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### O'CONNELL'S COOLNESS.

A Story of the Irish Liberator and a Falling Floor.

Daniel O'Connell was once addressing an enormous meeting in Kings-town, and the crowd was so large that fear was felt for the safety of the building. As he was about to speak a gentleman ascended the platform and said, trembling with fear: "Liberator, the floor is giving way! The beams are cracking, and we shall all fall through in a few minutes." It is not given to many men to live through such moments as O'Connell lived through as he rose to address the meeting nor to preserve such magnificent courage in the face of great peril. Warning the man to keep quiet, the liberator said, "I find this room too small to contain the number who desire to come in, so we must therefore leave it and hold the meeting outside." A few rows to leave, but the hall was still packed, and then O'Connell said: "Then I will tell you the truth. You are Irishmen and therefore brave men. The floor is giving way, and we must leave this room at once. If there is a panic and a rush to the door, we shall all be precipitated into the room below, but if you obey my orders we shall be safe. Let the dozen men nearest the door go quietly out, then the next dozen, and so on until all have gone. I shall be the last to leave." The Irishmen followed the advice, the hall was quickly cleared, and as O'Connell walked across the floor the broken beams gave way.—Oxford Chronicle.

### Some British Lawmaking.

It may surprise some folks to learn that plenty of British laws have been drawn up so carelessly and written in such muddled language that they are quite useless for their intended purpose. One of the acts passed in George III's reign, for instance, states that the proceeds of penalties were to be given half to the informer and half to the poor of the parish. The absurdity lies in the fact that the only penalty which could be inflicted was one of transportation for fourteen years. In 1825 a well known Q. C. created a lot of amusement by proposing an amendment worded as follows: "Every dog found trespassing on enclosed land unaccompanied by the registered owner of such dog or other person, who shall on being asked for his true name and address may be then and there destroyed by such occupier or by his orders." This gem of meaningless legislation, however, not passed.—London Tit-Bits.

### Some Epigrams.

Some epigrams have been culled from the utterances of great men in British public life. Andrew Carnegie said: "Queen Victoria transformed Great Britain into a crowned republic, a nation in which the will of the people is the supreme law." Prime Minister Balfour declared that the "educational system of England is elastic and behind the age." The bishop of Manchester said that "this is a reading age, but how many people read the Bible?" "Plenty of porridge and milk will do more for the physique of a nation than the most up to date physical drill" is attributed to Professor Laurie of Edinburgh university.

### FEEDING THE ANIMALS.

How Some Wild Captives Act When Meattime Arrives.

An animal is almost as demonstrative when he is hungry as when he is in a rage. They are both natural feelings, and he sees no reason for disguising them. Human beings who are affected in the same way as animals by hunger pay tribute to civilization by not letting this appear. At an animal show in this city the wild occupants of the cages get very wild when the hour comes for them to be fed. A truck laden with meat and vegetables is wheeled around. Long before it gets to their cages the lions act as if beside themselves over the maddening prospect of food. The cages are very small, and yet a lion and lioness will often be in one. They tear from one side to the other, the lion jumping over the body of the lioness rather than make a "longer trip around." Though they ought to have learned that each will get a share, they both plunge for the great chunk of meat. Once they get it they eat it with a certain intensity, but deliberation.

The lynxes, "bouncers" of the animal realm, are horribly greedy and will steal from each other every chance they get. The apes, the "snobs" of animal kind, are rather fastidious, if greedy. The ostrich, large, robust bird that it is, awaits its food with much stolidity and when it gets its head of cabbage pecks at it in a most contented, ladylike fashion. The stoical elephant is a placid eater also.—New York Times.

### Speed of Racing Camels.

The racing camels are very carefully bred and valuable prizes are offered by a racing society at Biskra for the fleetest racer, says Pearson's Magazine. It reminded me, in a far off sort of way, of a horse race. The camels were all arranged in line and they snuffed the air in their anxiety to be off. A flag was waved and they set off at a terrible pace, as if they were only racing for a short distance. They kept together until they were almost out of sight. Then they seemed to settle down to their habitual pace and the race proceeded with long intervals between the competitors. I have also seen the finish of a camel race, and it reminded me of the first motor car promenade between London and Brighton. The camels were certainly not so broken down and bedraggled, but they came in at intervals of several hours and great patience was necessary to watch them arrive.

### A Mystic Volume.

A good story is told of the Russian police, who are very careful lest any literature of an atheistic character shall fall into the hands of the peasants.

A peasant in the province of Minsk went to a publisher's shop and asked for a Bible. Unwittingly the shopman gave him an algebric primer.

On opening the book when he reached home, the peasant was surprised to find it full of mystic signs and hieroglyphics. The peasant showed it to a policeman, who felt convinced that the signs were of an "extremely freethinking character," and so arrested the owner.

At the trial the peasant was discharged, and the policeman, instead of being rewarded for his religious zeal, was reprimanded.

### Oil of Rattlesnakes.

In Pennsylvania the oil of rattlesnakes is preserved most carefully as a liniment especially good for sore joints and for rheumatism. In procuring the oil the dead snake is killed head and tail to a board and cut open. The fat is taken out and laid upon a cloth in the hot sun, from which the filtered oil drips into a jar. From fear that the reptile may have bitten itself the clear oil is tested by dropping a portion of it into milk. If it floats in one globule, it is regarded as unadulterated; if, on the other hand, it breaks into beads and curdles the milk, it is judged to be poisonous and thrown away.

### He Knew Some Costly Ones.

In order to discourage the use of objectionable words, says the Chicago Post, the father had evolved a system of fines, somewhat after this fashion: Hang it, 1 cent. Darn it, 2 cents. Gosh, 3 cents. Gosh darn it, 5 cents. The boy who was to be reformed by this method studied the tariff with considerable interest, but it was some time before he spoke.

### Substitute For Quinine.

You think you are bilious. Well, I should think you would be! What did you expect your stomach and liver could stand? You ought to be thankful that you got off with simply being bilious. The wonder is that you have any stomach or liver left at all, says Medical Talk.

What would I advise? Well, in order to stir up your liver a little and give you a slight gymnastic exercise I would advise you to go and find the doctor who gave you 100 grains of quinine and give him a good licking. Hit him with your hands. Don't hit with a club or shoot him. Just use your open hand. After you have done this right I would quit using tobacco, if not entirely at least nearly so, say a little after supper each day. Use no alcoholic stimulants of any sort. Let your diet be simple and plain. Avoid excesses. Avoid everything fried during the hot season. Eat much fruit; drink much water. Take long nights' sleep. Behave yourself. Keep away from the doctors.

### Circumstances Alter Cases.

Anxious Daughter—Mother, did papa have his salary increased when he was married?

Mother—No, my child.

Anxious Daughter—I don't suppose he had any money saved up, had he?

Mother—Not a penny. He spent all he earned.

Anxious Daughter—Did you get along comfortably?

Mother—We were very happy.

Anxious Daughter—Well, you know, George hasn't been able to save a penny, has he?

Mother—Now, Maria, if that poverty stricken fellow dares to show his face here again I'll get your father to turn him out!

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### THE TOP OF VESUVIUS.

A Visit to the Crater of the Seething Volcano.

There was no life on that bare, black, birdless cone, and as we climbed an icy wind began to blow, and the lava dust stung the face like hail. The crust was warm to the feet. I dipped my hand into an aperture the size of a rabbit hole and withdrew it hot and wet. On every side the smoke eddied up from tiny craters, but all these things were details in face of that everlasting vomit of black smoke from the crater.

The wind raged above us as we drew near the crater, and the lava dust spat more viciously; the sulphurous smoke hid the world from our view. It was as if the lieutenants of that angry monarch strove to prevent mortals from gazing too closely at her infernal orgies. On hands and knees we grabbed our way up the cone, coughing, blinded by the smoke, buffeted by the icy wind. We reached the verge of the crater and threw ourselves on our faces. I peered for one moment into that cauldron of fire and smoke. The guide clutched my arm and motioned me to follow him round the edge of the crater. I crawled after him, crying, "Enough!" But he did not hear. He could not have heard a foghorn in the roar of that wind.

"Enough!" I bawled, trying to grab him. "Enough!" I roared, clutching at his leg. He shrugged his shoulders, and, taking my arm, we plunged down through the lava. A few paces below he stopped. I bent toward him and through the screams of the wind heard him say, "Give me a little present to buy macaroni."—Academy.

### Vitality of the Centiped.

The sight of a full grown centiped is said by travelers in tropical lands to be enough to affect the strongest nerves. Ten to eleven inches is the average length, although larger ones have been seen. Lafcadio Hearn in "Two Years in the French West Indies" says that the vitality of the centiped is amazing.

Mr. Hearn kept one in a bottle, without food or water, for thirteen weeks, at the end of which time it remained active and dangerous as ever. The centiped has one natural enemy able to cope with him—the hen.

The hen attacks him with delight and often swallows him, head first, without taking the trouble to kill him. The cat hunts him, but she is careful never to put her head near him. She has a trick of whirling him round and round upon the floor so quickly as to stupefy him; then, when she sees a good chance, she strikes him dead with her claws.

### There are Superstitions Concerning the Creature Which Have a Good Effect in Diminishing Its Tribe.

If you are sure to receive money soon, and even if you dream of killing one it is good luck.

### An Unlucky Citizen.

"Yes, sir," said the town story teller, "he wuz the onluckiest feller that ever drawed the breath of life an' a week's wages."

"You don't say?"

"Fact. Climb a pine tree once when he seen the sheriff comin' to levy on him, hurricane come along, blowed the tree down an' landed him in the only vacant seat in the sheriff's lounge; sheriff started to jail with him; met by lynchin' party, who mistook him for 'nother man, an' strung him up, an' he'd almost quit kickin' when some cut him down an' hauled him home just as his mother-in-law had finished writin' his obituary an' wuz standin' before the glass to see how well she looked in mournin'."—Atlanta Constitution.

### The Dog.

Man is the best friend of the dog. Here's come next, but between the dog and all other farm animals, from the house cat to the cow and the beef steer, there seems to be a natural enmity. Dogs, however, are fond of sheep and goats—but as diet, not as living friends. Cows and sheep and goats should be kept as free from association with dogs as is possible, with the exception of the trained shepherd dog. A dog walking through a corn-pen will often cause a decrease in milk flow that amounts to more than the cash value of the dog. Many dogs are worth considerably less than \$600.—Farm and Ranch.

### Singular Marriage Custom.

When two Negritos, a people of the Philippine Islands, are united, the whole tribe is assembled, and the affianced pair climb two trees growing near to each other. The elders then bend the branches until the heads of the couple meet. When the heads have thus come into contact, the marriage is legally accomplished, and great rejoicings take place, a fantastic dance completing the ceremony.

### The Honorable Members.

"I suppose the arrival of new congressmen from time to time has a tendency to give variety to life in the Capital City?"

"Not a great deal," answered the man who is more or less cynical. "It merely means the introduction of new names into the same old anecdotes."—Washington Star.

### In His Mind.

"Braggy says his grandfather lost his mind because of the loss of his fortune."

"He's just got the story twisted. He lost his fortune because of the loss of his mind. That's where he had his fortune."—Catholic Standard and Times.

### Impossible.

Biggs—They say Mrs. Gableton is guilty of an attempt at blackmail.

Diggs—I don't believe it.

Biggs—Why not?

Diggs—No woman on earth would think of accepting "hush money."—Chicago News.

### Concocted.

Phyllis—Harry is the most concocted man I ever met.

Mand—What makes you think so?

Phyllis—Why, he first asserts that I am the most adorable woman in the world, the most beautiful, intellectual and in every respect a paragon, and then he wants me to marry him!

### Seesaw.

I swear I'll never take another.

Topp—Why don't you stick to it?

Nodd—Because every time I stay at home I vow I'll never do it again.—Brooklyn Life.

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