

The Gila Monster.

The Gila monster is a large, clumsy lizard from one to two feet long. He is generally too lazy to be pugnacious, but if his anger is once aroused he will grip you with a clutch of a bulldog, turning over as he bites so that the venom—which is secreted in a gland in the lower jaw instead of the upper, like the rattlesnake—is pretty sure to mix well with his saliva and so make his attack fatally effective. His five toed hands and feet render him adept at bush climbing. In his wild estate he lives on young rabbits and birds' eggs. When captured, he eats only eggs or a little chopped meat mixed with them.

Resisting the Potato.

East Anglia, like Scotland, long resisted the potato. "Coke of Norfolk" tried to introduce the vegetable on his estates at Holkham, but the tenantry would neither eat nor grow it. Even when he offered them land rent free for potato cultivation they refused "firmly and with outspoken disgust." The man who had turned a sandy waste into a rich estate was not to be beaten, however. After five years of unfruitful persuasion he at length induced some of the farmers to plant the tuber and was gratified a short while after to hear their tardy concession that perhaps after all "twouldn't poison the pigs."—London Chronicle.

Wanted Them Strong.

She blushed very prettily as she walked into the tobacconist's big shop. "I—er—oh, I want some cigars, please!" she said hurriedly under her breath, hastening to add, "but—er—not for myself, for my husband!" "Certainly, madam! What kind would you like?" "The very strongest you've got, please!" she answered in decided tones. "My husband was only complaining the other day that the last lot he bought all broke in his pocket, so they had better be strong, hadn't they?" And the young man behind the counter hadn't the heart to contradict her.—London Answers.

Long Flights of Birds.

Birds of passage make their longest flight somewhere near Bering strait. A naturalist says that probably the longest continuous flight made by the feathered travelers in their peregrinations is accomplished by some of the shore and water birds that nest in the islands of Bering sea and spend the winter at Hawaii and Fanning island, 2,200 miles away. As some of the birds live entirely on the shore and are probably unable to rest on the surface of the water, they must accomplish the whole distance in a single flight, yet they make their way to their destination with absolute precision.—Chicago Tribune.

Kaffirs' Love Letters.

The Basutos prove an interesting study. Not that they have any depths of character, but theirs is a very happy go lucky nation. These South Africans are romantic and sentimental, but it's all on the surface. Here are a few amusing paragraphs from Kaffirs' love letters: "My sweet flowers, the ink and the paper are very glad, because they will see your dear, beautiful face, but then and I am truly sad, for we are staying behind." "Oh, you are so beautiful! You look like a peacock sitting under a willow tree!" "My love for you is as true as a clock that keeps the time!"

One Industry of the Pesky Ant. Out in Burma and the far east, where sandalwood is worth its weight in silver, the pestiferous ant is a valuable assistant to the loggers of that precious timber. The hard and fragrant heartwood alone has value, but as the tree grows this valuable heart is overlaid by a soft and worthless layer forming two-thirds of the trunk. When a tree is felled and cut into lengths the loggers let the timber lie. At once the ants begin work upon the soft wood, which is sappy and sweet enough to attract them. In a few weeks, less than a month in the case of the largest butts, the ants deliver the heartwood free of all the worthless sapwood.

His Finish In Sight.

"You know, daughter, your fiance annoys us. He gives orders, he wants to command here, and I don't like it." "Oh, never mind, father! I marry in fifteen days. These are his last caprices."—Paris Pages Folles.

Reason In All Things.

Shallow men believe in luck, believe in circumstance. Strong men believe in cause and effect.—Emerson.

LIFE'S BREVIETY.

If the first death be the mistress of mortals and the mistress of the universe, reflect then on the brevity of life. "I have been, and that is all," said Saladin the Great, who was conqueror of the east. The longest liver had but a handful of days, and life itself is but a circle, always beginning where it ends.—Henry Mayhew.

WRECKED THE THEATER.

When London Playgoers Rose Against an Increase in Prices.

There occurred in London something over a hundred years ago a series of riots called the "O. P. riots," which grew out of an increase in theater prices.

In 1800, after Covent Garden theater had been burned to the ground and rebuilt, it was reopened under the management of John Kemble, one of the Kemble family of great actors, with an increased scale of admission prices. The new theater was all right, and Kemble was popular, but the theater going public resented the increase of prices.

On the opening night when Kemble, who was to play Macbeth, attempted to make an explanatory speech he was hooted down by demands for "old prices," and night after night people crowded the house, danced on the seats and interrupted the players with cries of "O. P.," old prices.

The disturbance continued for several weeks, the people wearing "O. P." badges and displaying big "O. P." placards. The theater was closed for several days, but when it was opened the trouble began again. Seats were destroyed and windows broken. Legal proceedings were taken and failed. The municipal authorities, assisted by a governor of the Bank of England, finally brought about a compromise.—Philadelphia Press.

ART OF BAIT CASTING.

Landing the Lure That Coaxes the Baiting Black Bass.

The bait caster! What memories of lily-padded lakes, shimmering in the burnished gold of the setting sun, of a roseate twilight peace, when the lake is one vast mirror; of furious battles with that bulldog of the sweet waters, the black bass, are his!

A most difficult art, one that requires more than a modicum of practice to acquire—to place that lure precisely in a given spot, forty or fifty feet away, where a bass may lurk—not near the spot but right in it, mind you—to land that lure so as to simulate a frog or minnow naturally leaping or jumping to escape possible attack by a bass; to do all this with a short rod and high speed reel—casting the lure as a small boy throws an apple from the end of a stick—to do this with accuracy and deftness is no unworthy ambition.

And after the strike comes a battle between a five pound fish and a 150 pound man, equalized by fair tackle, that will put the exhilaration of eternal youth into any man—especially if he proves himself worthy to beat the fish at his own game—to take him with all the handicaps imposed by the necessary tackle and win out against all the smags, tactics, leaps and plunges, rushes and feints employed by the baiting bass.—Warren H. Miller in American Forestry.

The Kind of a Friend to Have.

I have a friend who calls on me every now and then and always gives me a new lease on life. He makes me think more of myself; makes me more ambitious, more determined to see my opportunities and to make the most of them. His calls are like the coming of spring after a long, cold winter, which awakens the sleeping buds and calls out the flowers. The sunshine of his cheerful mind, the alchemy of his optimism, awakens me to renewed effort and encourages me to outdo myself. I am never too busy to see him, and I always urge him to stay, because his presence makes me a larger man, makes life seem more worth while than ever. He helps me to get a new grip upon myself. He arouses me, so that I feel equal to any task when he leaves.—Christian Herald.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

Stern Father—It was after 11 o'clock when that young man left last night. I want you to understand—

Pretty Daughter (interrupting)—But, papa, I was so deeply interested in the news of his uncle's death that I didn't notice how late it was. You see, his uncle died in Africa last week and left him \$100,000, and, of course—

Stern Father—As I was saying when you interrupted me, I want you to understand that he can stay just as late as he wants to. I don't mind if the gas meter does have to work overtime occasionally.—Indianapolis Star.

How Purple Dye Was Discovered.

It is often said that the old Phoenicians discovered the purple dye in the murex shell by observing a dog which had eaten one of the mollusks and thus colored his chops with a rich purple stain. The ancients were accustomed to hunt the murex by the assistance of pointer dogs. Some of the myths say that Heracles by the aid of his dog first discovered the purple murex.

Her Vague Views.

"I asked for alimony of \$50 a week. I see women are getting that right along."

"But, madam," expostulated the lawyer, "your husband is earning only \$12."

"What's that got to do with it? I thought the government provided the alimony."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Standing Order.

"Before we were married he had a standing order with a florist to send me a bunch of roses every morning."

"And since marriage?" "He has a standing order with an employment agency to send me a cook."—Judge.

Age asks with timidity to be spared intolerable pain. Youth, taking fortune by the beard, demands joy like a right.—Stevenson.

Two Straight Streets.

In viewing Manhattan from a point of vantage on the Metropolitan tower, nearly 700 feet from the sidewalk, one is chiefly impressed by the rigid lines which Park and Madison avenues cut through the length of the island. A tapeline drawn through a miniature model city could not be straighter. A twelve inch rifle discharged at Twenty-third street would send its bullet straight into Harlem without touching a building on either side.—New York Post.

Men's Evening Clothes.

The masculine dress suit, if not beautiful, is democratic. It puts all men at a social function on a level with one another and saves them from the bitter rivalry of dress. You never find a man dejected and bad tempered because the fellow sitting opposite has a better tailor than his or has been able to spend more money upon his dress tie or shirt. The vanity of male youth must express itself in socks or his ordinary attire. The democratic dress suit is sacred.—Exchange.

An Egotist.

Hokus—Fluddnb seems to have a wonderful opinion of his knowledge. Pokus—I should say he has. Why, I have actually heard him attempt to argue with his son, who is in his freshman year at college.—Lippincott's.

No Fun.

Jester—Of course I expect pay for them. You don't suppose I write these things for fun, do you? Editor (handing back the batch of paragraphs)—Well, if you did you failed must miserably.

Very Extravagant.

Doctor—Well, Mr. McPherson, I'm glad to see you out again. You've had a long illness. McPherson—Ay, doctor, and verra expensive. I was wonderin' if it was worth while at ma time o' life.—London Punch.

Both Safe.

Blake—Here's Timson coming! Let's cross over. I don't want to meet him. I owe him some money. Simpson—That's all right. He'll cross the street as soon as he sees me—he owes me some.

Placing Him.

"Our minister," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "appears to be a real altruist." "Oh, I think you must be mistaken," replied Mrs. Gotalotte. "It seems to me by the sound of his voice that he must be a bass."—Judge.

The Cabaret.

"What is a cabaret?" asked the new arrival.

"It is the thing," said the city man, "that put the din in dinner and took the rest out of restaurant."—Popular Magazine.

Higher Things.

"I certainly can't go to my bridge club in a hat that is three weeks out of style."

"I certainly can't buy you a new hat this month. Better join some culture club, my dear."—Kansas City Journal.

In Later Years.

"We," remarked the young married woman, "try to see how few quarrels we can have in a year."

"We," said the old married woman, "try to see how few cooks."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Flannel Bands.

In tropical countries the French and Italian army regulations require that a soldier wear always a flannel band around the abdomen. This is the best preventive of all disorders of the bowels in hot climates.

A Substitute.

"Have the Cornups a pedigree?" "No, but their French bull has."—Baltimore American.

There Are Exceptions.

"We are all born equal," quoted the wise guy.

"Don't try to tell that to the mother of a first baby," cautioned the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record.

The Human Banknote.

"A poor girl," said a New York society woman, "married an aged millionaire." "Oh, how could you do it?" a friend asked her. "Such an old fellow too!" "My dear," the young bride replied, "if you were starving and somebody gave you an enormous banknote—a banknote for a million—would you bother to look at the date?"

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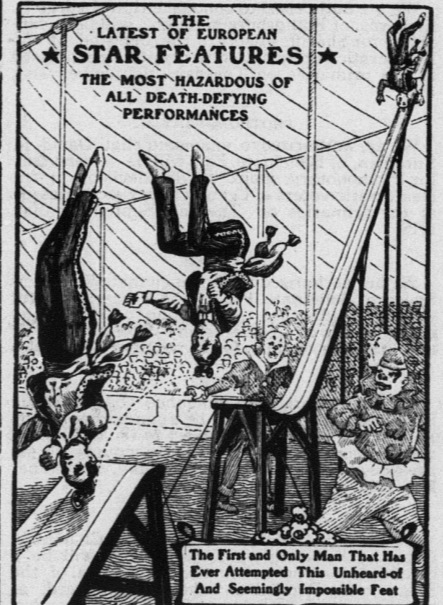
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