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A Dr. Johnson Story.

Dr. Johnson had some ideas on education, especially on that diversion known as "learning a piece by heart." One day Mrs. Gastrel set a little girl to repeat to him Cato's soliloquy, which she went through very correctly. The doctor, after a pause, asked the child, "What was to bring Cato to an end?" She said it was a knife. "No, my dear, it was not so." "My Aunt Polly said it was a knife." "Why, Aunt Polly's knife may do, but it was a dagger, my dear." He then asked her the meaning of "bane" and "antidote," which she was unable to give. Mrs. Gastrel said, "You cannot expect so young a child to know the meaning of such words." He then said, "My dear, how many pence are there in sixpence?" "I cannot tell, sir," was the half terrified reply. On this, addressing himself to Mrs. Gastrel, he said, "Now, my dear lady, can anything be more ridiculous than to teach a child Cato's soliloquy who does not know how many pence there are in sixpence?"

Pepps and the Comet.

They were watching a comet in Pepps' day, though Halley at the time was but eight years old. "My Lord Sandwich this day," says the diarist, Dec. 21, 1681, "writes me word that he hath seen at Portsmouth the comet and says it is the most extraordinary thing he ever saw." Again on the 21st: "Having sat up all night till past 2 o'clock this morning, our porter being appointed, comes and tells us that the bellman tells him that the star is seen upon Tower hill; so I, that had been all night setting in order of my old papers in my chamber, did now leave off all and my boy and I to the Tower hill, it being a most fine, bright, moonshine night and a great frost, but no comet to be seen." Later the same day, however, Pepps "saw the comet, which now, whether worn away or no, I know not, appears not with a tail, but only is larger and duller than any other star."

The Geese Were Duck's.

The following little incident took place awhile ago at a Northeastern station in Yorkshire: Some geese had strayed on the railway and were observed by a traveler, who, fearing that they might be run over, said to one of the porters on the platform: "Who owns the geese, my man?" "Them's Duck's," the porter replied. Again the question was asked, with the same reply. Somewhat annoyed, the traveler called the station master and told him the story, stating that he full well knew the difference between geese and ducks. The station master laughingly replied: "The man is quite right. Those geese are Duck's. They belong to Mr. John Duck, the farmer."—London Tit-Bits.

Rose to the Occasion.

Mr. Kajones, who happened to step into the parlor while looking for a book, was just in time to see somebody slip hastily off somebody else's knee. "Ah, Bessie," he observed pleasantly, "this is a merger, is it? Or is it a limited partnership?" "Neither, papa," said Bessie, recovering herself instantly; "George is my holding company—that's all."—Chicago Tribune.

The Best She Could Do.

"We've got to cut down our expenses," said Woodby. "We are living in a style that makes everybody think my income must be twice as big as it is." "Well," his wife replied, "what more do you want, seeing that there is no chance for you to double your income?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Fidgety Bachelor.

"But why do you put your friend's things in the dining room?" "Oh, he is so used to restaurants that he won't enjoy his dinner unless he can watch his hat and coat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Curious Pair.

Mrs. Rubba—I wonder why that woman keeps watching me so? Mr. Rubba—Perhaps she's trying to find out why you are staring at her.—Philadelphia Press.

Pretty Slow.

"How'll Roswell be pretty slow?" "Powell—Slow? He'll make a snail look as if it had been exceeding the speed limit."—New York Press.

A Mean Thrust.

"Ten thousand dollars for a dog?" he exclaimed as he looked up from his newspaper. "Do you believe any one ever paid any such price, Maria?" "I'm sure I don't know, James," she returned without stopping her needle work even for a moment. "Does the paper say that much was paid?" "Yes, there's an article on valuable dogs, and it's speaking of one that was sold for \$10,000. I don't believe it." "It may be true, James," she said quietly. "Some of those high bred animals bring fancy prices, and there's no particular reason why the paper should lie about it." "I know that, Maria, but just think of it, just try to grasp the magnitude of that sum in your weak feminine mind. You don't seem to realize it—\$10,000 for a dog! Why, hang it, Maria, that's more than I'm worth!" "I know that, James, but some are worth more than others." She went on calmly with her sewing, while he fumed and spluttered for a moment and then dropped the subject, especially the weak feminine part of it.

Quick Time Music.

A music teacher in Chicago was recently approached by a lady from the interior who confided to him her intention of taking piano lessons and inquired as to terms, etc. These proving satisfactory, she went on to explain that she was desirous of accomplishing a rapid course. The professor assured her that she might learn a great deal in twenty lessons.

"Good," said the woman. "I've got only a limited time in Chicago, so I must contrive to get the twenty lessons into that."

"How long are you to be here?" she was asked.

"Three weeks."

"Twenty lessons in three weeks!" exclaimed the astonished teacher. "You could never do that!"

"Oh, yes, I could!" returned the woman. "Couldn't I, Marie?" turning to a friend for support. "I could take two lessons a day, or perhaps I could take the whole at once. Twenty lessons, one after another, would only take ten hours."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Face of the Typical New Yorker.

London is a friendless city enough, heaven knows, to those who are not able to conquer, but she seems to me mild, benignant even, in comparison with New York. The face of the Londoner is very often overcast with the thought of how to get a living in the keen competition of the people in that mighty capital, but the London face is tranquillity embodied in comparison with the face of the typical New Yorker. Keen, hatchet shaped, anxious, absorbed—such is the face you see everywhere around you. And this keenness of face is accompanied by a terrible spirit of self absorption. You seldom see people talk much while they are traveling in the elevated railway or in the subway, as they call the underground train there.—T. P. O'Connor in London M. A. P.

Napoleon's Temper.

A story is told of a sudden rage into which Napoleon I. fell one day as he was at dinner. He had sincerely partaken of a mouthful when apparently some inopportune thought or recollection stung his brain to madness, and, receding from the table without rising from his chair—his small stature permitted that—he uplifted his foot—dash went the table, crash went the dinner, and the emperor sprang up, intending to pace the room. Quick as a flash his waiter scratched a few magic symbols on a bit of paper, and the emperor's check had grown more than double. Napoleon appreciated the deficiency of his attendant and said, "Thank you, my dear Dumand," with one of his inimitable smiles. The hurricane had blown over.

Decimals and Duodecimals.

Herbert Spencer offered a characteristically original system of reckoning. He clung to the duodecimal system, mainly because twelve can be divided by three and four as ten cannot. But he suggested that all the advantages of both systems might be combined by making twelve the basis of calculation, inventing two new digits to take the places of ten and eleven and making twelve times twelve the hundred. Spencer scornfully remarked that the decimal system rests solely on the fact that man has ten fingers and ten toes. If he had had twelve "there never would have been any difficulty."

A Quaint Epitaph.

Here is an epitaph which may be read in an English churchyard attached to Leamington church: "Here lies the body of Lady O'Looney, great-niece of Burke, commonly called the sublime. She was Blunt, Passionate and Deeply Religious; also she painted in water colors and sent several pictures to the exhibition. She was the intimate friend of Lady Jones. And of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

He Beat It.

"Where did you steal that man from?" demanded the policeman as he seized the tramp. "I didn't steal it," said the tramp. "A lady up the street gave it me and told me to beg it."—Judge's Library.

Leisure Hours.

Dr. Johnson had scant sympathy with inconsistent and arrogant industry. "No man, sir, is obliged to do as much as he can. A man should have part of his life to himself."

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