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"No ticket, no washee." At Baltimore a Chinese laundryman who stood by this principle won a case in court.

Ohio's law to compel shoddy or adulterated fabrics to be sold on their merits, is likely to be imitated by other States this winter, predicts the New England Homestead.

It will be a disappointment to a great many persons to learn that Professor Andree has abandoned for this year his idea of crossing the Arctic regions in a balloon.

The Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sanit Ste. Marie Railway has tried the experiment of letting such locomotive engineer hire his own fireman, and the plan is said to have worked very well.

It pays to write a successful opera. Humperdinck, the composer of "Hansel and Gretel," who a few years ago was teaching and writing newspaper criticisms, has bought a beautifully situated castle in Germany formerly belonging to the Prince von Waldeck.

Illinois is next to Pennsylvania in the production of coal. The mines are in the southern part of the State, and employ 55,000 men.

The frailty of the bicycle as a war horse was practically demonstrated at some volunteer cycling manoeuvres in England recently, states the Argonaut.

Damage by lightning is unmistakably increasing, according to the director of the statistical office of Berlin. Various causes are assigned, such as the employment of electricity in various industries, the continual change of form of the earth's surface by deforestation, drainage, etc., and the impurities introduced into the atmosphere by the growing consumption of coal.

Everybody knows that abroad, and especially in France, horseless carriages have been used with entire success, and the long distance trials between the capital and Bordeaux have amply demonstrated the fact that the new class of gasoline motors are both practical and efficient.

My curiosity was excited, but, do all that I could, I was unable to obtain anything more from the old crane. She refused to utter another syllable except to repeat her warning.

SONG BEFORE SUNRISE.

The morning star is twinkling Above the ebon hill, And in the distant valley, Like a golden gnat, Abandoned to the sea, The gibbous moon is sinking Beside Hesperides.

THE BLUE CLOAK.



"EUBEN," said my mother, as she lay in her last illness, "there was one thing which your father impressed upon me before he died: 'Never let Ruben put foot in Sicily!'"

returned to Sicily, and those were almost his last words to me." My father, Rubino Vincetti, who had died in my very early infancy, had been of Sicilian birth, but my mother was English, and I had always resided in England and was a thorough Englishman in my habits, although I took after my father in features, and, as I could speak Italian like a native, I was often taken for one.

For a young man of twenty-three to be told that he is not to go to a certain place is rather likely to send him there, as it is "luring" him to do so, and had I had any desire to go to Sicily I fear that, even then, my mother's repetition of my father's warning would not have prevented me.

When we reached Messina we were half famished, and at once went to the hotel at which we had previously stayed, and had some dinner. Then we went down to the harbor to see about getting to the mainland, but there was no boat which could take us to be had for an hour.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

The New Physiology—So Credit—No Chance for Escape—Evidently Condensed—Repartee, Etc., Etc. There's the bicycle face, and the bicycle back.

NO CHANCE FOR ESCAPE. "Strange that Emeline never got over her infatuation for that man."

NO CREDIT. "You look frightfully gloomy, Simpkins; are you in debt?"

EVIDENTLY CONDENSED. Mrs. Kilduff—"Do you use condensed milk?"

AN EARLY INSTINCT. Benevolent Gentleman—"Don't cry, my little man; here's a dime for you."

THE IMPORTANT PART.

Employer—"Mr. Jones writes me that you insulted him yesterday."

THE EARLY BIRD. "Yes," said the business man to the clergyman, "I've lost a good deal of time in my life."

REPARTEE. "My friend," said the traveler, "have you a knife about you?"

ALL LOOK. Lady (applying the test)—"Ach! what a pity! The handsomest gentleman in the company has got a splash on his waistcoat."

HOW IT HAPPENED. Josh Melders—"How did you catch your cold, Jay?"

BEFORE AND AFTER. Evening Caller—"I have been wondering who those companion-framed portraits are, one a beautiful young girl, the other a wrinkled, and-faced old woman."

A CANDID CONFESSION. "I wish you would tell me," said the agent who had long been on Mr. Snagg's trail, "what is your insuperable objection to insuring your life?"

HEAD HIT. Mildred—"Have you heard the news about Charlie Hinks and Mabel Buxton?"

HE DESERVED IT. "Never mind brushing me off, porter," said the careful passenger on the sleeper, "you couldn't find a speck of dust on my clothes."

TOO SEVERE A TEST. "Pythias, old man," said Damon, his voice trembling, "you know how it is."

A LABOR SAVER. Opening an envelope by pulling a string is the latest labor-saving device.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

An electric railroad from New York to Philadelphia is projected. M. Righi, of Bologna, has succeeded in reproducing artificially the globular form of lightning.

The Niagara Falls plant of the Carborundum Company, which is operated by the electric power from Niagara, turns out 4000 pounds daily.

A nickel-in-the-slot machine, which takes an X-ray photograph of any object you choose, for the modest sum of five cents has been invented by a resident of Hartford, Conn.

The traction engine is growing in popularity among English farmers, not alone for threshing, but for hauling loads and plowing.

A substitute for stained glass is found in tectorium, a galvanised iron web covered with a gelatinous substance.

The Electrical Engineer, New York, describes an invention of Tapley W. Young, by which an electric heater lowered into dry oil-wells is said to melt the clogged paraffin and other refuse which closes the openings in the stone of the reservoir, and to cause thereby a renewed flow of oil.

Die Natur states that the Austrian deep-sea expedition under the charge of ichthyologist, Dr. Franz Steindachner, the Director of the Royal Vienna Museum, has returned.

Ball-bearings, which came into use with the bicycle when man became too lazy to oil his machine, have been utilized in many ways.

Hints for Emergencies. If a vein is severed compress below the spurting surface. Blood in veins returns to the heart.

When an artery is severed compress above the spurting surface. Blood from the arteries enters the extremities.

Remove insects from the ear with warm water. Never use a probe nor other hard substances for the ear, lest you perforate the drum.

When dust gets to the eyes avoid rubbing with the fingers, but dash cold water into them. Remove cinders with a camel's hair pencil.

When choking from any cause get upon all fours and cough, if there is no one present to render the old-time assistance of "pounding on the back."

If a high fever comes on at evening, bathe the feet and wrap in a blanket warm iron to the feet and give acetone in water every hour till the patient is in a "good sweat," then keep well covered.

In fracture of the skull, with compression and loss of consciousness, examine the wound and if possible raise the broken edges of the skull so as to relieve the pressure on the brain.

Prompt action will often save life. For sprains apply cloths wrung out of very hot water until the inflammation and pain have subsided.

For a burn or scald apply a solution of bicarbonate of ammonia to a pint of lukewarm water makes a good application to be kept on constantly.

A Useful Elephant. A few years ago, when Lord Dufferin was Viceroy of India, the Rajah of Holkar paid the Viceroy a visit.

It was the first time the Indian Prince had seen such an instrument used. "Make me a present of that," he said to the Viceroy, "and I will give you another."

Lord Dufferin hastened to comply with this modest request and the young Rajah returned to his country. Not long after he returned to Calcutta, bringing with him a young elephant, whose tusk had been carved in the most artistic manner, in the shape of a paper knife.

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During his fits of insanity his premonitory passion is a frenzied hatred against the Armenians. So terrible have these fits become that the Sultan's attendants often dare not enter his cabinet.

In fact, all their energies are required to dodge their infuriated monarch, who rushes from hall to hall talking to himself. A short time ago, it is added, the Sultan, in a fit of madness, shot a courier who happened to make a motion with his arm and which the sovereign chose to consider insulting.

Sometimes, on the other hand, the Sultan has fits of uncontrollable merriment, particularly when he has reason to believe that the Powers cannot agree on measures against him.

Birds That Shave Themselves. Man is said to be the only creature that shaves. But this is not so.

A Trade in Frozen Flowers. Frozen Australian flowers may soon become quite common ornaments of London dinner tables.

The Agricultural Department in Victoria is making experiment with a view to obtaining regular dorsal traffic with England.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Friend—"Doesn't pay to keep boarders?" Boarding Mistress—"It does if they do."—Pack.

The most inquisitive people in the world are those composing the family who live opposite.—New York Advertiser.

"Does your mother find time to ride her wheel?" "No, mamma's too tired after she gets through cleaning mine."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It is awkward when an absent-minded man says to the night policeman: "Good-night. I hope you will sleep well."—Boston Globe.

Father—"But do tell me, Alfred, how could you fail again?" Son—"Well, you see, we had another examination."—Fliegende Blaetter.

A man never needs a vacation half as much as when he has just returned from one and is getting through his first day's work.—New York Advertiser.

"Why do you punch that hole in my ticket?" asked a little man of the railway official. "So that you can pass through," was the reply.—Tit-Bits.

"Vot langwides!" exclaimed the perplexed foreigner. "You say it will rain like tander," said, by Yorge, it vos t'undering already!"—Chicago Tribune.

Friend—"How do you feel when your wheel throws you down?" The Lawyer (who is learning to ride)—"Like suing somebody for damages."—Pack.

Mrs. Grumpey—"Why do nearly all the people cry at weddings?" Grumpey—"Because most of them have been married themselves."—Detroit Free Press.

"Was it homelike out where you were, Hopkins?" "Yes. One night I thought I heard a burglar, and I couldn't find the matches to save my life."—Chicago Record.

"Yes; I realize that Jack was fast before our marriage, so I made allowance for him." "Yes; but how, pray?" "Well, till recently by teaching music, but I'm now trying stenography."—Brooklyn Life.

"I demand to be recognized!" screamed the members from the Empty-eighth District. "Impossible," said the Spokesman, looking fearfully through her lorgnette. "The lady is not in our set."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Mrs. Smithers," said the new boarder, "you ought to build a house." "Where shall I build it?" asked the unwary landlady. "On the grounds in your coffee, Mrs. Smithers," was the response. "There's a half-acre in my cup."—Harper's Bazar.

When Bobbie Hickenlooper returned from the big dinner at the club the other night he was unusually lively. "What has got into you, Bob?" asked Mr. Hickenlooper, senior. "That," said Bobbie, holding him the menu. "That, daddy, is my table of contents."—Harper's Bazar.

Mr. DeDude—"Caw'n't I introduce you to my friend, Arthur Wemington? He is a literary man, you know." Miss De Belle—"Indeed?" Mr. DeDude—"Aw, yes. He sent the Society News a list of the guests at the last party, and the editor accepted it, bah Jove!"—New York Jeckyp.

Fenderson—"I consider it a good rule, and it's one I have tried to follow, to say bright things only once in a while; in that way my good things are remembered. If I was all the time getting o' bright things they wouldn't be noticed." Fogg—"A very good rule; but, Fendy, don't you think you observe it too closely?"—Boston Transcript.

"What an idiot human nature is in general," said the coraful philosopher, as he leaned his chin against the wall and appropriated the grocer's particular fan. "For instance, I know of a nineteen-year-old boy who is right in the throes and thrills of a first love affair, and still that kid is kicking because he is not old enough to vote."—Indianapolis Journal.

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