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### Gold Sweat.

"These millions will sweat themselves considerably in the hold of the ship," said a mint official as he superintended the stowing of an export of gold.

"Gold sweats," he resumed, "and it sweats particularly hard at sea. When this gold reaches the other side it will be a little lighter than it is now. If an inexperienced hand should weigh it over there he would say that some of it had been stolen. It won't be handled in Europe by the inexperienced though. It will be handled by men who will know just what allowance to make for sweat."

"Gold sweat—the phrase has an attractive sound, eh? If you and I could sneak down into this ship's hold each day of the coming voyage, if we could gather up the sweat from the gold before it evaporated and was lost, would that be stealing?"

"Well, anyway, gold does not sweat visibly. Its sweat is impalpable, and you can't collect it. Attrition is the name given to it by the scientists."

### Wives Must Work in Japan.

As an example of the humble attitude of the Japanese wife Mrs. Hugh Fraser relates this incident: "A middle aged man on the upper floor was suffering terribly from heat, and his little wife seemed greatly distressed about him. All the screens had been opened, but it was a breathless day, and no breeze came to ring the little glass bells on the hanging wreath on the veranda. The man sat with his head in his hands groaning, while his wife, kneeling on the mats behind him, fanned his back and from time to time rubbed him down with a blue towel, an expression of the deepest respect and sympathy on her face. When he seemed a little better she busied herself with preparing tea, which he drank eagerly and of course made himself frightfully hot again, when she went back patiently to her fanning and rubbing."

### Kilkenny Cats.

During the rebellion which occurred in Ireland in 1798, or it may be in 1803, Kilkenny was garrisoned by a troop of Hessian soldiers who amused themselves in barracks by tying two cats together by their tails and throwing them across a clothesline to fight. The officer, hearing of the cruel practice, resolved to stop it. As he entered the room one of the troopers, seizing a sword, cut the tails in two as the animals hung across the line. The two cats escaped, minus their tails, through the open window, and when the officer inquired the meaning of the two bleeding tails being left in the room he was coolly told that two cats had been fighting and had devoured each other, all but the tails.

### The Balloon Plant.

One of the curious devices of nature for scattering seeds is seen in the balloon plant of California. The fruit is yellow and is a little larger than an egg. It has the appearance of an empty bag, but it contains a watery substance, which evaporates or dries up when the fruit matures, a sort of gas taking its place. This gas is lighter than air, and the fruit flips back and forth in the wind until it finally breaks loose from its slender stem, rises into the air to a height of from seventy-five to a hundred feet, and sails away to fall in some distant spot and thus extend the growth of its kind.

### A Cow Superstition.

According to Indo-European folklore, the clouds of the heavens were nothing but cows who were invested with the duties of a psychopomp. At times these clouds descended to the earth and assumed their bovine garb, but their duty remained the same; hence the superstition prevalent in many agricultural countries that a cow breaking into a garden foretells a death in the family. The psychopomp was merely looking for a soul to escort to the hereafter.

### A Rush Order.

An old woman in Cincinnati brought a worn-out Bible to a publishing house, explaining that it had been in her family 200 years. She asked the publisher to make her a new one just like it, adding that she was then going to market and would stop for the new Bible on her way home, winding up with a query as to how much it would be.

### Ups and Downs.

Lady (who is on a visit to her native town)—How is Mrs. Gabb? I haven't seen her in a long time. Hostess—She is having her usual ups and downs. Lady Visitor—And what may that be, I pray? Hostess—Oh, running up bills and running down her neighbors—Town and Country.

### Raising Her Salary.

The Typewriter—You told me you were going to raise my salary last week, sir. The Boss—I know, and I did raise it. But I expect to have a very hard time to raise it this week.—Chicago Journal.

### Prompt Action.

Molly—When you spoke to papa did you tell him you had \$50 in the bank? George—Yes, darling. Molly—And what did he say? George—He borrowed it.—London Tit-Bits.

### Genius.

"Pa, what is a genius?" "A genius is a clever person who can steal somebody's originality and not be found out."—Chicago Post.

### Spending Money.

You can't spend money and have it too, but unless you spend it nobody will think you've got it.—Pick.

Cheerfulness is health; its opposite, melancholy, is disease.—Hallburton.

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### BARBARIANS AT PLAY.

#### Miss Edith Was Horrified Till She Learned the Truth.

The sun glared fiercely on the oily pools of water standing in the street as Miss Edith stepped from the entrance of the tenement house. Half overcome by the reeking odors of the place she had just left, she leaned against the area railing, oblivious of the chattering, shrieking group of small children playing in the gutter across the street.

Presently their shrill shouts attracted her attention, and she watched them intently. They seemed to be playing some game. On the top of a wooden garbage box, standing at the curb line, sat a wee and dirty faced boy, attired in a pink undershirt, a blue calico skirt, and a vest of his father's, at least twenty sizes too large for his gaunt little shoulders. All about him in the gutter were gathered a dozen or more little girls. Each of them was armed with some instrument of torture. A majority carried pins and needles, one or two hairpins, and the leader and largest, a long hatpin. They were "taking turns" sticking their respective weapons into the tender lex of the baby on the garbage can.

"The little fiends!" said Miss Edith aloud, and rushed across the street to stop the torture. As she came near she heard the girl with the hatpin cry out: "I went in de furderst dat time."

"You wicked, wicked children," cried Miss Edith, "what do you mean by abusing that poor little child?"

"The 'poor little child' on top of the garbage box looked up at Miss Edith and grinned complacently through his dirt. The rest giggled aggressively.

"Don't you know you might lame him for life?" she demanded.

"Aw, go-aw," said the girl with the hatpin, finally. "It don't hurt him none. He's got a plaster cask on his leg—see?"—Chicago Tribune.



he found he couldn't control it."—Illustrated Bits.

### Joaquin Miller's Yarn.

Capt. John Healy, the millionaire mining and railroad promoter of Alaska, tells the following on Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras."

"Miller had been in Alaska for some time when he concluded to come down into civilization again and make some money lecturing. One afternoon I met him in one of the big cities, and after exchanging frontier greetings the poet said: 'Captain, you must bring your daughters to hear my lecture on Alaska.'

"I promised, and when we reached the theatre we found a box awaiting us. Well, Joaquin came on, long hair, long beard high boots, flannel shirt, true Western style. Of course he got a big hand on his appearance alone. Then he started in to portray Alaska as only a poet could. He laid his listeners spellbound as he described the progress and future of the great northwest. Finally to vary his theme, Joaquin started to tell some pretty good mining stories, but he reached a thrilling climax with the following:

"One night I was invited to a dance in a miner's cabin, and while Bill Dalton scraped away on his fiddle we just loosed it down. But the miners trumped in and out so much between dances that before midnight the ladies declared the floor was so slippery they couldn't dance another step unless something was done.

"Then," continued Joaquin, "at an eloquent pause, something was done that never was possible in mining days in California. Each miner gullantly opened his backskin powder pouch and sprinkled gold dust on the floor! And this was repeated throughout the night."

"Joaquin certainly had the audience or he would never have dared to continue as he did:

"And in the morning, ladies and gentlemen, those miners never troubled themselves about sweeping up that gold dust. They just hit one up their dog sleds and rode away."

"There was a slight agitation in the audience, which Joaquin must have recognized as ominous of incredulity, but he was equal to it. With a wave of his hand toward my box he said: 'And my old friend up there in the box, Capt. Healy from Alaska, will substantiate what I say.'

"It was a master stroke of the poet, for the house burst into applause, and Joaquin Miller bowed himself off."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### More Fun Ahead.

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### Grilled Lion Steaks.

An explorer who has often by compulsion eaten the flesh of animals not generally used as human food says that grilled lion steaks are delicious and much superior to those of the tiger; that the flesh of the rhinoceros, properly prepared, has all the good qualities of pork; that the trunk and feet of young elephants resemble veal, and that stewed boar constrictor is a splendid substitute for rabbit.

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### Happy Stifle.

"How tall is that fellow?" nodding in the direction of a manager of a hotel, who was the same size all the way up and had to stoop to pass through doorways.

"Why, he's as long as a wet week."—New York Press.

### The Korean.

The Korean is omnivorous. Birds of the air, beasts of the field and fish from the sea—nothing comes amiss to his palate. Dog meat is in great request at certain seasons, pork and beef with the blood undrained from the carcass, fowls and game, birds cooked with the lights, giblets, head and claws intact, fish sun dried and highly malodorous—all are acceptable to him.

### Myerth.

When the myerth first exudes from the tree it is of a yellowish, whitish, buttery consistency that gradually hardens and assumes a reddish, semi-transparent color. It is used principally as one of the components of incense, and the best quality of it comes from the Somali country and lower Abyssinia, near Harrar.

### Patience.

Patience is the most important factor in making a success of life. No great work was ever accomplished without a wholesome amount of this attribute practiced by the achiever.

Here is something you never see mentioned by the writers on etiquette: Every person's social obligation begins at home.—Atelison Globe.

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