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THE KISS OF CHILDREN

So thought or seemed to be the kiss of little children...

"SUFFERIN' NATE."

Nate Preslo was, as he himself was wont to declare, 'th' most patient an' long-sufferin' man on airth...

Nate was one of the principal characters and most important features of Manganese, where he lived...

Nate's leading places were the Exchange and Red Front saloons...

One afternoon, as Nate was lazily holding forth to some of his cronies from his seat in the Exchange...

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"Well, you see, Nate, to be frank, there are a good many people who don't exactly approve of you...

"Of course all the men laughed uproariously, but they stopped short at sight of Nate's upturned hand and blazing eyes..."

"But I don't suppose no brute is goin' to tease that doc o' mine, none whatever..."

Saloon, where the six "buds" were. They were leaning against the bar and talking of "cutting" a new...

"Lettie," he said, straightening himself up and looking straight at her...

"Squire Field, who was a leading lawyer and politician in the 'Seventies...

"Well, Squire, I want th' nomination for city marshal, but I don't want to see here, you know that we've got to have a strong candidate for marshal..."

"All right, Squire; but I reckon I can't make as strong a run as anybody in our crowd..."

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LET US ALL LAUGH.

JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VARIOUS HUMORISTS.

Pleasant incidents occurring the world over—Saying that are cheerful to the old or young—Fanny Selections that Everybody Will Enjoy Reading.

Too Much Noise. Every effect has a cause if only we have the wit to see it.

Was That It? "What little boy will tell why Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt?"

The Right Kind of a Girl. "I don't know how I ever did it, Charles, dear, but it's the only thing that saved your life."

Not So Low. In the fading twilight the widow positively refused to wed the man with a bald head for less than \$20,000 spot cash.

It Was Only a Slipper. She is a quispish and jolly girl, but being an Episcopalian, she has been making a great effort since Ash Wednesday to affect a certain subdued and demure manner.

Traveler (relating adventure)—And the boat's screw being disabled we were compelled to lay to.

No Music There. Stranger in Town (to hotel clerk)—Where can I go and hear some good music?

Make Him Feel at Home. "You seem to be feeling particularly jolly this morning, old man."

FRYING ON THE MALE COLLAR.

A Baby Saved from the Talons of an Eagle.

A story of thrilling interest comes from the Indian Territory. On a warm day an Indian woman...

One Original Method Employed for Frying an Egg—Stealing Servant.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

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—The almshouses of France have 200,000 inmates. —Some Australian gold veins are 130 feet wide.

—Only about 6000 stars are visible to the naked eye. —Mountaineering on stilts is the latest fad in Switzerland.

—There are 23,000 species of fishes, one tenth of which inhabit fresh water. —Scientists are of the opinion that one iceberg last for two hundred years.

—The farmer in Japan who has ten acres of land is looked upon as a monopolist. —India has 12,000,000 who can read and write out of a population of 246,000,000.

—It is pointed out that one-legged men usually grow fat possibly from lack of exercise. —Spoons of wood, horn, metal or stone have been made in every country from prehistoric ages.

—There are eight edible and twelve poisonous varieties of mushrooms in the United States. —Nine lambs on the farm of Rowan Dent, of Raywick, Ky., are covered with natural red wool.

—The annual army expenditure of Russia is \$1,000,000,000. —A section of a California tree said to be 1300 years old, according to its rings. —Frank Schenk, a German, received from \$141 to \$1100 salary. For the first three or four years they serve without pay.

—An eminent anatomist says that more of the ill health of women is due to their habit of cramping their feet than to a shoe.

SWIMMING DEVICE.

An Apparatus Invented to Give Greater Increased Impetus. The cut below shows several views of a device recently patented to aid mankind to push his way through water rapidly.

This apparatus seems to be built on the plan of the web foot of a goose and duck, and its workings can be readily understood. The apparatus consists principally of a light flexible rib work, covered with some light material, which accommodates itself to the swimmer's motions, closing as he moves his limbs forward and opening as they are thrust backward, thus giving greatly increased impetus through the water.

Chinese Fighting Powers. The fighting power of Chinese militia, when armed with modern weapons, is evidenced by the frequent repulses and defeats which the French suffered during the campaign in Tonquin.

He Was Disgusted With Himself. A good story is told of a famous living surgeon. A street accident had occurred in which a man broke his leg. Passing by, the great surgeon used his umbrella as a splint, bound up the leg in approved ambulance fashion, and had the man taken off to the nearest hospital.

What Was Troubling Him. An old bed-ridden fisherman at a fashionable watering-place was frequently visited during his last illness by a kind-hearted clergyman.

Wanted to Amuse the Boys. George Butler, Canon of Winchester Cathedral, was the son of Dr. Butler, headmaster of Harrow.

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