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The study of domestic science by young women in Germany includes the study of the vegetable garden and how to cultivate it.

While Captain William H. Bates was Commissioner of Navigation he said that "an average of \$10,000,000 annually, for thirty years, has been paid by us to foreign ships for ocean transportation."

Clement Scott, a famous London dramatic critic, says the English stage is the worst, because the English are the least artistic people in the world, and "more completely without the saving grace of humor than any other nation."

Gullible farmers, of Allen County, Ohio, have been uncoined by a swindler who went through the country exhibiting an enormous ear of corn, from which he sold choice kernels at choice prices for seed.

Says the New York Times: "The law of supply and demand applies to the Southern cotton industry as well as to anything else. If the acreage is too great and the production consequently greater than the mills require, low prices are inevitable."

That there is an honesty rising superior to business avarice even in this sordid age appears from the experience of a Topeka sporting man. He wrote to a cigarette company that he had saved the pictures in 1200 packages of cigarettes which he had smoked, and asked what prize the company would offer for them.

A writer in the New York Sun gives what he believes to be the true theory of the origin of Welsh rabbits. He says: "My notion is that melted cheese, properly seasoned and poured on toast, is called 'Welsh rabbit,' because in Wales, where the people have cheese in plenty and wild rabbits are rigidly protected under the game laws, the Welsh bon vivant substitutes his homely dish for the four-legged game animal."

A subject that would stand more discussion than it gets is free delivery by the Postoffice Department in rural districts, observes Harper's Weekly. It is not impracticable, and the chief questions about it are whether the farmers want it and whether it would be worth what it would cost.

The report recently submitted to the Secretary of the Interior covering the transactions of the general land office for the past year contains some interesting figures. According to this report the vacant public lands of the Government aggregate at the present time the enormous amount of 991,342,953 acres, scattered about over the States of Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, California, Colorado, Oregon, North Dakota and Washington.

The girl's parents were dead, and she was quite without near relatives, or indeed any relatives at all. She possessed a guardian whom she had only seen twice in her life, and who did not interest himself in her nor care to introduce her to his family.

I. The Man who Loved the Names of Things
Went forth beneath the sky,
And named all things that he beheld,
And people called him wise.

II. The Man who Loved the Soul of Things
Went forth serene and glad,
And mused upon the mighty world,
And people called him mad.

OF NO PARTICULAR FAMILY.



THE Grange was a large rambling old house. And it had need to be so, for the Marriots were a numerous family, and at Christmas or in the summer holiday season, when the married sons brought their wives, and the married daughters were accompanied by their husbands and children, every room was filled.

Louis. "I would not, until I had spoken to you and to my father. But if I may not marry Winnie—and I shall never marry without your consent—I shall go through life as a single man."

"Do not notice his departure, or question him," said Mrs. Marriot to the rest of her family. "Louis is behaving manfully and honorably, just as I should expect him to do."

"I know now what a home is like," she wrote once, "and I envy you, Ursula."

"Father has given in!" cried Ursula. "Yes," said Mr. Marriot, with a smile. "Triumph over me as you will; I have been convinced of my error, Ursula. Louis has deserved this happy ending to his love-story, and now all we have to do is to get ready for the wedding."

"My poor boy!" said Mrs. Marriot, reading the telegram; and then she handed it to Louis, who turned white to the lips as he glanced toward his father.

"I must go," he said. "Certainly," he will go together," said Mr. Marriot, as he turned to a timetable which always had its place among his papers, and began studying it.

"You have not engaged yourself?" said Mrs. Marriot anxiously, when her son made his little confession of love for pretty Winnie Warre.

he added: "The poor child loves Louis as devotedly as he loves her. She does not dream I surprised her secret. She, like our brave boy, has made a brave fight. But there is a language of the eyes which is not to be mistaken."

"We cannot leave her in a place of which she seems weary when the doctor declares that change of scene and a little cheerful society will do more now than medicine," wrote Mr. Marriot.

"We will soon make her strong at the Grange," cried Ursula, and she at once scribbled off a note to her friend, begging her to get well enough to travel as soon as possible.

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THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

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

The Vanity That Destroys—Capt's Big Bill—New Hat Effective Method—All the Talk He Wanted—Changed—Military Circles—Justifiable Shooting, Etc.

Well, Newfadder, are you and your wife living in sunny now? "Eg—not exactly. Trinity, I guess you'd call it—it's a tan-pound girl."

"Don't you think if Robinson Crusoe had been a married man he would have been a great deal lonelier?" "Oh, I don't know. He had a parrot, you remember."

"Did you ever notice the queer, rotary gesture Mr. Chilcote always makes when his wife rings for the butler?" "Yes; you see, he used to be a motorman before he went to Klondike."

"Mrs. Yeast—'Didn't you say your boy got more like his father every day?' Mrs. Crimmonbeak—'Not exactly. I said he was getting more like his father every night; he comes in about midnight.'"

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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

The most easily digested meats are cold mutton, mutton chops, venison, sirloin, roast beef and chicken.

Green vegetables and good fruit contain certain salts and acids which may be called nature's medicine.

Medical authorities appear to be becoming convinced of the efficacy of alcohol, in the treatment of cancer. It is used in hypodermic injections, and its strength has been gradually increased from a ten per cent. solution until the pure alcohol is often used.

A floating scientific station was the novel suggestion made to the International geological congress by Professor Anderson.

In the Arizona papers of late there have been frequent complaints of serious injury, both to crops and to pastures, caused by the raids of wild horses.

A strip of flannel, or a soft napkin, folded lengthwise and dipped in hot water and wrung out, and then applied around the neck of a child that has the croup, will usually bring relief in a few minutes.

A farmer of Connecticut has just recovered damages from the town of New Brighton, in that State, because the sewage of that town so polluted a stream flowing through his farm that his cows would not drink the water.

England imports eggs and poultry to the value of \$23,000,000, while France exports \$70,000,000 worth of the same.

MIDWINTER.

The cold, gray light lies heavy down the street.
Silent the pines, scarred nodding, plume on plume,
Like sorrowing embars o'er a warrior dead.

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