afterward-honest, I've seen women who had to chloroform their husbands and tie them hand and tries. foot before they could get the wretches to listen to something that it was absolutely necessary to tell them!

"There's my brother Edgar. Now, he's a perfectly good brother and always bought me exactly as fine candy and flowers as he gave the girl he happened to be in love with, and naturally I think a great deal of him. I never saw anything like the devotion were engaged. It was what you might call oppressive to the innocent by-

"If Mae was at one end of a ballroom 70 feet long and Edgar at the other surrounded by a cordon of men and Mae chanced to whisper to her partner that she believed she had dropped her handkerchief, I give you my word that Edgar would plunge And before Mae's partner had time to stoop Edgar had recovered the handiously inquired whether there wasn't something else he could do for her, all before the dead and wounded that marked the tumultuous progress pick themselves up and dust them-

"I began to believe that Edgar sufhearing. He always was leaning anxdid you say, dear?' Afraid he might miss something, you see. Well, they've been married two years now, and he's just as much in love with her as ever, is necessary for Mae to communicate something to Edgar. The scene is after dinner and Edgar has the newspaper.

"'Edgar!' Then she repeats the name three times. Then from behind the paper comes a sound like 'H'm?' Says Mae, 'Edgar, the queerest thing happened today. The man who was to bring your new suit of clothes delivered a pound of prunes instead!' Thrilling silence from behind the paper. Mae takes a deep breath. 'Edgar,' she says, 'the tailor's man left a pound of prunes today instead of your

"'Jemima!' explodes Edgar at this instant, 'listen to this.' Then he reads something aloud from his newspaper. "Half an hour later when he goes to put on his new suit and finds a pound of prunes instead he raves and wants to know why on earth Mae couldn't take enough interest in his affairs to tell him!

"Why, there's a deep ocean rumble fall over this broad land of wives telling things to their husbands who aren't listening. It's a substratum on which the daily deeds that are done! Husbands are being told that the gas bif is overdue and that it looks as though Willie was coming down with the imeasles; that mother is coming for a six months' visit and that the new velvet gown from Celeste is ruined, that the cook has left, or mice have eaten the best bindings on the library shelves, or the White's dinner party is postponed, or that Uncle Hiram had a stroke of paralysis yesterday—and do they hear? They do not.

"They go blissfully on in their calm, peaceful, unlistening mental attitude, and let the dear creatures babble frantically, imploringly, beseechingly.

"The only time they came out of their trance is when they find the gas man has turned off the gas or discover mother's trunk in the guest room and then they demand to be told why. The wise wife does not burst into tears and insist that she has already told her husband 16 times—she says meekly 'Yes, dear, it is my fault, and I should have informed you'—and then goes downtown and charges something perfectly awful on that month's dry goods bill in revenge. He doesn't know it's revenge-he calls it extravagance, but that gives him something to talk about and keeps him amused, so it's for his own good.

"Do you know what I'm going to do when I get a husband?" asked the girl who likes to talk. "When I have something to tell him I'm going to send him telegrams, collect, to his office!"

Philippine Trade Schools.

In keeping with the program of the bureau of education to encourage pupils and teachers to produce articles of commercial value, the division superintendent of schools at Albay, in the Philippines, has requested the teachers to encourage the pupils to spend their vacation in the household industry centers established in their towns. According to the Daily Consular Report, the Leyte trade school has wrested from Iloilo the distinction of being the most advanced trade school in the bureau of education. Work in the Leyte trade school during the past year amounted to \$11,142. out of which \$2,572 was paid to the pupils for their work. One pupil earned \$113 during the year, and two other boys earned \$75 each.

WANDERING ISLANDS.

Those of the Rio Grande Made Trouble For Us With Mexico.

The wandering islands of the Rio Grande in their migrations from side to side of the water course have caused years of diplomatic correspondence and discussion between the United States and Mexico. The refusal of certain small bodies of land to remain permanently attached to one or the other of the river's banks deprived them of a fixed legal status as either Mexican or American territory and brought about their participation in many illegal adventures, which in turn led to misunderstandings between the two coun-

In no river is spirit more evident than in the Rio Grande. Along its sinuous route below Rio Grande City it pushes its way through miles of level sand in its final reach for the gulf, twisting and doubling upon itself like a sea serpent. In 1848 it was fixed upon as the boundary line between the United States and Mexico. The boundary was to be the "middle of the he bestowed upon Mae while they river, following the deepest channel." But the river possessed characteristics that had not impressed themselves upon the framers of the convention as possible causes of friction between the people living along its banks. In addition to its eroding power, exercised through long months of low and mean water, it could during flood periods leap with torrential force across a narrow neck of land at the base of one through that mass of men instantly as of its long loops and cut for itself a though he were the locomotive draw- new channel. Through such avulsive ing the 18-hour special to New York. action of the river Texas soil would sometimes become Mexican, and on occasions a plantation occupied by jacals kerchief, presented it to her and anx- and Mexican citizens would overnight find itself a part of Texas.

An example will serve to show both the extraordinary actions of the river and the difficulties in the way of any through the ballroom had had time to satisfactory adjustment of conflicting interests. A certain Josiah Turner began to farm the Galveston ranch, on the Texas bank. Eight years later be ferred from what is known as acute was surprised when 221 acres of Mexican land came across the river and atiously forward and saying: 'Yes—what | tached itself to his ranch. An arrangement was effected by which he became the owner of this land. Six years later the river cut off a piece of Mr. Turner's land and took it to Mexico. Twenbut I'll tell you what happens when it ty-one years later the river made up its mind to repay the farmer for what it had taken from him and so carried back into Texas a piece of land far larger than the tract originally lost. The Mexican owners claimed possession, and a new convention dealing with the questions under dispute be-

came necessary. Brigadier General Anson Mills, U. S. A., appointed to represent the United States, recommended that the "cutoffs" be forever eliminated from the boundary line, all those occurring on the right of the river to pass to the jurisdiction of Mexico, those on the left to in the left hand face upward and then should retain their citizenship in the in three piles so that the fourth card country from which they had been so comes on the first and the fifth on the y and violently they might acquire the nationality of the country to which they were now attached. Any cutoff exceeding 650 acres in area and having a population of over 200 souls was not to be considered a banco, and the old bed of the river should remain the boundary. A convention embodying his recommendations was finally ratified by both countries. Thus the great turbid, silt bearing river is left to pursue its way unare built all the conversations and all trammeled, but the terrors so long synonymous with its name have through the operation of this equable arrangement become a part of the storied, romantic past.

> Corpuscles In Normal Blood. Normally there are approximately 5,000,000 red blood corpuscles in the cubic millimeter. The number is temporarily diminished during fatigue and after the ingestion of much fluid. Fasting and profuse sweating increase the number of red blood cells by concentrating the blood. In high altitudes the number is also increased. There are 5,000 to 10,000 white cells in the cubic millimeter, the ratio of white to red cells being about 1 to 500. In health the blood amounts to about onethirteenth of the body weight.

> > New Zealand Oddities.

The crow in New Zealand strikes as sweet note as any head in the woodland. The robin has no song and no red breast. The native hen is the greatest of rat killers. There is a caterpillar which turns into a plant. These and some other productions of nature have done for New Zealand what the kangaroo and the ornithorhynchus have done for Australia-given it the suggestion of oddity and the marvelous.

Just Practicing. "Son, you mustn't carve your name on the piano. Another such episode

and I'll punish you severely." "Dad, how can you expect me to carve my name in the temple of fame when you won't let me get any practice?"-Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Musical Term. "Do you know anything about mu-

"Yes," replied Mr. Growcher. "What's a rest?" "The time it takes 'em to change the record in the music machine next

door."-Washington Star.

That's Different. Mrs. Exe (complainingly)-Such servants as we get nowadays! Mrs. Wye -Well, one can't expect all the virtues for \$4 a week. you know. Mrs. Exe-But I pay \$5 .- Boston Transcript.

In the battle of life we cannot hire a substitute.-Harold Bell Wright.

PEPPERY COMPOSERS.

Masters of Music Who Had Nice Tem-

pers of Their Own. Even in the presence of his royal pupils Handel would sometimes fly into most violent passions.

"You forget yourself, Mr. Handel," a court attendant said reprovingly on one such occasion. "You should show more respect to her royal highness!" "Royal highness!" snorted the musician contemptuously. "Bah! De respect is due to me! There are many brincesses, but only one Handel!"

On another occasion, when George I. sent a message summoning him to an interview, he returned this answer: "Dell his bajesty he bust waid. By tibe is bore imbordant dan his!"

Viotti, the famous French musician of the eighteenth century, had an equal contempt for royalty and an exaggerated opinion of himself, as the following story shows: One day he was summoned to Versailles to play before Marie Antoinette and the court. The performance had begun; the opening bars of his favorite solo commanded breathless attention, when a cry

"Place for Mgr. the Comte d'Artois!" At the sound Viotti immediately ceased playing, cast an indignant glance at his audience, placed his violin under his arm and walked out of the place.

When Marie Antoinette once inquired of Gluck how his new opera was progressing he answered, "Madame, it is nearly finished, and I assure you it will be superb," a conceit which was rivaled by that of Meyerbeer, who, when a friend declared that if anything better could be composed than one of his rival operas he would dance on his head, answered, "If that is so I should advise you to start practicing at once, for I have just commenced the fourth act of 'The Huguenots!' "

Even Haydn, usually the most modest of men, showed at times that he had as good an opinion of his own merits as any of his admirers. On one occasion, when a friend said to him of his "Salomon" symphonies, "Sir, I am strongly of opinion that you will never surpass these wonderful symphonies." he answered placidly, "No; I never mean to attempt the im-

CURIOUS CARD TRICK.

Deals With Odd Numbers, and the

Explanation Is a Mystery. There is a puzzle which may be performed with any odd number of objects, playing cards being usually employed, and which any one can do, but no one seems able to explain the reason for it. Let us suppose the number selected to be twenty-seven cards, although fifteen or twenty-one would do just as well.

After having them shuffled hold them that of Texas. The inhabitants, if any, deal them face upward one at a time

have three piles of nine cards each. Request any person who is watching you to make a silent note of any card he pleases, and when you have finished dealing to tell you in which pile the card lies. By picking up the three piles again one at a time as before, the noted card will reappear. Ask in which pile it came that time and place that pile in the middle as before.

Upon dealing the cards into three piles for the third time note carefully the card that comes in the middle of each pile. With twenty-seven there will be nine in each pile and the fifth will be the middle card. Now, when the person who selected the card names the pile in which his card comes you will know it was the middle card of that pile. With this knowledge in your possession you can finish the trick in any manner you please.

This is only a statement of results, but what is the explanation or reason for it? What is the rule that makes it always come out right, regardless of the number of objects used, so that it is odd?-New York Sun

The Box Was Good. Wife-Charles, wasn't that a good box of cigars I gave you on your birthday? Husband-I never saw a better box, my dear.

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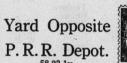


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