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Of course, it's less than they cost us, but we made the mistake of buying too many in the first place, consequently we've got to shoulder our loss. They're considered the most up to date of all this season's Dress Silks-colors are black, navy, reseds, myrtle, brown and grey, and the price is 69 cents where it was a dollar.

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A Few Bits of Wholesome Advice For the Pessimists.

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If you continually talk about your bad luck and moan about your ill fortune, you create for yourself an atmosphere of misfortune which will certainly overwhelm you unless you stop in

The man or woman who persistently fears that such and such a thing is not going to turn out well is enlisting powerful forces against success.-Boston Traveler,

The eyeball is white because the blood vessels that feed its substance are so small that they do not admit the

English and French Police. No comparison can fairly he made between the police of London and Paris without due consideration of the fact that the French law admits an interference with the liberty of the subject which would not be tolerated in Great Britain. And it must also be remembered that the existence of octrol duties makes it difficult for a Frenchman to enter or quit Paris without being the subject of closer observation than he would encounter in an Euglish city.

Pay as You Go.

-Solicitors' Journal.

To live within one's income is the secret of prosperity. Happiness is the heritage of the one who adheres to this rule, and a contented mind and an ever increasing bank account will belong to the one who buys only what he can pay for.

Very Good. "Yes, Hunter is really engaged to

Miss Roxley." she's not very pretty, but she's good." "Yes, good for a million in her own right."-Philadelphia Press,

Chivalry at a Discount. He-There was a run on the bank, was there? You were fortunate to get your money out. She-Yes; but I never saw such discourtesy. There wasn't a man offered me his place en the line - New York Times



HE WAS SORRY.

They Were Stranded on a Lonely Road.

"I'm afraid," he said after he had got out of the automobile and lool ad under it and around it without being able to discover what was the matter, "that we are in a pretty bad fix. It must be at least three miles to the

nearest railroad station." "O dear," she replied, "and it will be dark in 15 minutes."

"Yes. I'm sorry this had to happen. If you wish it, I will leave the thing here and take you over to Groveland and put you on the train. There will be one along in about three-quarters of an hour."

"Don't you think there is any chance to get the automobile to go again?" "It doesn't look that way. Still, it may take a notion to start up all of a

"Perhaps, then, it would be best for us to wait a while."

But if we do that we will not be able to catch the train. 'Wouldn't you be afraid to leave the thing here all alone? Somebody might come along and steal it or do something to it that would spoil it

"I'd have to take that risk." "I could never forgive myself if anything happened to it on my ac-

"It wouldn't be on your account, Miss Wadsworth. I should consider it all my own fault. I had no bustness to bring you away out here where it would be so hard to get back if any

thing happened." "You are very noble, Mr. Judson, to look at it that way. Still I should feel that you wouldn't have come so far out of the regular course if I had not been enjoying it so much."

"Well, the fact remains that here we are and that if you are to get home to-night we will have to start right away. The train won't walt, you

""'s horribly awkward, isn't it?
Why don't you look again? Maybe you can find out what is wrong."
After crawling under and examin-

ing everything that he could think of he stood up, sadly shaking his head. "No," he said, "I confess it's too much for me. I'll have to get a machinist, I guess. Don't you think we'd better start now? There no time to lose if we're going to make that train."

"it seems a pity," she replied, leaning back in the seat and indulging in a long sigh, "to leave it here alone. And there's one thing you haven't thought of. Suppose somebody else should come along here in the dark and crash into it! Think of the damage that might be done. Some one might be killed, and you would have life to answer for."

"I can leave my lights going, you "But you have no light at the back.

They might come from that way." "Well, they'd of course have lights of their own to show what was in front of them. I must insist that we start right away if you want to catch that train. There will not be any more to-night, and we're probably 20 miles from home.

"Isn't it foolish?" "Yes, rather. Shall I help you

down?" "I've never heard of any other girl being in this sort of a predicamenthave you?"

"Not that I remember of now. I'm

very sorry, I assure you." "Are you really. I've read stories in which men were said to have deliberately plotted to place girls in awkward positions like this, so as to get them to consent to be their wives." "You don't think I'd do that, do

you, Miss Wadsworth?" "O, no. I didn't mean that. Only was wondering if you would really feel so very, very sorry if, knowing that you were not in any way to blame you and I were lost like this in some place we couldn't get back from, even if we wanted to. For instance, if we were cast away on an island, where there were no other people and there wouldn't be any chance to get off for at least a day or so, would you-

would-would-" "But you see, there is a chance for us," he relied, looking at his watch, 'although it's a rather slim one now. Do you think you could walk three miles in 25 minutes?"

"Goodness! Is that all the time we have left to catch the train? I'm afraid I never could do it."

"There's only one way to find out. Come on, please, let's try it. The train may be a few minutes late." "O, well, if you are so anxious to get rid of me, I suppose I shall have

But she never finished. The de licious truth had reached him at last, and when the red streaks of morning began to appear she sat beside him on the deep cushloned seat. Her head was resting upon his shoulder and they were dreaming sweet, inno cent dreams of the bliss which the future held for them .- S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

Genuine Tears.

"I went to see a performance of Romeo and Juliet' last night, and I don't believe I have a tear left in my system to-day." "Gracious! does a tragedy usually

make you cry?' "This one did. It was by an ama teur company, and I laughed till I cried."-Philadelphia Press.

Modern Chesterfield. "Harker is the most polite man I

ever saw. "How so?" "Why, he actually tips his hat when to faller to a girl through the tele-

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The poorest laborer has also a luxurious drink always available from tea they drink would be the envy of beverage, for the best of China's tea is found in Russia, and all classes enjoy its quality and fragrance. Never is the water allowed to stand on the ten over a few moments, so none of the poisonous tannin is extracted, and a delightful, mildly stimulating, straw colored drink is the result. It would be well if the Russian peasant would content himself with this, for his only great vice is drunkenness.-Social Service.

Temperarily "Embarrassed."

"It isn't often that the routine of my daily grind is interrupted by any exciting events," said the paying teller of a national bank, "but an incident occurred the other morning that helped to relieve the monotony a bit. One of our biggest depositors, a man whose check, written to the extent of six figures, would be honored in a business transaction, came in, accompanied by a cab driver. It was about 11 o'clock in the morning, and it was very evident that he had been making a night of it. He came up to my window-fortunately the bank was nearly empty at the time-and demanded \$5, which he owed the cab-

"I produced a blank check, which he filled out and signed with much difficulty, and I gave him a \$5 bill. He turned this over to the cabby and then sat down on a bench for ten minutes or more, and then what do you suppose he did? He came up to my window and said in a husky whisper: 'Say, old man, lend me a nickel for car fare, will you?"-Philadelphia Record.

As the Tramp Explained It.

A man from Mexico, Jacques Forbes by name, claims to have a typical mother-in-law, inflicted with that strange and almost universal womanly falling of asking promiscuous questions.

"It was only a few weeks ago," said Mr. Forbes, "that a dilapidatedlooking tramp, with a long, strikingly red nose—one of those all-ablaze noses-applied at the back door of my mother-in-law's home for food. 'Sure,' sald my mother-in-law in

response to his request for food, Till give you something to eat, but, my good man, won't you please tell me what makes your nose so very red?" "'Not the least objection, madam,' replied the tramp. 'It is simply blooming with pride that it doesn't stick itself into other people's business. Good day-madam."-Louisville Herald.

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ual enlargement, with one extension after another to all points of the compass-different parts designed by different men-its harmonious proportions have been maintained, the architectural scale followed and its rounded whole is still a thing of beauty and inspiration to all who look upon tts ample lines.

World's Revolver Record. Warrant Officer Raven, of the British warship Wildfire, has made a world's record with the revolver, acoring all bulls at twenty yards, and getting outside the black only once at fifty yards, a total of 167 points out of a possible 168.

National Air of Belgulm. Somebody has stolen from the Royal Library of Belgium the original manuscript of the "Brabanconne," the national air of Belgium, which was composed in 1830 by Jeneval and Van Campenbout.

Brandy and Alcohol. It has been judicially decided in England that brandy is an alcoholic liquor, the spirit of which is obtained by the distillation of wine from the grape, and that to sell anything else as "brandy" is fraud.

Sharks Reappear. The shark has returned to Europe an waters. In the Baltic sea, where

sharks had been unknown since 1759, they have made their appearance in considerable numbers. Skipping Teas. "Skipping teas," to which guests of

both sexes and all ages must bring their own skipping ropes, are mentioned in the columns of the Lady, a London fashion paper. Skipping is to be the fashionable "cure." Beards for Priests.

It is understood that the Pope is about to issue a regulation whereby all Roman Catholic bishops and priests who so desire may allow their beards to grow.

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White men buy these sacks, but they do not smoke the contents themselves; they use it to reward the Kaffir servthe ever present samover, and the ants for working overtime or doing any other meritorious action. The taste for any American connoisseur of that Transvani tobacco is an acquired one. It also takes a certain time before a man gets used to the scent. No white man who has come from a distance has so far lived long enough to acquire a liking for either the taste or the smell, but it has its uses in the case of the natives, and it is also useful if you have an undesirable visitor whom you are anxious to get rid of. Offer him a pipe of Boer tobacco, and he will never enter your house again.

The traders purchase this weed largely. They also use it upon the natives in the shape of presents, as every Kaffir who makes a purchase in a country store always asks for a free gift, and the competition to secure the native trade is so acute that the request cannot be refused.-South Africa.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

Make Up Your Mind to Seek It Rath or Than Walt For It.

It is a dangerous thing to wait for opportunities until it becomes a habit. Energy and inclination for hard work ooze out in the waiting. Opportunity becomes invisible to those who are doing nothing or looking somewhere else for it. It is the great worker, the man who is alert for chances, that sees them.

Some people become so opportunity blind that they cannot see chances anywhere—they would pass through a gold mine without noticing anything preclous-while others will find opportunities in the most barren and out of the way places. Bunyan found opportunity in Bedford jail to write the greatest allegory in the world on the untwisted paper that had been used to cork his bottles of milk. A Theodore Parker or a Lucy Stone sees an opportunity to go to college in a chance to pick berries. One boy sees an opening to his ambition in a chance to chop wood, wait on table or run errands, where another sees no chance at all. One sees an opportunity to get an education in the odds and ends of time, evenings and half holidays, which another throws away .- O. S. Marden in Success Magazine.

SUNDAY MEALS.

Do Not Overent and You Will Feel

Better on Honday. If it is desired to begin the week refreshed and ready for labor, rested in mind and body, the eating customs of Sunday will have to be readjusted. Have a later breakfast, if desired, but have then a very light one even if you are hungry, or, if it must be hearty. then do not upset your digestive habits any more than may be avoided and have but two meals on that day and eat no other. It would be far better to have three light meals, lighter than isnal if that could be arranged with the other household arrangements 3, Dasis 35(1818) The eustom of noon dinner on that day arises from the usual absence of cook or maid at the later one, and this may be unavoidable. Very well, then; treat this as a rest day for cook and digestive apparatus as well as from other labors. Have a light breakfast, a light dinner and a chafing dish supper as near the ordinary hours of meals as possible and remember as you are going to take less exercise than usual

easily digested food.-Helen Johnson in Good Housekeeping.

you demand a lesser amount of more

"Off" For "From." As a stranger in Philadelphia I was much amused by certain provincialisms. One of these was the use of the word "off" instead of "from." "Please buy flowers off me," say the youthful street venders. One day while waiting for some groceries a young lady, evidently unused to housekeeping, approached the raw Irish clerk and timidly asked: 'I want some mutton to make broth. Shall I get it off the neck?" "No ma'am." was the solemn reply as the clerk pointed to the butcher busy at his block, "ye git it off that mon."-Presbyterian.

"I think I never saw Rymer so utterly crushed as he was when his first

poem appeared in print," "What was the matter? Some typographical error in the poem?" "No, that wasn't it. What crushed him was that the paper was sold for a penny a copy, just as usual."

Bills and Boards. Bill had a billboard. Bill also had a board bill. The board bill bored Bill so that Bill sold the billboard to pay his board bill. So after Bill sold his billboard to pay his board bill the board bill no louger bored Bill.-Yale Ex-

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