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The World Is Cheerful.
Doctor Johnson's old schoolmate said that he could not be a philosopher because "cheerfulness was always breaking in." Our world of mankind cannot be that kind of a philosopher, either for the same reason. It may have its moods and depressions, or prove to be the utmost the reasonableness of despair; but there is an inexhaustible well-spring of vigor within it, and vigor is another word for joy.—From the *Popular Review*.

Dark Ages.
The term is applied to a portion of the Middle Ages, including the period of about 1,000 years from the fall of Rome to revival of letters in the fifteenth century. It is generally regarded as beginning with invasion of France by Clovis, 486 A. D., and closing with invasion of Naples by Charles VIII in 1495. Learning was at a low ebb during this period.

The Candle in History.
The cult of the candle plays a large role in Roman, Jewish and Eastern ecclesiastical history; and many are the customs that have their birth in some magical or ritualistic use to which the candle has been put. In some parts of Ireland, for instance, it was usual on Christmas eve to burn a large candle which no one was permitted to snuff except those who bore the name of Mary.

Oldtime News Service.
In 1832 James Watson Webb, of the *New York Courier and Enquirer*, established an express-rider service between New York and Washington which gave his paper valuable prestige. In the following year the *Journal of Commerce* started a rival service, which enabled it to print Washington news in New York within 48 hours of its occurrence. The most notable express-mail service of all was the "pony express," which carried messages by relays of riders across mountains and deserts and through hostile Indian territory from St. Louis to San Francisco, covering 1,966 miles in 10 days.

Free Board.
A restaurant in Yuma, Ariz., displays a sign that reads: "Free board every day the sun doesn't shine." At first sight the offer of free board every day the sun doesn't shine might seem a reckless one, but, as a matter of fact, a day without sunshine in that desert country is far rarer than blackberries in May. If it rains at all, it is only for a very short time, leaving most of the day for sunshine, so that the sign would only catch a tenderfoot.

No Hasty Judgment.
What your mirror tells you you may depend upon as the result of reflection.—*Boston Transcript*.

Important Rivers.
Just as Egypt has been made by the Nile, so Mesopotamia has been made by the Tigris and the Euphrates. The view put forward was some authority that the rivers should be kept exclusively for irrigation and not be depended upon for transport is challenged on many grounds, one of which is that irrigation and navigation can be effectively combined, and indeed made mutually advantageous for many years to come.

Deeds and Words.
Deeds are greater than words. Deeds have such a life, mute but undeniable, and grow as living trees and fruit trees do; they people the vacuity of time and make it green and worthy. Why should the oak prove logically that it ought to grow, and will grow? Plant it, try it; what gifts of diligent judicious assimilation and secretion it has, of progress and resistance, of force to grow, will then declare themselves.—Carlyle.

A Glass Horn.
An innovation in phonographs is an instrument equipped with a horn of beveled mirror glass. The claim of the makers is that the horn of a talking machine best amplifies the tone when its surface is smooth and rigid, hence one of heavy glass is preferable to one of wood or metal.

Little Things.
Life is made up of little things. It is but once in an age that occasion is offered for doing a great deed. True greatness consists in being great in little things.

Music Not His Strong Point.
The leader of a volunteer orchestra was greatly annoyed by the 'cellist, who repeatedly at a rehearsal was in error; finally he stood near him, listening. "Why, man," he exclaimed, "your 'cello is not in tune!" The player screwed at the pegs, but a few moments later the discord was repeated. "Can't you tune your instrument?" demanded the conductor irritably. "No-o!" said the stout 'cellist, "not always." Then his face brightened. "But you should see how I can skin fish!" The skinning of fish was his trade, the orchestra his side line.

Not Much of a Pusher.
It was the elevated station at 8:30 on a weekday morning. The advice of the Irish guard who helps close the gates of the rear cars was an education in itself. But he had a competitor in a girl who was doing her valiant best to get on. "Push, push," she urged of a weak little masculine beside her. In a wish-washy voice he replied that he was pushing. Back came the swift retort: "You make me tired? You push like a jellyfish!"—*New York Sun*.

Make Most of What You Have.
"Happiness is not a thing that can be bought with the money of the past." The modern age says that. But it is in fitness with the old saying that is to be are largely dreams still long after the days are past that should have witnessed the crowning. But life is more than dreams. Most folks have learned to their sorrow that it is a rather stern reality. It promises much, but it's always conditional. It teaches men that in the using of what they have they become the heroes of the days that are to be. It's the filling of present hours that brings the full hours of the future. It's folly to mourn the past. It's all made in the present and today passes so swiftly into tomorrow that we scarcely realize how swiftly go the speeding hours.

Ordering One's Life.
Take time to scrutinize your life. Try to define just why you are "run" and decide for yourself that if you are going to be ruled, as most of us are, it must be by something or somebody well worth the arduous sprinting we are all indulging in. If the goal toward which we are being steered is worth while, only then can we look back and feel that the race has been well run.

Making Gas From Wood.
Experiments on wood as part substitute for coal in gas making have been carried out in France. The wood used was sea pine in the form of billets cut from the middle of the trunk. The charge of the wood was about half the weight of that of coal, and carbonization occupied half the usual time. When running one retort with wood to every two with coal, no appreciable difference in the calorific power of the gas was noted. Of the two by-products—small coke and tar—the former amounted to 5 to 10 per cent.

To Make Attar of Roses.
After having gathered a quantity of roses, place them in a jar, then pour upon them some spring water. Cover the top with thin muslin to keep out the dust, and expose the jar to the heat of the sun for a few days, until oily particles are observed to be floating on the surface of the water. Take off this oil substance and place it in a bottle. This is the perfume known as "attar of roses."

Beans.
The common bean is a native of South America and was introduced into Europe during the sixteenth century. Now it is represented by over 150 varieties. The big broad bean is probably a native of southwest Asia and northeastern Europe. The broad, but not thick, lima bean, called by some "butter bean," is a pole variety that comes from South America.

Their Surprising Way.
"I was never more disappointed in anybody in my life than I was in my cousins up to Kay See," admitted Cobe Gosnell of Grudge, who was just back from a visit to the Big Burg. "Why, with everything on earth going on and anything you could think of liable to happen at any moment, I'll be switched if they don't poke off to bed at between nine and ten o'clock every night of the world!"—*Kansas City Star*.

Game in Mexico.
Mexico cannot be said to offer a field for hunters of big game, and the term, "a sportsman's paradise," which is sometimes applied to it, is an exaggeration. Among animals may be enumerated the peccaries or javelinas, deer, rabbits, hares. The reptiles include alligators, turtles and iguanas. Whales, seals and sea lions are encountered on the Pacific coast.—*New York Telegram*.

No Person Has Seen the Sun.
Astronomers aver that no one has ever seen the sun. A series of concentric shells envelops a nucleus of which we apparently know nothing except that it must be almost infinitely hotter than the fiercest furnace, and that it must amount to more than nine-tenths of the solar mass. That nucleus is the real sun, forever hidden from us. The outermost of the enveloping shell is about 5,000 miles thick, and is called the "chromosphere."

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