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WHAT DANDELIONS DO.

There surely is a good name somewhere about here for the dandelion...

MY NAUGHTIEST DAY.

Just when it began to be the naughtiest day of my life I have never been quite sure. Probably, however, it was on my morning prayers.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Philadelphia has 130, 604 pupils in her public schools. In battle only one ball out of eight is taken effect. The British Museum contains the first envelope ever made. Nice, plump diamond back terrapin now sell for \$36 a dozen. Stem-winding watches were invented by Noel in the year 1821. New York City has fewer alleys than any other city in the world. The Egyptians kneed their bread in a wooden bowl with their feet. A hundred years ago their best oysters were sold at five for a cent. A live cottonwood tree with petrified roots is growing near Atchison, Kan. Three sheep were brought to Hissauk by Columbus on his second voyage in 1493. Gunter's chain used in measuring and was invented by Edmund Gunter in 1606. In Kansas the principals in a duel partake of breakfast together before going out to fight. The Sultan of Turkey has issued a revised edition of the Koran, adapted to his own views. A Darlen (G.) colored man claims to have gathered 900 lemons from one tree recently. An average of 26,000 letters are posted without addresses in England every day. One factory in Frederick county, Md., put up 4,000,000 cans of corn and beans this season. In Fresno, Cal., there is said to be a factory for the manufacture of petrified human corpses. The long-eared Jack rabbit of the prairies is appearing in great numbers in Southern Missouri. In the French army there are four living generals on the retired list who were born in the last century. Turkin has the finest collection of illuminated missals in the world—numbering about 1300. At dinners and banquets in Queen Elizabeth's time each guest brought his own individual spoon. The record for shorthand writing a 215 words a minute, made in November, 1891, by a Chicago man. Finland has just been celebrating the 250th anniversary of the establishment of its independence in that country. Europe consumes upward of \$50,000,000 worth of gold and silver annually for plate, jewelry and ornaments. Even American Presidents have died in the month of July, and in that month Garfield received his fatal wound. Mrs. Le Grand Cannon, of New York City, has a diamond tiara which is considered one of the handsomest in America. Mrs. Whitehall Reid's boudoir is all in white and gold, with panels of satin cloth and a mantle of ivory, inlaid with gold. Tennessee is supposed to have been named from Tenas see, one of the chief villages of the Cherokee Indians, which was located on the banks of the Tennessee. Harrison Shearer, of Vaipalaha, has claimed to have found an oak horn in the hollow of a tree, which he supposes it to have been for 100 years or more. An Indian potentate, the Maharaja of Bettiah, has engaged the services of an English pianist-purveyor for his time with a rising inflection indicating that he was gradually absorbing the idea that something was wrong. She gave him a tremendous shake. "Oh, he almost shouted, sitting straight up, 'what in thunder's the row, Maria?'" She clapped her hand over her mouth. "Sh—sh—," she whispered, "there's burglars downstairs." "Ah," he growled, "we ought to be thankful they are not up-stairs for to sleep," and he fell back to the pillow. "Hiram, I tell you, Maria," she insisted with another shake, "there's burglars downstairs. I heard them go down and see what they want." "Maria," he protested, "I'll do nothing of the sort. If they don't see what they want they can see for themselves." "But you shall go down, Hiram, and see," she urged and pleaded at the same time. "I won't, I tell you, Maria. Because your father owns a dry goods store, is no sign that I believe it is no trouble to show goods, and you, madam, if those burglars want anything they've got to wait on themselves. You must think we run an all-night place, or to sleep, I tell you, Hiram, and see." "There," she nearly screamed, "I hear them coming up-stairs now." "Well, dear," he said soothingly, "you'd better jump up and put on a dress. It will never do to let the world for you to receive strange gentlemen in your present attire." "Well, he murdered in our beds," she said. "Do you really think you will?" he inquired with some interest. "I'm sure of it, Hiram," she sobbed. "Suppose you get out and lie on the floor, Maria, and then you won't be." He suggested heartily, "I'm willing to do that, but I don't want to be in bed, where it's warm." Mrs. H. began to cry. "What's the matter, Maria?" Mr. H. asked as if he had just that moment discovered her grief. "You're a mean, horrid man, Hiram Higinbotham," she said in her natural voice, and she began to get out of bed. "Where are you going, Maria?" he inquired, uneasily. "Down stairs," she answered heroically. "As between you-upstairs and the burglars down stairs, I prefer the burglars," and down stairs she went, and the black cat in the preserve closet upset four jars of her finest quinces in its mad effort to escape. She screamed, but Hiram Higinbotham made no sign; he knew he had forgotten to put the cat up for the night and reported to his wife that everything was all right.—Free Press.