

**Ancient History.**

Simon Bolivar, the so-called liberator of Colombia, was a singular character. Educated in Europe, he was polished in manners and conversation, but very frequently he gave way to fits of passion. At such times he would fling himself into a hammock and utter curses and imprecations upon everybody unfortunate enough to be near him. On the other hand, when as often the case in his up and down career, he was battling against adversity, and his mind, destitute of friends, was mild, patient, and even cheerful. He was then seen at his best. In war Bolivar was one of the greatest warriors that ever lived. Time and again he stole away from his troops in the dead of night and sought a place of safety. He was repeatedly accused of desertion, and the proofs against him were overwhelming, but he was not only a great warrior, but he was also a great statesman. He was looked upon as a hero, and as the liberator of his country from Spanish misrule. One man, Gen. Diaz, had the temerity to call Bolivar "the Napoleon of the tropics"; and for this he was punished. In 1828, he had an army of about 800 men, with which he attacked a little force of 300, under Morales. In the preliminary skirmish Bolivar's advance guard got the worst of it. At once he lost his presence of mind, spoke no word, turned his horse quickly around, and fled at full speed toward Occumare, passing the village at full gallop and not looking back. He was pursued by his companions to the water's edge, where he was shot. Simon Bolivar died December 17, 1830.

**He Drove Slowly.**

It is not uncommon to refer to the forms used in many households by some familiar name, and dressmakers frequently designate their "Mary Jane." A household wherein the skirt form had come to be called "Miss Susan," had on amusing experience on account of it. The form had been lent and a new coachman had just driven with some of the family, when the spirit form was remembered. He was directed to drive to a certain house, get "Miss Susan," and come back with her in a hurry. After a long delay, the carriage drove up to a motuful pace. "Shure, ma'am," said the coachman, in explanation of his delay, "they had to lift her across the sidewalk into the coach, and I thought she was a very sick lady, indeed, and so I had letter drive slow."—N. Y. Tribune.

**Water Purified By Electricity.**

The Webster method of purifying water by means of electricity has been used by Dr. Ferni in the Hygienic Institute, at Munich, Germany. During the course of the experiments it was found that the water became purified in about fifteen minutes, the organic substances being reduced by about one-half, and the water was perceptibly improved. While the results of the tests show that electricity does not at the present time realize the ideal of water purification, it has two great advantages: first, that very little iron is precipitated and its removal by chemical means, and second, that the dissolved organic substances, which are not precipitated by any of the known chemical methods hitherto employed, are at least partially removed by the electric current.

**The Way to Live.**

To live content with small means, to seek elegance rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable; and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never—in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common; this is to be a sympathizer.—William Henry Channing.

**Queer Old Santa Claus.**

One patron saint of the gift season is evidently a resident of the arctic region, for from time immemorial his peregrinations have always been accomplished in a sleigh—at least so the story goes. He is a queer old fellow that Santa Claus, too, and the ideal of the individual pictured in the minds of the little ones is generally quaint and not at all in keeping with the real thing. With his gaudy, but which, like Fortunate's purse, is never emptied, with his round, jolly face and plethoric little body, with his eight prancing rein-deers, which fly like the wind from house to house, old Santa Claus is gladly welcomed Christmas eve in the homes of the rich and poor alike, wherever he dispenses his presents.

**A Hint to the Wise.**

"So you are going to write to the girl's father to ask him for her, are you?" "Yes." "Why don't you go and see him in person?" "The mail is better, I guess." "But I don't." "But I do." "Come off. Why is it?" "Oh, well, the old gent won't choke the letter, or hit it in the neck, or kick it down stairs, or anything like that, don't you know?" "Oh!"

**Ready for the Fray.**

"See you obey military orders," he said, as he looked admiringly at her delicate cheek. "What do you mean?" she asked wonderingly. "You keep your powder dry," he answered with a smile and an allusion to his own cheek. "Teacher—try to remember this: Milton, the poet, was blind. Do you think you can remember it?" "Yes, ma'am." "Now, what was Milton's great misfortune?" "He was a poet."

**Heard in the Night.**

"Mamma, please gimme a drink of water, I'm so thirsty." "So, you are not thirsty. Turn over and go to sleep." (A pause.) "Mamma, won't you please gimme a drink? I'm so thirsty." "If you don't turn over and go to sleep I'll get up and spank you." (Another pause.) "Mamma, won't you please gimme a drink when you get up to spank me?"—Judge.

**When.**

"At the late an important young man walked up to the door of one of the company's rooms, and knocking at the door, he said: 'When in thunder are you going to get those trousers on?' There was a faint giggle, and a silver voice replied: 'When I get married, I suppose.' He flinched at once. He had mistaken the door.

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**A Fortunate Accident.**

Miss Alice Ridout, winner of the prize for the artistic work on the Woman's Fair Building at Chicago, took up modeling by accident, as told in this story: "She was out walking in San Francisco with her large mastiff one morning, and happening to pass the half-open door of Rupert Schmidt's studio, the dog bounded in and upset a recently finished model. Miss Ridout hastened after the animal to apologize, but finding no one in the studio, commenced to remodel the arm of the figure, which had been broken off. While thus engaged Mr. Schmidt quietly entered and watched the amateur at work. He soon recognized her unusual ability, but did not make his presence known until she stopped back to survey the work of repair. It required little persuasion to induce her to learn modeling, and she has fulfilled all the sculptor's expectations."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Breaking It Gently.**

In the province of Holstein, noted for its superior breed of cattle, the country people are not only very thrifty, but exceedingly fond of their cows, as may be gathered from the following characteristic story: Farmer Jan was walking slowly down the road one day, when the village pastor met him. "Why so sad, Farmer Jan?" said the pastor. "Ah, I have a very sad errand, pastor," replied Jan. "What is it?" "Farmer Henrik's cow is dead in my pasture, and I am on my way to tell him."

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