

Mendoza Is Old City.
Mendoza is the metropolis of western Argentina. It is a city of some size carefully planned and able to stand comparison with any town in the new world or the old one of the point of municipal beauty. It looks distinctly new, but as a matter of fact it is one of the oldest towns in the western hemisphere. It was founded fifty years before the well-known settlement of Jamestown in Virginia, while the fathers and mothers of the Pilgrims were still living peacefully in England.

Daily Thought.
Man is one world and hath another to attend him.—Robert.

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 the sign would only catch a tenderfoot.

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.

Strongly for Education.
We have always believed in the high possibilities of the movies and more particularly since a charming girl told us she had found you could hold hands just as well at an educational film as any other.—Grand Rapids.

What Is Genius?
Genius is a handsome name frequently given to hard-working men after they have finished a tough job.—The American Magazine.

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.

Equipped.
"Do you think your wife would excel in statesmanship if she had an opportunity?" "Yes," replied Mr. Meekton. "Henrietta is not only a powerful hand in a regular argument, but she has gifts for prolonged discourse that would make her a wonder at filibustering."

Rusty Steel.
To clean rusty steel, well oil the rusty parts and set aside in this state for two or three days. Then wipe dry with clean rags and polish with emery or pumice stone. When very rusty and a high polish is desired rub the article with a little slack lime.

How to Remove Cinders.
A medicine dropper may be used with good effect in removing cinders from the eyelids by drawing them out by suction along with the fluids that have formed. A little pointed roll of soft paper also may prove useful.

Hadn't Got to That.
Philanthropic Person—"Have you never striven my friend, to attain a higher life?" Mundane Marmaduke—"Well, mister, we ain't got past corned beef an' beer yet, but whether we'll ever reach champagne and chicken I can't bloomin' well say."—Sydney Bulletin.

Invisible Airplane Wings.
Wings of cellulose acetate, being transparent, make an airplane invisible at the height of a few thousand feet, also increasing the operator's field of vision. Sheets one one-hundredth-inch thick are about as strong as the ordinary wing cover, and the weight of nine ounces to the square yard is but slightly greater. The rapid spread of a tear when started is a disadvantage that may be overcome with a re-enforcing of loosely woven silk.

Not Always Happy.
It is customary but I think it is a mistake, to speak of "happy" childhood. Children are often overanxious and acutely sensitive. Man ought to be man and master of his fate; but children are at the mercy of those around them. Mr. Rarey, the great horse-tamer, has told us that he has known an angry word to raise the pulse of a horse ten beats in a minute. Think then how it must affect a child!—Lord Avebury.

Time Is Money.
In Korea, both among prosperous Christians and among those to whom money is a hasty and infrequent visitor, a favorite subscription blank is one which says: "I promise to give — days to church work this year." The days thus given are devoted to evangelistic services or to the building of churches and schools.—World Outlook.

Conception of Cultivation.
Cultivation a generation ago meant acquaintance with letters and the fine arts, and some knowledge of at least two languages and literatures, and of history. The term "cultivation" is now much more inclusive. It includes elementary knowledge of the sciences, and it ranks high the subjects of history, government and economics.—Charles W. Elliot, in Atlantic.

Appropriate Look.
Robert had lost his little pet dog and felt bad about it. His father told him poor little Fido must be dead or he would return home. His mother sent him on an errand, when he met a woman friend of his mother's who asked him if he was ill, as he had little to say. "Oh, no," he said, "but my little dog is dead and I am wearing a black look."

Use Reason.
You've got to leave your work with some planning and thought. A fireless cooker doesn't do the business until heat is applied.

Size of the Foot.
The foot should be as long as the tibia, or chief bone of the forearm—that is, from the small head of the bone to be seen at the wrist to the point of the elbow should be the length of the foot.

Wind Carries Bacteria.
Tests made by Irish scientists have shown that the wind will carry disease bacteria 200 feet and as high as 60 feet into the air.

Should Use Judgment.
Teacher—"When little George Washington told the truth about cutting down the cherry tree his father forgave him. Now, Henry, what lesson does this teach us?" Henry—"It teaches us that we should learn when to tell the truth."

Be Slow to Condemn.
Why condemn an individual or institution before you hear both sides? Does a jury convict or a judge sentence a prisoner before the evidence is heard?

Make Most of What You Have.
Shakespeare says, "You can't turn the wheel with the water that is past." The modern age says, "You can't excel in fitness when you spend the hours in idleness." Dreams of the glory 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.

Tea Testing.
To ascertain whether artificial coloring matter has been added to tea, place a quantity on white paper and rub with knife to a fine powder. Now brush the paper with a brush, and if any prussian blue has been used there will be little streaks on the paper.

Fateful Days.
Certain days have been marked ones in some persons' lives. Nearly all the chief events of Thomas a Becket's career, including his murder and the translation of his body—occurred on a Tuesday. Henry VIII and his three children—Edward, Mary and Elizabeth—expired upon the same day of the week—Thursday.

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 with 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.

si da Bramante, che li prega di "restar fratelli, in nome dell'arte!"

Meno male che, nel quadro finale, Michelangelo viene a chiedere scusa a Raffaello in fin di vita. . . è dalla volgarità si son salvati autori di una certa fama, come Leopoldo Marengo e Paolo Heyse; nel dramma di quest'ultimo: "La Fornarina," Raffaello è descritto come "uomo un po' vano, che non conosce altra legge che il suo capriccio." Ma la profanazione non s'arresta qui: un coreografo osò comporre sull'argomento un ballo, in 8 quadri, per la ballerina Amalia Ferraris, rappresentato alla Pergola nel 1853; e sarà stato certamente un patetico spettacolo il vedere una diva della danza, sotto le spoglie del divino pittore, esprimere a un'altra diva "di mezzo carattere" il proprio amore con i piedi! . . .

Il reverendo Magpie inviato al Congo a sostituire un missionario defunto, ai accorse che quei negri, la maggior parte cristiani, trascuravano la lettura della Bibbia. E pensò di porvi rimedio facendone stampare un'edizione ricca di freghi e di figure a vivaci colori. Fin qui meno male; il male si è che ebbe una trovata geniale, come la

chiamava lui, che si convertì in un fiasco.

Siccome nelle illustrazioni dei sacri testi gli angeli appariscono sempre di pelle bianca e di capelli biondi, il reverendo pensò che quella cosa avrebbe potuto umiliare quei poveri negri, che avrebbero in tal modo veduto esclusa la loro razza dalle sfere celesti; e fece inserire nella nuova bibbia un disegno colorato del paradiso in cui, accanto al Signore, i migliori posti erano per angeli neri come il carbone!

Con grande compiacimento del nostro missionario gli indigeni accolesero a prima vista, con espressioni di giubilo, la elegante edizione, ma tale compiacimento fu di breve durata. Poiché la mattina appresso egli trovò, ammonitecchiati alla porta della sua abitazione, le bibbie distribuite in gran numero.

Che cosa era successo? Questo? Quei negri, sulla fede dei missionari che avevano preceduto il reverendo Magpie, speravano fermamente che nell'altro mondo sarebbero tutti diventati bianchi!

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Sovolviamo sui 5 atti di Antonio Tavoni, sellajo mantovano, e sul dramma di Gaetano Marini, che, nell'ultima scena, fa scrivere da Raffaello morente alla Fornarina: "Ti ritorno i tuoi capelli. . . me li mostrerai un giorno in Pardino!" Un certo Marucchi ha avuto la sciagurata idea di scrivere un "Raffaello" per educandati. . . (tutti uomini la Fornarina è lasciata fuori delle quinte, nei quale l'Urbinate e Michelangelo si assuffano come facchini e sono divi-

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