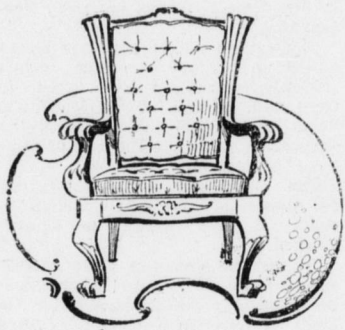


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Four Kinds of Nails.
The members of a primary class in the young ladies' school were ambitious to emulate the members of the senior class, whom they regarded with considerable envy on account of their proficiency in the art of writing compositions. Becoming eager for a like privilege, the five little girls were told that they might tell the world what they knew about "nails."

A half hour was allotted to the difficult task, and all went to work. The first four had nothing unusual or startling upon their papers, but Sadie M., aged seven, was characterized by considerable ingenuity. She took her place with dignity and read without a tremor, "There are four kinds of nails—finger nails, door nails, toe nails and tacks!" and resumed her seat bewitchingly unconscious that she had caused the smile.

The Insect and the Net.
It has been known for a long time that an insect will not fly through a net with meshes three or four times as large as its body, whereas a bird will go through a mesh of corresponding size without hesitation. The insect cannot tell us why it stops and lights on the net without trying to go through, and its peculiar action puzzled observers until the scientists took the matter up, as they do all things of that kind. They say that the eye of the insect is made up of many facets, so that the net looks to it like a continuous opaque surface, the meshes not being apparent. Therefore it stops or turns back before it discovers that it might have gone through the net without stopping. To the eye of the bird, however, the meshes are plainly visible, and it goes through without hesitation.

What He Got.
He was addressing a lowly but intelligent audience somewhere in the vicinity of Whitechapel, and he had selected for his discourse "Rhymes and Rhyming," so that he might illustrate to those rough and rugged minds how the charms of poesy can brighten the poor man's hearth. And, touching upon the difficulties of rhyming, he said: "It is easy enough, my friends, to get a rhyme for so simple a word as 'sea,' but what can you get for 'burglary?'"

"Well, guv'nor," exclaimed one of his hearers, "it all depends on the judge. My Bill got seven years!"—London Scraps.

Caddies.
The term "caddies," or "cadies," or "cawdies," is akin to "cad" and "cadet" and means messengers or unattached male servants. Caddies, in fact, were originally a class of men found in every Scotch town of any size who were at the beck and call of everybody who wanted an odd job done; hence they were at the beck and call of everybody who was starting for a game of golf, and now they are employed solely by the golfer.

A Philosopher.
"Smiley says he hasn't any luck at all."
"Indeed! It's something unusual for him to complain."
"Oh, he wasn't complaining. He says he'd rather have no luck than always have it bad."—Exchange.

Her Dear Friend.
"Yes," said she defiantly, "I admit that I kissed him."
"Did he put up much of a struggle?" inquired her best girl friend.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

About the first thing that would strike a dead hero could he return to earth would be the great number who try to answer his name at roll call.—Aitchison Globe.

Curiosities In Wedding Rings.
Among the curiosities of wedding rings it is on record that in the early days rings were made of rushes. Perhaps the most curious material used for rings required on an emergency is the case of one being hurriedly made by cutting it out of the finger of a glove and another cut out of a visiting card. Many cases are on record of rings made of brass and iron being used, as also curtain rings and door keys being pressed into service at weddings.

The Sun From a Balloon.
At the height of two miles the sun shines with a fierce intensity unknown below, where the dust and the denser air scatter the rays, which, thus diffused, lose their intensity while illuminating every nook and corner of our houses. At heights exceeding five miles this diffused light is mostly gone, and the sun shines a glowing ball, sharply outlined in a sky of which the blue is so dark as to approach blackness. At the outer limits of the atmosphere the sun would appear a brilliant star of massive size among other stars, and if one stepped from its burning rays into shadow he would enter Egyptian darkness. At the height of a mile and a half we found it necessary to shelter our faces to prevent sunburn, although the air around us was but little warmer than that of the previous night, being about 45 degrees. As the afternoon wore on and the balloon began to cool and sink we were obliged to throw out much sand, casting it away a scoopful at a time, and just after sunset it was even necessary to empty two or three bags at once.—H. H. Clayton in Atlantic.

Too Significant.
"These Spanish names in California puzzle me, but some of them have very interesting meanings," commented a guest of one of the hotels.
"Yes?" said the manager.
"They do, for a fact; they really do. I am keeping track of a list in my notebook. But the funny thing was in Santa Barbara. Listen to this: 'Indio Muerto street, meaning dead Indian.' Ah, here it is, the one I was after, a street named 'Salsipuedes.' Well, this street's the one that runs to the hospital up on the sloping hillside above the town. When they built the hospital, they were at a loss for a name. Some one suggested calling it after this street. And they did. Then they happened to look up the meaning of the word."

"And what does it mean?" asked the manager.
"Salsipuedes was originally a street that wandered up and down through a series of ravines, and it means 'Get out if you can.' Good name for a jail, but not for a hospital."—San Francisco Chronicle.

The Queen's Lesson.
One of the ladies in waiting to the late Queen Victoria had a very bright little daughter about four years old and of whom the queen was very fond. The queen invited the child to have lunch with her. Of course the mother was highly pleased and charged the little girl to be very careful about her table manners and to be very polite to the queen.

The little girl came home in high glee, and the mother asked her all about the luncheon. "Were you a very polite little girl? And did you remember to do all I told you at the table?" asked the proud mamma.
"Oh, yes; I was polite," said the little girl, "but the queen wasn't."
"The queen wasn't?" said the mother.
"Why, what did she do?"
"She took her chicken bone up in her fingers, and I just shook my finger at her, like you did at me, and said, 'Piggy, piggy.'"—Philadelphia North American.

Over the Eggs and Bacon.
He scraped with his knife a bit of butter off the sporting page.
"The writer of that poem on flying is accused of plagiarism now," he said.
"It's awful," she exclaimed, "the way these men go about the country marrying innocent women! Wipe your mustache, dear."
He wiped his mustache and, with a frown, inspected the result upon his napkin.
"Plagiarism," he said, "means a literary theft."
"Stole some books, did he?"
"No, no; he stole ideas. They say a woman wrote the poem years ago."
"And now they bring it up against her, eh? Oh, these newspapers! But look at the mess you've made there with your coffee. I do wish you'd try to be a little more careful."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Cure For Dipsomania.
Flesh food is the chief cause of dipsomania. When men are properly nourished upon noninflammatory diet that is rich in proteid and nerve and tissue building substance—such as nuts of all kinds and their products, cereal foods (wheat meal, oatmeal, macaroni, rice, etc.), legumes (haricots, lentils and peas), fruits of every sort and dairy produce (cheese, milk and eggs)—they do not crave for strong drink, nor are they in danger of taking alcohol to excess.—London Health Record.

In the Dime Museum.
"What did you do with my thermometer?" demanded the doctor who had been called in to attend one of the freaks.
"I swallowed it, doc," answered the glass eater. "Thought it was my medicine."—Pittsburg Press.

Confusing English.
"I see one of our battleships reported fast in the mud."
"Well?"
"I was just thinking that a ship fast in the mud ought to be a record breaker on the open sea."—Pick-Me-Up.

Money Makes Egotists.
Money is a sort of creation and gives the acquirer even more than the possessor an imagination of his own power and tends to make him idolize self.—Cardinal Newman.

Conquering Temptation.
To conquer temptation you must live it down alone, as you must die alone, and no vicarious gift of strength can take the place of a man's own will.—From "My Journal."

Ways of the Dressmaker.
A curious dressmaking custom was revealed in a case tried in London, and it would be interesting to know if similar practices prevail elsewhere. A woman ordered a dress from a dressmaker and then refused to pay the bill on the ground that the dress did not fit—a very common excuse among those who have changed their minds. The bill was for \$50 for material and making, and the dressmaker in defending her charges explained that she had two establishments, one at Putney and the other on Manchester street. The dress in question had been made at Putney, but if it had been made at the Manchester street establishment she would have charged about \$75, although there would have been no difference whatever in material or workmanship. Prices, she said, were regulated by locality, and, although Putney is socially irreproachable, it is not quite equal to Manchester street. The price of a dress is therefore indicative of geographical location rather than of quality, and for this side light on feminine manners and customs we may be duly grateful.—Argonaut.

Their Fears Realized.
A noted English statistician was discussing in New York the statistics of marriage—marriage statistics are his specialty.
"The last statistics," he said, "show us one pleasant change, one grand improvement. Aged men of wealth are no longer marrying beautiful, mercenary young women as frequently as they used. In fact, these hideous marriages are becoming in this country so rare that the newspapers don't hesitate to comment very forcibly upon them. I approve of these cruel comments. They keep such mockeries of marriage down. In a little town in Herts last month," he said, "a millionaire of seventy-nine years married a young and pretty milliner of twenty-two. The local paper printed the next day this editorial paragraph on the matter:

"Six months ago, when Mr. Blank's venerable wife died, his children and grandchildren feared that he would go crazy over the sad bereavement. Their fears have now come true."

Perjury Penalties.
Perjury, besides being one of the oldest of offenses in the catalogue of crime, has always been very severely punished. With the advance of civilization, however, fiendish punishments have been replaced by more humane if still severe penalties. In the days of the Roman empire any one who committed perjury was thrown from a precipice, while the Greeks branded their false swearers. It is interesting to note that when the latter embraced the Christian religion the punishment was altered to that of having the tongue cut out, a sort of punishment which was considered to fit the crime in the early centuries. In the middle ages some countries adopted the system of giving the perjurer the punishment for the crime he falsely accused another of. Thus if he swore a neighbor had committed murder and the charge was disproved the perjurer would be sentenced to death, and the other penalties of the penal code were exacted for the particular crime alleged.

A Well Kept Murder Secret.
That the identity of the man who killed Campbell of Glenure on May 14, 1752, should still be handed down from father to son a solemn trust among a few members of the Stewart clan is one of the curiosities of history: The mute trees know who fired that shot. But the secret well they're keeping.
The highlanders refused it to Robert Louis Stevenson. Andrew Lang says that, like William of Deloraine, "he knows, but may not tell." Mr. Mackay, the author of this most complete and interesting account of the crime and trial, leaves us a little doubtful whether he is among the initiated. "I should be the last," he writes, "to make public a secret that has been so well kept. Its antiquity makes it sacred."—London Spectator.

What He Would Do.
An individual applied to the cab company for a situation.
"Do you know how to drive?"
"Yes, sir."
"You know that you must be polite with all your passengers?"
"Ah!"
"And honest. For example, what would you do if you should find in your cab a pocketbook containing \$25,000?"
"Nothing at all. I should live on the income."—London Tit-Bits.

Unselfish.
"Why don't you go to work?"
"Work?" rejoined Meandering Mike. "Look at de thousands of poor fellows dat is lookin' fur work an' feelin' miserable widout it. Now, work ain't necessary to me, an' I ain't goin' to butt in an' reach fur it merely fur de sake of havin' somethin' to brag about."—Washington Star.

Some Famous High Notes.
Melba, F sharp; Jenny Lind, B in alto; Christine Nilsson, G in alto; Evangeline Florence, G in alto; Ellen Beach Yaw, C two octaves above; Te-trazzini, D in alto; Carlotta Patti, D in alto; Adelina Patti, C in alto.

A Comparison.
The old gentleman was very angry. There could be no doubt about that. Threatening the other with his fist, he shouted, "If your brain was put in a mustard seed it would have as much room as a shrimp in the Atlantic!"

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