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Exaggerated Cruelty.
A well known gentleman took horse exercise daily, accompanied by a magnificent bloodhound, until he conceived an enthusiasm for cycling, when he altered the program by leaving the bloodhound at home and taking as his companion a fine dachshund. The pair were passing through a village recently when a laboring youth remarked to his "pal": "If Ol wor proime minister Ol'd put a stop ter this 'ere bicyclin' business." "Why?" queried the other. "Cos it owt ter be stopped, if only for th' sake o' that dog as is a-puffin' along behind thee," rejoined the first speaker. "It ain't sport; it's cruelty to handimals." His companion disagreed and said he thought the dog benefited by the exercise. "Exercise!" retorted the other scornfully. "D'ye call that exercise? You never saw that dog afore 'is master started bikin', did yer?" "No, I didn't." "Well," said the youth, "'e wor one o' th' finest bloodhounds you iver clapped heyes on, an' wot's 'e now? 'Is body's dwindled away to nowt, while 'is legs is worn clean darn to th' stumps. Ol repeat, it's cruelty ter handimals."—London Bystander.

Got His Money's Worth.
A lady palmist was recently prosecuted, and an amusing incident was noted in connection with the case. One of the witnesses called by the police was an individual who did not appear to be overburdened with intelligence. During a smart cross examination defendant's counsel asked him: "On first going into the room did you pay a shilling fee to the defendant?" "Yes," was the reply. "What did she tell you in return for the money?" "Oh," said the witness, "she towld me lots o' things, some on 'em true, some on 'em half true an' some on 'em less." "Now," continued the counsel after the laughter had died away, "this is the point I wish to get at: Was there any attempt at imposition? Did you lady impose upon you at all?" "Oh, dear, no!" was the response. "I knowed it wor all gammon, so there couldn't be no imposition. Besides, it wor a bad shillin' as I guv her, to start with!"—London Tit-Bits.

Marriage in Picardy.
A Picardy custom, founded on a broad basis of common sense as well as the idea of complete partnership, is that which puts a new bride through a kind of examination in the trade of her husband. It may, of course, have become something of a burlesque, and the bride may purposely show less dexterity than she need. Still, the consideration of the wife as a helpmate is very clearly shown in the performance. If the young wife's husband be a farmer, she will be asked to harness a horse and cart and to harrow a small piece of land. If her choice has fallen on an ironworker, she must hammer a piece of iron; if on a miller, she must measure out wheat from a basket at the church door; if on a smith, she is supposed to be able to strike the anvil; if on a sailor, she has to clean and mend some netting, and so on with the other occupations. Evidently the keeping of an idle wife is not understood in Picardy.—T. P.'s London Weekly.

Whale and Elephant Meat.
There is something unpleasant about the thought of eating whale meat, but it is said that the reality is very palatable. Japan has quite a trade in canned and salted whale meat, and there is to be a campaign to educate the European peoples to like it. Some whaling companies have distributed from their headquarters samples of canned whale meat, and those who have eaten it describe it as tenderer than beef and much like it in taste. Whale steak seems no queerer than Frankfort sausage made out of an elephant, which is what some German people have been eating. An enterprising butcher over there, hearing that an unruly elephant in the Ghent zoological gardens was to be killed, engaged the carcass. He made 3,800 pounds of sausage out of it and sold every pound at good prices.

Friends.
"Dear friends," said the philosopher, "are scarce items in this world. They are too few to be counted."
"What d'ye call a friend?" he was asked.
"A friend," he replied, "is one who would lend you money if you wanted it and to whom you would lend money—if you had it."—New York Times.

Mr. Manning's Grudge.
Mrs. Manning—Do you think it is right to let that Greyson fellow keep company with our Martha? Mr. Manning—No, I can't say that it is. Young Greyson is a nice chap, but I've a grudge against his father, and I don't care if the son has to suffer for it.—Exchange.

An Alibi.
Examiner—What is an alibi? Candidate For the Bar—An alibi is committing a crime in one place when you are in another place. If you can be in two other places the alibi is all the stronger in law.—Puck.

Knew Him.
"Yes, I'm anxious to get my daughter off my hands, I'll admit."
"Then why don't you let her marry me?"
"What good would that do?"—Cleveland Leader.

Who would not have feet set on his neck let him not stoop.—Italian Proverb.

Lady Passenger's Log.
It was blowing rather hard, and there was a nasty sea on an hour and a half before the first breakfast bugle. An officer of an ocean liner hurried along the passage between the state-rooms, and a timid voice called to him: "Oh, Mr. Officer, please stop!" He turned and saw a dear old lady with a wrapper thrown around her, peeping through her half-open door. "Yes, madam," said the officer. "Mr. Officer, please would you stop this a gale?" asked the old lady anxiously. "Oh, no, madam! There's no danger, I assure you." "Well, is it half a gale?" "Not even half a gale, madam, it's such an excellent sea boat that you needn't worry a bit," explained the officer. "Well, what would you call it, please?" said the lady, steadying herself as the vessel rolled. "Just a fresh nor'west breeze, madam, with a cross sea running. But, really, there's nothing to fear." "Thank you so much. I just wanted to get it quite right in my diary, you know."—New York Times.

A Chinese Superstition.
Fengshui is the Chinese superstition that determines good site or locality, and if a town on the Yangtze has not a good fengshui trade will not come to it, and it will be ruined. A town named Peishih had its pagoda in the wrong place—not far enough down the river—and the result was that all traffic which should have come to it was swept past, Peishih being left out in the cold. The people pulled down the pagoda and built another one in the supposed right spot, as nothing would convince them that the depression could arise from any other cause than that of a bad fengshui. The city of Wanshein, on the other hand, has a perfect fengshui, two fine pagodas, and is very prosperous. But the fact that Wanshein is situated in a fertile valley, where wheat, barley and the poppy flourish abundantly, while Peishih is barren and miserable, does not concern the inhabitants so much as the fengshui site. This remarkable idea in the Chinese mind is only one of thousands like it.

Mastication.
"The body is a manufactory," said a doctor recently. "It has to manufacture bone and blood and muscle and brain out of bread and butter, eggs, beef and milk, and a wonderful process it is. Now, the first part of the process takes place in the mouth, and, as in most factories, the first is the most important. If a wrong start is made, everything that follows is put wrong. If the food isn't well masticated and mixed with the saliva, the stomach, the liver and the intestines are thrown out of gear; consequently most of the more advanced doctors are paying a great deal of attention to the condition of their patients' teeth. They know, to garble Shakespeare a bit, that "good digestion waits on mastication, and health on both."—New York Tribune.

How Letters Strike Our Eyes.
Roman letters of various sizes are commonly called into request by oculists in testing vision. Recent experiments show great differences in the ease with which the various letters are recognized by the same person. T is especially difficult of recognition and is apt to be mistaken for Y. By a similar optical illusion the angle of L is rounded off, making the letter resemble a reversed J. V is the easiest of all letters to recognize, and O presents little difficulty. K is more easily recognized than H, which resembles it closely, and both N and Z are easily recognized. A is easily guessed at from its general form, but is difficult of positive recognition, including distinct perception of the horizontal line. E and F are among the most difficult of all letters.

Discouraging.
A pompous man went into a drug store early the other morning to buy a cigar. The only person he found there was the soda water dispenser. The boy was sweeping out the store. "Sweeping out, eh?" said the man. "Well, that's how I got my start." The boy looked him over and replied, "Aw, what do you want to discourage me like that for?" When the man left he was frowning.—Denver Post.

Edifying.
Gentleman (looking for rooms)—Did you say a music teacher occupies the next apartment? That cannot be very pleasant. Landlady (eagerly)—Oh, that's nothing. He has eleven children, and they make so much noise you can't hear the piano.—Harper's Bazar.

Utilizing Her.
"My dear, the hired girl has quit."
"Well, that's all right. Just drop a line to your mother inviting her to visit us. She'll do the housework until we can get another maid."—New York Journal.

Out of Her Reach.
Elsie—Why is Clara always so short of money? Didn't her father leave her a lot? Madge—Yes; but, you see, she's not to get it till she's thirty, and she'll never own up to that.—Boston Transcript.

Opulence.
"What is your idea of happiness?"
"To be able to spend my own money just as if I were going to turn in an expense account when I got home."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Rank has its bores as well as pleasures.—Beaconsfield.

The Monkey and the Pie.
An Indian faker had a monkey that he had brought up from babyhood, says an English writer. The pair were fast friends, the monkey being a faithful attendant on his master and as good as a watchdog. One day the faker made a pie for dinner and left it to cook on a charcoal fire while he went for a walk. As the cooking proceeded the savory smell was too much for the monkey. It raised the crust and tasted the chicken. Finding the food very tasty, it ate more and more until nothing but the crust remained. Then it remembered its master, who would shortly return hungry and ready to enjoy his meal. What was to be done? The sharp eyes of the monkey detected some crows not far away, so without loss of time it lay down on the ground as if dead. By and by a crow came along and pecked at the monkey, which seized the bird in a twinkling, strangled it, stripped off the feathers, placed it in pieces in the dish, covered it over with the crust and then contentedly awaited the return of the faker, to whom the whole incident was related by an eyewitness.

Left Handed Vituperatives.
Most counties in England have their idiomatous expressions to denote left handedness, and they are often fixed to the unfortunate left hand child's name. In London the term kack handed, the word being equivalent to awkward. In Lancashire it is k-pawed, in Yorkshire lock or gawk handed, an expression dating back to at least the seventeenth century. In Derbyshire are used terms keg handed, cork handed, corky handed, while in the Tees district cuddly handed is common. In Nottinghamshire walled handed. In the south of England some terms to denote left handedness, also found. In Dorset it is so handed and in Devonshire c handed. In Scotland we find handed and in the west wavy handed. In Ireland a left handed man is a kithogue. Tim Healy used this in a speech at East Wicklow, where he said that Mr. O'Kelly came with his left hand and had given his opponent some "kith" that would spoil his political during the contest.—London Chronicle.

Bursting Balloons.
The greatest danger of a big in a balloon is concerned with changing density of the atmosphere. On the ground the atmosphere on the balloon with a weight fifteen pounds for every sq. of its surface. As the balloon however, the air grows thin its pressure becomes in colossal and less. As the pressure outside atmosphere decrease balloon expands, and if the air made too rapidly or without care the gas inside the sil' will expand until the ball bursts. But the bursting of a balloon is by no means necessarily catastrophe. Every balloon with a "ripping cord" is pulled, cuts a long rent in it out of which the gas speeds. The silk bag is then carried into the upper portion of where in the majority of forms a parachute and b. thing safely to earth.

Doubtful Praise.
Mr. Faxon was the oldest the "select boarding house" he lived, and his landlady referred people to him for commendation of her table. I to praise the food highly enthusiastically do, but overstepped his mark. "I'm dyspeptic, sir," said had gone to Mr. Faxon queries about the board; my food has to be sin cooked—no high seasoningible compounds." Mr. Faxon looked at bland and reassuring smile. "My dear sir," he said impressive manner, "you fears. All I have eat years I have been under roof would not interfere gestion of the most de' in the land."

When Lovers Watch.
Most curious of the stitutions of New England of requiring love corpse. It associates marriage with the poetic and has only the oldest towns with No obligation of the was more scrupulous that a dead body sh alone at night. In the solemn watchers women, deacons, sel colonies grew honest ed troths were frequ these long vigils.

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"Your political a you every name be the agitated friend." "Don't interrupt! Senator Sorghum, a man searching epithets than goli for facts."—Washington.

The Way.
"The longest day, June, pa, but whe' "Sometimes in August, depend! mother takes York Press.

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