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How They Love Each Other.

"Yes," said Miss Pansy, "he's an awfully inquisitive bore. He was trying to find out my age the other day, so I just up and told him I was fifty. That settled him."

"Well," replied Miss Pepprey, "I guess it is best to be perfectly frank with a fellow like that."—Philadelphia Press.

A Good Job Coming.

Jeweler—How was your boy pleased with the watch I sold you? Fond Father—Very well, sir. He isn't ready to have it put together yet, but he patient. I'll send him around with it in a day or two.

Interests of All.

One thing ought to be aimed at by all men—that the interest of each individually and of all collectively should be the same, for if each should grasp at his individual interest all human society will be dissolved.—Cicero.

All They Deserve.

"Some people claim they don't get nuthin' out o' life."

"And they are the kind that don't put nuthin' into it to draw interest on."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Pay of Army Officers.

A glance over the army list shows that over two-thirds of the officers are receiving less pay per day than good mechanics receive in civil life. The officer has no home, but must be prepared to live in the arctic or the tropics and change from one to the other at short notice. He must have equipment for both, and while in one place the equipment for the other is stored and deteriorating. He is sent on long journeys to distant stations and must suffer banishment from his family or take them along. Either is a great expense—on one hand for travel and on the other for maintenance of two establishments. His changes of station are so frequent that he must put his children in costly private schools or see them grow up in ignorance. Because he is an officer of the United States service to use the respectability of his position to add to his income commercially is regarded as reprehensible, and if he makes an investment he must trust his interests to an agent.—Army and Navy Life.

The Old, Old Story.

Hot, tired and dusty, the excursion was returning from the seaside day trip, and Simkins, a little bald man with big ears, overcome with his day of happiness, dropped off to sleep. In the hatrack above another passenger had deposited a ferocious crab in a bucket, and when Simkins went to sleep the crab woke up and, finding things dull in the bucket, started exploring. By careful navigation Mr. Crab reached the edge of the rack, but the next moment down it fell, alighting on Simkins' shoulder. Not feeling quite safe, it grabbed the voluminous ear of Simkins to steady itself, and the passengers held their breath and waited for developments. But Simkins only shook his head slightly.

"Let go, Eliza," he murmured. "I tell you I have been at the office all the evening."—London Pick-Me-Up.

Men, Women and Adjectives.

Certain adjectives are reserved for men and others for women. A man is never called "beautiful." Along with "pretty" and "lovely" that adjective has become the property of women and children alone. "Handsome" and the weak "good looking" are the only two adjectives of the kind common to either sex. Even "belle" has no real masculine correlative in English, since "beau" came to signify something other than personal looks. It is singular that "handsome" should have become the word for a strikingly good looking person, since its literal meaning is handy, dexterous. But "pretty" likewise comes from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning "sly."

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Proving His Motto.

"Well, sir," exclaimed the millionaire, "what do you want this morning?"

"I've come again to ask for your daughter," said the poor but ambitious young man.

"Haven't I told you six times over on as many different days that it is out of the question? What do you mean by bothering me in this way? You are making a nuisance of yourself!"

"If I seem to be more persistent than circumstances warrant, I must insist that you, sir, are to blame."

"Me!" shouted the indignant old man. "I don't understand you."

"There," said the man who loved his daughter as he pointed to a motto over the banker's desk, "is my excuse for coming here day after day, 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.' Do you believe in that sentiment, or have you put it up there simply to deceive people?"

After he had scratched his head awhile the mean old plutocrat said:

"Yes, I believe in that. I haven't succeeded yet in making you understand that my daughter shall not become the wife of a fool, but I am going to keep on trying till I do! Good morning!"

And that time he did it.—Strand Magazine.

What the Cat Had.

The teacher of the Sunday school class was telling the little boys about temptation and showing how it sometimes came in the most attractive form. She used as an illustration the paw of a cat.

"Now," said she, "you have all seen the paw of a cat. It is as soft as velvet, isn't it?"

"Yessum," from the class.

"And you have seen the paw of a dog?"

"Yessum."

"Well, although the cat's paw seems like velvet, there is nevertheless concealed in it something that hurts. What is it?"

No answer.

"The dog bites," said the teacher, "when he is in anger. But what does the cat do?"

"Scratches," said a boy.

"Correct," said the teacher, nodding her head approvingly. "Now, what has the cat got that the dog hasn't?"

"Whiskers!" said a boy on the back seat.—Home Magazine.

Bible Blunders.

Some curious errors have crept into the Bible at various times, giving names to the editions containing them. Here are some instances: The "Unrighteous" Bible, from the misprint "the unrighteous" shall inherit the kingdom; the "Placemakers" Bible, "blessed are the placemakers" (peacemakers); the "Printers" Bible, "the printers" (for princes) have persecuted me; the "Trecle" Bible, "Is there no treacle (balm) in Gilead?" the "Vinegar" Bible, "the parable of the 'vinegar' (vineyard); the "Bug" Bible, "thou shalt not be afraid of bugs" (bodies) by night; the "Breeches" Bible, "they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves breeches;" the "Idle" Bible, "woe to the 'idle' (idol), and finally the "Wooden Leg" Testament, so called from the frontispiece depicting Satan limping with a wooden leg.

Just a Fish Story.

We cannot refrain from recording the most curious capture of a fish that has come to our notice. The circumstance was retailed many years ago by Mr. Heathcote, one of the great authorities on the fens. A Mr. Richardson of Peterborough was skating on the dikes when the ice was very clear, and he noticed a large pike swimming in front of him. The fish was terrified by the apparition and swam in front of the skater until it stopped from sheer exhaustion. The skater broke the ice and took out the fish with his hand, which proved to be a pike weighing twelve pounds. It is a story difficult even for a fisherman or a local historian to cap.—London Outlook.

Not Disturbed.

Nassau William Senior, the English political economist, was a frequent guest of Lord Lansdowne at Lansdowne House and on one occasion was busily writing, quite abstracted as usual, in a room full of company when Tom Moore was singing. The scratch of his pen was not an agreeable accompaniment, and at last one of the company asked very politely, "You are not fond of music, Mr. Senior?" "No," he replied, "but it does not disturb me in the least. Pray go on."

Careful About Worry.

A physician was recently attending a patient whose husband came to see him concerning her condition and greeted him with the words, "Mr. Irving, do you think there is any need for any unnecessary anxiety about my wife?"—Argonaut.

Guessed It.

Guest (suspiciously eyeing the flattened pillows and the crumpled sheets)—Look here, landlord, this bed has been slept in! Landlord (triumphantly)—That's what it's meant for!

Renovated.

Puffer—What's happened to my meerschau pipe? Mrs. Puffer—Why, dear, I noticed it was getting awfully brown and discolored, so I put a coat of that white enamel on it.

Variety.

Visitor—Why do you make some of your pies round and some of them square? Wife—Because my husband has been complaining of sameness of his diet lately.

Jesters must be content to taste of their broth.—Latin Proverb.

Forecastle Gourmets.

"Scouse, or lob scouse, a parson's face sea pie, junk, tack, slush and duff—there's a meal ye can't beat no wheres," said the sailor.

"Yes," he went on, "ye can talk about yer ris de veau, yer vol au vent yer mouses and other French dishes, but they ain't none o' them in it with sea fare dished up by a good sea lawyer."

"Scouse is soup, soup made o' salt beef. Add some good sea vegetables to it, sitch as spud sprouts and spill peas, and ye get an extra fine soup what is generally called lob scouse. Poi au feu is staps beside a rich lob scouse. "Foller up yer scouse with a parson's face sea pie. That's a pie made of bul lock's head. Good? Why, friend, there ain't nothin' like it on earth."

"Junk is salt beef. Junk ain't no brain food. It don't strengthen the mind like a correspondence course, but, by tar, I'd rather have it than caneton a la presse or a supreme de sole."

"Tack and slush is the sailor's bread and butter. What if ye do have to break yer tack with a tack hammer, and what if yer slush is sometimes strong enough to queer the compass? Sailors need strong food, for they must do their work."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Little Card Trick.

A Russian priest was so devoted to the amusement of card playing that he played up to the last moment before commencing the church services. On one occasion, having a particularly good hand dealt him, he thrust the cards into his pocket, intending to return and finish the game after the service. Unluckily the cards fell out on the church floor, to the extreme scandal of the congregation. The witty priest, however, was fully equal to the occasion. At the conclusion of the service he beckoned up one of the choristers and asked him the names of several of the cards, which the boy knew correctly. He then suddenly asked the lad the name of the next saint's day, which the child could not tell.

"See!" cried the priest, turning to the congregation. "You teach your children the names of every card in the pack and leave them ignorant of their religion. Let this be the last time I am compelled to bring playing cards into the church to shame you." And picking up his hand he made an honorable retreat.—London Answers.

A Bad Break.

"It beats the Dutch," said a young breaker, "how much trouble a fellow's wife's most charming girl friend can make for a fellow—or for a fellow's wife." Then he explained what appeared to be greatly in need of explanation. "I went home for dinner the other night," he continued, "with a friend who was married recently. The wife's old chum was there and met the husband for the first time. 'Really,' she said on presentation. 'I quite feel that I have known you. You say that picture of yours in football costume that Jennie always kept on her dresser so long was very familiar to me.'

"Say, you ought to have seen the face of that friend of mine. But he finally found his voice.

"'But, my dear Miss Smith,' he replied, 'I never was a football player and never had on a football costume.'

"Then you should have seen Miss Smith's face."—New York Globe.

Animals Are Not Proud.

Professor Schuster asserts that animals lack moral feeling entirely, none of their acts being immoral or moral in the broad sense, and that they have no trace of a sense of shame or of honor. Their courage, he declares, is "a mere impulse of nature," and of moral courage they know nothing. He continues: "And animals have no pride in the sense of man's conception of that quality. They are not proud of their kind, of their kindred, of their individuality. They neither have an individuality nor are individual. Animals are not proud because they have no consciousness of the scope of the value of their kind, of their enterprise or of any other form of their capability. They are neither supercilious, proud nor the contrary—that is, grieved, wounded or depressed in regard to a possible pride."

Where Beggars Have Trades Unions.

Begging is a vocation in China and a beggary an institution. In every province there is an organized beggars' trade union or guild—in some districts several. These guilds have presidents and officials and are in every respect thoroughly well organized. There is a membership fee of about \$4, and all members swear to abide by the rules. The chiefs, or "kings," as they are called, are under the protection of the magistrates, and their power is considerable.—Wide World Magazine.

The Age of Artificial Beauty.

Writers on topics concerning women's matters would fain have us believe that the present is the age of beauty. The fact is that never before have the arts of artificiality been so widely adopted among all classes as they are today.—London Opinion.

Has to Take Them.

"I can take 100 words a minute," said one shorthand writer to another. "I often take more than that," remarked the other in sorrowful accents "but then I have to. I'm married."

Worth Two Men.

"Len made the glee club." "Why, his voice is cracked." "I know, but it split the other night, and he's singing duets now."—Yale Record.

And Now He Doesn't.

Howell—Do you like congregational singing? Powell—I did until the cat in our neighborhood adopted the idea.

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