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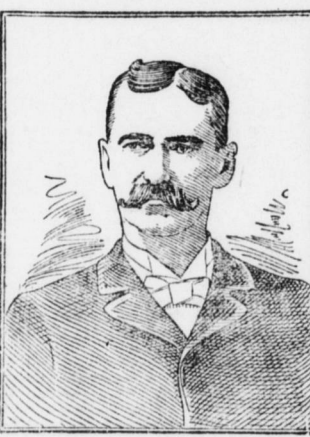
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**The Barber's Idea.**

Bentley had been out into the night before, or, rather, he had stayed in late in a little affair, and about all he had left to show for it in the morning was an old-fashioned away-from-home-made headache. In hope of relief he had sought his old friend, the barber, and the latter had been busy on Bentley's head and face for the past hour.

"By Jove, Karl," said Bentley as the barber rubbed the top of his head, "that feels mighty good, I can tell you. The man who invented massage was not only a genius, but a benefactor to the whole human race. They ought to put up a statue to him. There's nothing like it when a fellow feels seedy. There's only one trouble about it."

"Vot iss it?" asked Karl, hoping that perhaps he might overcome the difficulty.

"Why, it's all on the outside," said Bentley. "If there were only some apparatus that would enable you to get inside a fellow's head and clear out the pains of the morning after, what a blessing it would be."

"Vell," said Karl, "I tink that maybe some day dose vacuum cleaner feelers vll do dot already. Vot?"—Harper's Weekly.

**The Practical Goat.**

M. Jules Renard was the mayor of Corbigny, in the Nièvre. Every Sunday he contributed to the Journal de Clamecy, and this is the sort of things he used to give the peasants. Writing of the Journal Officiel, posted up on the wall of the mairie and which no one ever reads, he said:

"I had forgotten the goats. One of them never misses a number. Standing on its hind legs, with its front legs resting on the poster, it moves its horns and beard from right to left, like an old woman reading. When it has finished reading, as the official sheet has an appetizing smell of fresh paste, the goat eats it. After nourishing the mind one must feed the body. Thus nothing is lost in the commune. What a pity that all novel readers have not the stomach of this practical goat! They might then eat the books they had read, buy more, and so the man of letters would in the end be able to eat in his turn."—Paris Letter to London Globe.

**The ff in ffarington.**

The spelling of the ancient name ffarington with the small "ff" found in old manuscripts is merely the retention of the old form of capital "F." Deeds of conveyance in the time of George II, and III, recite, "George of Great Britain France and Ireland king," etc. The form could not therefore be due to ignorance, as has been said, for in days when gentlemen of estate were gentlemen of quality such a spelling in deeds could hardly arise from lack of a knowledge of spelling. The ffaringtons of Worden Hall, Lancashire, prefer, like several other well known families, including the folkes and frenches, to retain the archaic capital "ff." The family trace their descent from Hugo de Meolis, who came to England with the Conqueror, and they have been associated for generations with the court, army and church and with public life.—London Court Journal.

**A Persian Hotel.**

Some years ago an effort was made to establish a European hotel at the junction of the two most traveled roads of Persia. Each room of this hotel contained some articles which I at least have never found in any hotel in either Europe or America. Among them were a nightcap, a hairbrush and a toothbrush. Perhaps it was on account of this extravagance that the scheme failed. An American missionary as he was leaving this hotel one morning was asked by a servant what he had done with the hotel hairbrush. This dignified man in clerical attire with his wife and children was prevented from leaving the hotel until it was ascertained that he had spoken the truth when he said that he threw the brush under the bed to scare away a cat.—Mrs. Colquhoun in Los Angeles Times.

**Fifty Men and One Elephant.**

Interesting tests were recently made in London to determine the respective pulling power of horses, men and elephants. Two horses weighing 1,600 pounds each, together pulled 3,750 pounds, or 550 pounds more than their combined weight. One elephant, pounds each together pulled 3,750 pounds, or 3,250 pounds less than its weight. Fifty men, aggregating 7,500 pounds in weight, pulled 8,750 pounds, or just as much as the single elephant, but, like the horses, they pulled more than their own weight. One hundred men pulled 12,000 pounds.—St. Louis Republic.

**Difference Defined.**

Mrs. Muchwed (reading paper)—Can you tell me the difference between a visit and a visitation? Mr. Muchwed (dryly)—A visitation, my dear, if one may judge by the spelling, is something longer than a visit. For instance, when your mother comes to see us it would be correct to call it a visitation.

**Character.**

Character is not cut in marble—it is not something solid and unalterable. It is something living and changing and may become diseased as our bodies do.—George Elliot.

**Conscience.**

In the commission of evil another is hit one witness against thee; thou art a witness against thyself. Another thou cannot avoid thyself thou cannot not—Quarles.

It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes the victim than not to trust.—Johnson.

**Etiquette and Ganger.**

"There's a thing in the farmer's wife, I wish you would get your others on the table."

"But, indeed, the farmer 'gettin' fustidious and you? Mobby you'll be warnin' me next to keep my knife outen my mouth an' tellin' the bot to cool my tea in my sasser. But my granther kep' his others on the table, an' so did my father an' my neck, I'm goin' to keep on it as hard an' as long as I dun please, so there!"

Whereupon he leaned hard, so hard that the ancient table suddenly collapsed and sprawled out its legs and went down with a frightful crash of crockery.

"Well, you've gone an' done it now!" screamed the old lady. "That's a pretty mess, ain't it? Ef you'd had the sense of a chipmunk you'd have knowed th' reason I didn't want you to keep on th' table wuz cause th' legs wuz rickety. An' I guess a little etiquette wouldn't hurt you none anyway, Ezra Doolittle, to say nothin' of savin' \$2 wuth of family crockery."

And the disgruntled farmer stumbled out from the scene of wreckage and chased a harmless tramp three miles down the road with an ax handle.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Handicapped.**

Englishmen use their hands comparatively little in conversation, but Frenchmen use them a good deal. Quantitatively enough, Parisians have a very keen sense of the exaggerated way in which the southern Frenchman and the Italian help on what they have to say with their hands, and this accounts for the following story:

An Italian railway thief was caught redhanded in the train, handcuffed and brought to Paris. As he was walking out of the Gare de Lyon between two detectives a friend met him.

"Hello!" he said. "Where have you been this long time, and how are you?"

The prisoner looked at him pathetically and shook his head.

"What's the matter?" said his friend. "Have you been stricken dumb?"

The prisoner raised his handcuffed hands. "Very nearly," he said.—London M. A. P.

**Room and Board For Single Gentleman.**

"So, Bellinda, I hear you and 'Doc' have parted company. Couldn't you get along?"

"No'm; least I couldn't. D'ye know that low down nigger just 'mailed me fo' my money?"

"No?" I said.

"Yas'm. He saw all them things in my parlor, silver butter dishes and crayon portraits that you and the other white ladies' g'l' me, and he just thought he was goin' to set in there and smoke while I washed and 'fined. And I had a big burial insurance, too, and he knowed that. So I jes' natchully 'ru'd him out."

"Yes," I said. "But I thought I saw him going in your back gate last week."

"Oh, to be sure! He's round, but he's jes' boad'in' with me now."—Ladies' Home Journal.

**Beginning of the Germ Theory.**

Agostino Bassi, a country doctor in the north of Italy, early in the last century was the starter of the germ theory of disease. At that time a peculiar disease was killing the silkworms, bringing ruin to the whole silk country of Italy. Bassi, by the microscope, discovered the germ which is the cause of the disease. The germ later was named *Borritis bassiana*. Bassi believed and stated that human diseases were also caused by germs. Bassi's work was sneered at and pooh-poohed by his fellow men and physicians, and he failed to make a lasting impression, thereby losing great glory for Italy.—New York Press.

**The Orkney Islands.**

"The member from the Orkneys" is the only man in the British house of commons who can say he sits for 206 islands. Only sixty of the islands are inhabited, but the constituency embraces more than 60,000 people.

The Orkneys were once given by Norway to England as security for a queen's dowry and never redeemed. In the islands the voters must go to the polls by boats, and in some cases the distance to be traveled is eight miles.

**First Aid.**

"Now," said the professor, "suppose you had been called to see a patient with hysterics—some one, for instance, who had started laughing and found it impossible to stop—what is the first thing you would do?"

"Amputate his funny bone," promptly replied the new student.—Houston Post.

**Did Her Best.**

"We're always careful about these contagious diseases," said Mrs. Lapsling. "When Johnny had got well of the measles we bought some sulphur candles and disinfected the house from top to bottom."—Chicago Tribune.

**An Advantage.**

"So you prefer servants who speak English imperfectly?"

"Yes," replied the housewife. "If I don't understand what they say I am not obliged to dismiss them so frequently."—Exchange.

**Suspicion.**

Once give your mind to suspicion and there is sure to be food enough for it. In the stillest night the air is filled with sounds for the wakeful ear that is resolved to listen.

**The German Complaint.**

Probably this expression is used oftener by people than any other. "Everything is blamed on me."—Atlantic Globe.



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