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Austria is the only empire in the world which has never had colonies, or even transmarine possessions.

A Frankfort (Ky.) woman can certainly be credited with having enjoyed considerable of the spice of life, provided variety counts.

That "good men with poor ships are better than poor men with good ships," has ever been a navy motto.

Public playgrounds for the children of our cities and towns ought to command the earnest consideration of every conscientious American citizen.

When American women once start any movement they generally make it a great success. An English teacher, who is spending a well-earned vacation in this country, says that the collections of needlecraft made by the New York Association of Sewing Schools is not only better than the famous collection in South Kensington, but is the best in the world.

It is very proper that indecent books should be excluded from public libraries, and for that matter from private ones also; but touching the former the wrong means are used to accomplish the end desired.

The Philippine archipelago includes nearly 600 islands, of which, however, only thirteen are of considerable size.

It happened years ago, on a hot summer day in July, I went to work at seven that morning, but the sun came down hot even then as I walked from home to the slope.

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THE CHANT OF THE CHANTICLEER. After silence an hour. For all those aches. Our cock sings this song: "There's plenty of bread—plenty of bread!"

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. THE AGE OF GERMS—OUTCLASSED—MOST ACUTE—A WASTE OF MONEY—COMFORTS COST—DOUBT—UNPARDONABLE—EQUAL TO THE OCCASION—PROOF, ETC.

THE MINE RATS' WARNING.

A Story of a Pennsylvania Colliery.

BY HENRY EDWARD ROOD.

SAVE US! But there are some lazy people in this world! Colonel James Fogarty uttered this remark, and then paused by the cigar-stand of the Central Hotel, to obtain a light for his pipe.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. She—"Yes, it is the province of woman to suffer in silence." He—"In silence? That must be suffering, indeed."

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL. One English firm turns out motor cars driven by electricity, oil, steam, compressed air or gas.

A BALLADE OF LOVE AND THE TIDES. Over the sea my sweetheart sails. Sweet, bitter and joy by the varied gales.



A Woman's Reason. "Poor Mollie has lost her reason." "That oughtn't to worry a woman. She can say 'because.'"—Indianapolis Journal.

Most Acute. She—"Yes, it is the province of woman to suffer in silence." He—"In silence? That must be suffering, indeed."

Outclassed. "The Rejected One—"I have a rival, then?" "The Girl—"Hardly that. I have promised to marry him."

Geography Up to Date. "Tell the class what an island is, Saummy." "Yes; an island is a body of land surrounded by United States battleships."

Open to Doubt. Simkins—"I thought you said Breezy was welded to the truth?" "Tinkins—"So I always thought."

Comforts Cost. "Wouldn't you prefer to live in an apartment with an elevator; it raises one so quickly?" "Yes, but not nearly so quickly as it raises the rent."

Impassioned. First Deaf-Mute—"He wasn't so very angry, was he?" Second Deaf-Mute—"He was so mad that the words he used almost blistered his fingers."

Imaginative Danzlers. Nervous Old Lady (to deck hand)—"Mr. Steamboatman, is there any fear of danger?" Deck Hand (carelessly)—"Plenty of fear ma'am, but not a bit of danger."

Energy. Jobson—"Just see how hard Dobson is working at beating that carpet." Mrs. Jobson—"Yes, Mrs. Dobson sends him at work at something of the kind just after he reads the war news in the paper."

Possessed. Mr. Dukane—"I couldn't sleep a wink last night." Mr. Gaswell—"You had insomnia, I suppose?" Mr. Dukane—"No; insomnia had me."

A Waste of Money. Mrs. Homespun—"What did the doctor say was the matter with you, Silas?" Silas—"I forgot what he called it."

Unpardonable. "My wife and her neighbor used to be inseparable, but they don't speak now." "What's the trouble?" "She persuaded my wife to buy a silk gown that turned out to be part cotton."

Equal to the Occasion. He—"They say dreams go by contraries. Do you believe it?" She—"Yes, I think they do."

Woman's Wiles. "What a hold Mand seems to have on all her rejected suitors." "Why shouldn't she, the arful thing? She always tells a man, when she refuses him, that she is afraid to marry a handsome man, because she would be so jealous."

His Memory Sure to Live. Beagle—"Old Foxley is dead. He'll be long remembered by the people of this town."

Among the curious inhabitants of Australia are a species of termites called the "meridian ants," because they invariably construct their long, narrow mounds so that the principal axis of the dwelling runs exactly north and south.

A German mathematician has calculated that three tons of sea water hold about a cent's worth of gold, and that if all the gold in the oceans of the globe could be collected it would make a solid cube measuring 718 metres on each side and worth about \$1,450,000,000,000.

An Indiana chemist, says the Pharmaceutical Era, "has applied for patents on a process for making wool from limestone. After some sort of chemical treatment the rock is subjected to a drawing-out process, by which, it is said, it is converted into the finest and most pliable wool, of beautiful white color, soft as down, and both water and fireproof."

It is stated, says the Medical Record, that telephones are to be placed in the wards of one of the Paris hospitals, within reach of the bed-ridden patients, so as to enable them to communicate with their friends outside. There will also be an arrangement whereby the telephones may be switched on to a wire connected with a concert hall, so that the performance may be enjoyed by the invalids.

A gun has recently been patented in France, of which the flash is scarcely visible and the noise of the discharge greatly reduced. It is the invention of Colonel Humbert, and a trial piece with a calibre of 37 mm. (about 1.5 inches) has already been tested. The improvement consists in sawing to the extremity of the muzzle a block which has an interior aperture the same as that of the gun.

Animals "Look" Questions. Unlike children, animals do not ask questions. They only "look" them, and though they constantly and anxiously inquire what is to be done, how it is to be done and the exact wishes of their masters, and occasionally even of other animals, the inquiry is made by the eye and attitude. A terrier, for instance, can almost transmute his whole body into an animated note of interrogation.

Of the two remaining forms of speech—statement and request—the animals make very large use, but employ the latter in a far greater degree than the former. They use sounds for request, not only in particular cases in which they desire something to be done for them, but also in a great number of cases in which the request is a form of warning—"Come!" "Be careful!" "Look out!" "Go ahead!" "Help!" The speech which indicates danger is sufficiently differentiated.

Birds, for instance, have separate notes of warning to indicate whether the danger is in the form of a hawk or cat, or of a man. If a hawk, cat, or owl is on the move, the birds, especially blackbirds, always utter a chattering note, constantly repeated, and chickens have a special sound to indicate the presence of a hawk. But when disturbed by man the blackbirds have quite a different sound of alarm and the chickens also. Animals on the march are usually silent; but the hamadryad baboons use several words of command; and the cries of cranes and geese when flying in ordered flocks are very possibly signals or orders.—London Spectator.

Photographing the Arteries. Several experiments with Roentgen rays have obtained unsatisfactory pictures of the various structures of the body before they have been disturbed by dissection. More gratifying results have just been reported by Drs. H. J. Stiles and H. Rainy, who have made the arteries of the dead body opaque by injecting mercury into them, and have thus secured skiagraphs showing the intricate arterial system with remarkable clearness. The picture of the arteries of a child's head might suggest—were it not for the varying width of the lines—a multiplied pendulum trace of an earthquake. The great number of the blood vessels, in fact, is a point brought into prominence by the pictures, causing one to wonder the deep incisions of surgery do not inevitably cause bleeding to death. The tendency of blood to coagulate is a detail in nature's system of fortifications whose importance is little considered.

A Flag With a History. The flag that covered a part of the graves of the 161 American sailors on the occasion of the memorial service at Havana has just been taken to Chicago by George C. Mages, who sent the pennant of the battle-ship Maine to Chicago some weeks ago.

The Stars and Stripes together for the tourists and made the arrangements for the memorial service. The Cuban women of Havana declare they will make March 4 an annual day of memorial celebration for the dead sailors of the Maine.

Justice Without Mercy. "Seems to me I've seen your face before," said the Judge, peering through his spectacles. "Yes, your Honor; you have," replied the prisoner. "I am the professor who gives the young lady next door to you lessons on the piano."

"Seven years!" came from the Judge, quickly.

Those who seek scrap-books and wish to preserve their peace of mind from the spoiling of their flour paste should add a small quantity of salt and a half teaspoonful of crude oil and water while boiling. A very handsome but expensive adhesive is the fresh white of an egg. Most maniacs turn dark in time and discolor the thickest paper.

Some men are alive simply because it is against the law to kill them.—Athenian Globe.

A dangerous counterfeit two-dollar certificate is afloat. Spend every two-dollar bill the minute you get it.—West Union Gazette.

"Why don't you talk more when we're out together?" He—"I'm too polite to interrupt you, my dear."—Detroit Free Press.

Charley—"Why are you gazing so intently at Miss Aeloid Goldstuck?" Jack—"I'm trying to make up my mind between her and Klondike."—Judge.

Sunday-school Teacher—"Who is it that sees everything we do and hears everything we say?" Tommy Simkins—"Our hired girl."—Norristown Herald.

"The streets are overrun with bicycles." "Well, that would be all right if the people on the streets were not run over with them."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Lord St. Agnaut—"I say, old man, deuced queer people in this country." Lord Nozoo—"Yes; never tell y' know when they're going to tell a joke, y' know."—Puck.

Tom—"You say you have got money enough to get married and live comfortably?" Jack—"No; I said I had got money enough to get married or live comfortably."—Puck.

Ahy (fervently)—"I love her, Clarence, although I am well aware that she has got a past." Clarence—"But are you well aware that she has got a past forty?"—Judge.

Doctor—"Well, it's ten to one you won't see me to-morrow." Patient—"What! Any danger, doctor?" Doctor—"Oh, no. Those are merely my office hours."—Harper's Bazar.

Why pay a dollar to a fortune teller to learn the future when the experience of others shows that you will have a little joy, a great deal of trouble, and die old and poor?—Athenian Globe.

Old Lady—"Didn't I tell you never to come here again?" Tramp—"I hope you will pardon me, madam, but it's the fault of my secretary. He has neglected to strike your name from my visiting list."—Tit-Bits.

Blanks, the banker, died this morning." Biggs—"That so? Of whom did he die?" Biggs—"You mean of what did he die, I suppose?" Biggs—"No; who was his physician?"—Chicago News.

"I'm afraid Mr. Crisscross is not serious in his intentions." Daughter—"He is awfully bashful, you know; but he is offering himself piecemeal. Last night, he wanted me to take his arm."—Tit-Bits.

"No, Herbert, I am sorry, but I am sure we could not be happy together. You know I always want my own way in everything." But, my dear girl, you could go on wanting it after we were married."—Boston Globe.