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Antiquity of Shorthand. Shorthand is apt to be looked upor as an essentially modern art. The predecessors of Pitman-Byrom in the eighteenth century, Mason in the sev enteenth-are dim and distant figures beyond which it seems useless to ven ture. Cicero dictated his orations to his freedman, T. Tullius Tiro, and wat inconsolable when temporarily depriv ed of his services. He complained in a letter to a friend that, while "Tird takes down whole phrases in a few signs, Spintharus (his provisional sub stitute) only writes in syllables." We need not, however, suppose that the "notae Tironianae" were actually in vented by the freedman in question As M. Guenin points out, the Romans created very few of the arts of peace contenting themselves, as a rule, by copying from the Greeks. M. Guenin however, indicates the banks of the Nile as the cradle of the art.-T. P.'s London Weekly.

A Benevolent Censor.

A trio of young ladies spent some weeks last year at an out of the way village in the mountain region. They found the village postmaster a quainfold character, whose ways were as or ginal as they were startling, so that the daily trip to the postoflice became a real event.
"Is there any mail for us, major?"

asked one of the young ladies as she appeared at the window one morning.

"No: they ain't a thing for you all this mawnin', Miss Mary," was the re-"They wasn't nothin' come for you but a letter that looked like advertisin', an' so I opened it, and sure enough it was jest some advertisement about somethin' or other, and I says to myself, says I, 'Now, Miss Mary don't want to tote such stuff as that home with her,' and so I throwed it in the waste box."—Youth's Companion.

Snuff and a Crook.

Robert Pinkerton once told a story of his father, the founder of the detective agency, which illustrates the elder Pinkerton's caution. A noted criminal was detained in Pinkerton's Chicago office. The elder Pinkerton left the room and when he returned took the precaution of holding a revolver in front of him ready for use.

He saw the criminal standing by the door with a snuffbox he had picked up from Pinkerton's desk in his hand This is good snuff," affably

marked the crook as he took a sniff.
"For the eyes or the nose?" asked Pinkerton, who knew that the crook had intended to blind him in an effort to escape.
"Well," remarked the criminal, "I'm

sorry to say that the nose gets it this

Appius Claudius.

Appius Claudius, surnamed Caecus (the blind), was a Roman statesman who lived during the third century be-fore the Christian era. He was a Roman censor, 312 to 308, and consul 307 to 296. He commenced the Ap pian way and completed the Appian aqueduct. From his Roman juris prudence, oratory, grammar and Latin prose date their beginning. He abolished the limitation of the full right of citizenship to landed proprietors In his old age he is said to have be come blind, whence his cognomer "Caecus." He was the author of works in both prose and verse, of which almost nothing is known.

Owing to the extremely solvent pow-ers, pure water is never found in nature, the nearest approach being found in rainwater, which, as it is formed if the upper regions of the atmosphere is the purest that nature supplies, but in descending it brings with it what ever impurities are floating near the surface, which in the neighborhood of cities are always numerous; hence per fectly pure water is hardly to be found even the artificially distilled being only approximately so.

Where to Begin.

band; "we must have things arranged in this house so that we shall know

just where everything is kept."
"With all my heart," sweetly an
swered his wife, "and let us begin with
your late hours, my love. I should very much like to know where they are kept."-Stray Stories.

A Boomerang.

"Call that art!" exclaimed a would be critic, pointing to a painting in a studio. "If that daub is a work of art

"The latter part of your statement." rejoined the artist calmly, "would seem to furnish conclusive proof that it is s

She-John is a very considerate sort of fellow, isn't he? He (the rival)-Oh, yes, very! He has that keen tack and loving sympathy which a chauf feur displays toward a helpless crip ple .- Life.

Poet-You published a poem of mine last week. You pay according to the kind of verse, don't you? Editor-Yes George, give the gentleman a blan' check.-Judge.

A Good Reason.
"What makes you think, sir, that

will not be able to support your daugh "Well, I haven't been able to my

Tightly Tied.

That man's money is all tied up. "Poor fellow! Can't get at it, eh?"
"Oh, yes. All he has to do is to untie

Her Goodby. She was one of those very gushing effusive ladies who occasionally infest newspaper offices, and she had been aging editor of the paper on whit! cites the Saturday Evening Post A Davenport was in the room at time. When the time came for her departure she first gras, of the found of the managing editor, saying Mr. Nites, goodby?"

Then turning to the assistant man aging editor, she also shook fusively by the band, exclaiming "Goodby, Mr. Bliss, goodby!"

Davenport came next no escape for him. "Dear Mr Daven-port, goodby!" she cried with all the delicate shading of a tragedy queen

There was silence for a moment aft er she had gone. Then Davenport found his voice. "Where is she go

"Up to Ninety-third street," replied the assistant managing editor.

"Suffering cats!" drawled Daven "What should have happened in she had been going to One Hundrand Twenty-fifth street?"

She Handed It Back,

A noted doctor believes in training children to reason for themselves, and this policy he carries out with his own child, a little girl of eight, and he tells a story in connection with her with

"My dear," he said to her, "I say something today that I hope I shall never be pained to hear of you doing "What was that, papa?" the daugh ter asked.

"I saw little Mary Goodgirl stick her

tongue out at a man today."

The child, evidently thinking that it was an occasion to tell of the faults of the other girl, said:

"Papa, I saw Mary"--The doctor interrupted and told the child she must not gossip and if she knew anything that was not nice about anybody she must keep it to herself.

The child looked at her father and then said quickly: "Well, papa, why did you tell me about Mary?"

The physician was so surprised he could not answer.—Philadelphia Times.

His Only Blemish.
When the pious looking lady entered the London birdshop and stated her need of a talking parrot the proprietor "reckoned 'e'd got the werry thing the lady wanted" "Course, ma'am," he said, "you don't want a wulgar bird. This 'ere one, now, was brought over by a missionary. Talks like a reg'la 'ymn book, 'e does. I wouldn't let 'im oi f I didn't think you'd give 'm a reg go if I didn't think you'd give 'im a respectable 'ome. Thirty-five shillings that bird, ma'am."

"You'll soon know!" screeched Pol

"Dear me! How quaint!" gushed the lady, and 35 shillings changed hands. "What does he mean by 'you'll soon know,' I wonder?"

"It's 'is only blemish, ma'am," smiled the birdshop man, "'E's got it into 'is 'ead that every one's won-derful anxious to find out wot a missionary sez when 'e 'its 'is thumb with

What She Missed.

Six-year-old Ruth was very unhappy because one of her many wants had been denied. Her papa was giving her a lecture and said, "You have everything that most little girls have, and I don't think there is another little girl

in town has more than you."
"Oh, yes," said Ruth. "Alice has." "What has she that you have not? said papa.

"Well, I guess she had a ride to her grandma's funeral."—Exchange,

The Serpent's Venom.

A physician while talking with a group of friends remarked: "It is common to hear people speak about poi sonous serpents. Serpents are never poisonous; they are venomous, A poison cannot be taken beternally with out bad effects; a venom can. Venomi to be effective have to be injected directly into the circulation, and this is the manner in which the snake kills Their venom taken internally is in

The Weapon He Needed.

nocuous."

An excited citizen burst frantically into the police station. "My life's danger!" he cried. "I've just received a threatening letter from the Black Hand, and I want a permit to carry

"All right, sir," replied the captain 'I'll give you a permit to carry a far -that's the weapon you need; some thing that will keep you cool."-Chi

An Odd Apology.

This is the classic apology of a cele brated statesman of the last genera-"Mr Speaker, in the heat of de bate I stated that the right honorable gentleman opposite was a dishonest and unprincipled adventurer. I have now, in a colmer moment, to state that I am sorry for it."

The Elevator Man's Joke

Hobbs-I guess the elevator is out of order. What is that sign on the door order. Dobbs-The elevator man must be a bit of a wag. It says, "Please pardor me for not rising."- Boston Transcript

Hedging. Clergyman-Will you take this wo man until death? Prospective Bride groom-Isn't there any minimum sen tence?-New York Press.

The envious man pines in plenty, like Tantalus up to the chin in water and yet thirsty .- T. Adams.

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