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An Ugly Wife and a Bible.

In the famous library of Wolfenbuetel, in Hesse, is an old Bible which is greatly treasured. It appears that in that passage in Genesis where God told Eve that Adam shall be her master and shall rule over her the German translation is, "Und er soll dein herr sein."

Sacred Threads.

The sacred thread of the Brahmans is well known. It is a caste distinction assumed at an early age and never parted with. It must be made by a Brahman and should consist of three strands, each of a different color, forty-eight yards in length, doubled and twisted together twice, the ends tied in knots. It must be worn next the skin, over the left shoulder, hanging down to the thigh on the right side.

George Meredith's Faith.

The English dramatist Alfred Sutro, speaking of the late George Meredith, with whom he was closely acquainted, said: "One incident of George Meredith's life has always impressed me. He was about to undergo an operation and had been told by his physician that the danger was considerable. He said nothing about it, however. The night before he was to go under the knife he invited several of his dearest friends to dine with him. It was one of the jolliest little dinners of his life."

Rosewater Athletics.

It is possible that the riddle of the Polish temperament is humorously revealed in the following story, which was gleaned from Mr. Edmund Gosse's volume of literary reminiscences entitled "Two Visits to Denmark."

A professor from the University of Cracow visited Cambridge. The late Professor Henry Sidgwick showed the guest the youth of the place disporting itself on the cricket field and in the boats. The Polish visitor made no comment and was indeed so reserved that Professor Sidgwick felt obliged to say:

"You have nothing like this at the University of Cracow?" "At the University of Cracow," the professor replied, "we hygienate with the bal masque" (masked ball).

Human Muscles.

If the muscles in the arm of the average man were put together and a nervous impulse passed into them their contraction would lift a weight of 224 pounds from the ground. Muscles have the unique power when stimulated by nerve impulse of contracting somewhat as rubber bands might do if they could squeeze themselves up shorter. They are, in fact, the reverse of rubber, for they contract only and cannot stretch out.

Bunions.

"By the way," said the old shoemaker, "do you know what makes a bunion? No? Well, it is simply getting shoes too short. In a short shoe the foot cannot follow the dictates of growth imposed by nature. But it simply cannot keep from growing. So the tissue and bone and flesh that should go into the toes are simply sidetracked into a bunch wherever it can get the easiest and forms a bunion."

The Cynic.

"Why don't you want me to marry your daughter?" "You have no money." "But I have brains." "Maybe so. But you don't prove it by wanting to get married, young man."—Washington Herald.

An Alternative.

Mrs. Newlywed—Do you think my cooking is improved, dearie? Hubby—Well, either that or the drugget is selling me a better brand of pepsin.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Learn to see in another one's calamity the ill which you should avoid.—Publius Syrus.

"Beef a la Mode" Defined. It seems difficult to obtain a really good recipe for beef a la mode. The author of "The Cook's Oracle" complains that after plowing through 180 words on cookery he "could not find one recipe that approximated to anything like an accurate description of the way in which this excellent dish is actually dressed in the best a la mode beef shops, from whence, of course, it was impossible to obtain information. "However," he adds, "after all, the whole of the secret seems to be the thickening of the gravy of beef that has been very slowly stewed and flavored it with bay leaves and allspices."

Made It Good and Long. Neither man nor boy is ever at a loss for excuses for not knowing what he has no mind to know or for not doing what he has no mind to do. The wittiest that is recorded in college annals is the reason given in the senate house for not answering the question, "Who were the minor prophets?" "I do not fill this in," wrote the candidate, "because the inquiry is so invidious."

A schoolboy has now improved upon this by handing in a written medical certificate to excuse his nonattendance. "I certify," the medical authority was made to say, "that this boy is unfit to attend school for 304 days."

The schoolmaster thought it odd, the Latin term being so long and at the same time so particular in its date, and upon inquiry it turned out that the doctor had written "3 or 4" days, which the boy had altered to 304.—Argonaut.

A Foe to "Baby Talk."

It is not enough that a word be spoken. It makes a great deal of difference how it is spoken. The proper vocalization of words has an effect upon children which is often, one may say generally, overlooked. Almost everybody is fond of repeating the baby's efforts to talk, and baby talk lingers in many homes, an innocent but costly pleasure for the parents and the children alike. There are many persons of mature age at this moment who will never pronounce certain words properly since they became accustomed to a false pronunciation in childhood because somebody thought it was cute. There are many persons who will never get over certain false associations of ideas because somebody thought it was very amusing and funny to see the child mixing up things in such a beautiful childlike way.—Dr. A. A. Berle.

Tigers' Whiskers.

It is a fact that a lion's or a tiger's whiskers once taken off will never grow again. These animals shed their hair ordinarily once a year, all except the whiskers. The shedding depends entirely upon the climate, and there is a peculiar thing connected with it. Men who have taken wild animals from Asia and Africa to Europe say that they never knew a lion or a tiger or any animal of the cat species to go through the Red sea without changing coat. They will shed at Suakin and come out with hair fresh and glossy as silk, and yet going through the Red sea they will shed again. No one has been able to account for it, but it is a fact nevertheless.—London Tit-Bits.

Cause and Consequence.

An ambitious mother was trying to dissuade her son from becoming engaged to the girl of his choice because the girl had no fortune. "Well, mother," the young man expostulated, "I have heard you say that neither you nor father had a penny when you married." "That's so," the mother admitted. "But," she added, "I accepted your father because I knew he would get on in the world." "Exactly," the youth returned, "and she's ready to accept me because he did get on."

A Durable Car.

"I've used my car twice a day to my office and back, a distance of six miles, for seven years," said Waggley, "and I've never had to pay a cent of repairs."

"Great Scott, what a record!" said Bilad. "What car is it?" "Trolley," said Waggley, and Bilad rang for the waiter.—Harper's.

Told Him.

Lawyer—Have you ever been to this court before, sir? Witness—Yes, sir; I have been here often. Lawyer—Ha, ha! Been here often, have you? Now, tell the court what for. Witness (slowly)—Well, I have been here at least half a dozen times to try and collect that tailor's bill you owe me.

In the Wrong Place.

Seedy Vagabond—Mister, I hain't had a blame thing to eat for two days, 'ceptin' a handful o' peanuts. Dietetic Frank—That's all you need, you git-ton.—Chicago Tribune.

Two Happy Men.

The Debtor—Well, old man, I'm going to marry a rich widow next week. The Creditor—Indeed! Well—ah! Congratulate me, old chap.—Toledo Blade.

It May Be Done.

"It is impossible to satisfy a champagne appetite on a beer income." "It is—unless you want me brewery stock."—Washington Star.

Hint for Young Musicians.

Begin your practice with enthusiasm. Don't put your practice off because you have "plenty of time." You cannot know your piece too well, but remember that one hour of steady, concentrated practice is better than four hours of careless strumming at the piece.

Quite So.

The man who never laughs at himself misses many a chance for a good giggle.

Feverish Search For the Average Man

By Rev. Frank Crane, Chicago

of strange fancies, like little white and leggy insects, are scampering among my wits.

For it has occurred to me that, after all, the minority are in the majority. I know it sounds crazy. I know that. Heaven be thanked! I am spared the last illusion of the insane, that I am sane.

But while I have always lived, moved and had my being under conviction that the majority not only rules but also actually exists, come to think of it, I have never seen a majority, while everywhere about us is the large, active and exceedingly vocal and assertive minority.

The majority of the people in the United States believe in our present form of government, yet I never met a man in my life that did not think he could improve it.

The majority are sound and well, but did you ever run across a well woman?

The majority are sane, yet have you ever found one man indubitably so?

The fact of the matter is that the average man is a myth; he is a mathematical hypothesis; he exists only for the purpose of statistics and arguments; he is the stuff out of which generalities are formed. He is like an atom, or a kilowatt, or a nebular hypothesis. Everybody is abnormal. Normality is merely the imaginary point where the abnormalities balance.

I never talked any length of time with a human being who did not by and by say something like, "Well, I am peculiar, I know," "I am strange," "I am not like most folks," or words to that effect.

Strange that the entire population of the globe is in the minority! The rarest person in the world to find is the one who does, says or thinks as most people do.

London Police Use Most Gentle Methods

By Hugh Gardiner, London, England

In London the police only arrest a man when all other methods of management fail.

The London force is composed of the most well-balanced, prudent and considerate men, and yet they carry their point and uphold the law in a thousand cases, when the bluecoats in the United States would deem it necessary to use their clubs.

Instead of haling a very drunken man to the station, one of our bobbies will call a cab, if the inebriated one is at all gentlemanly looking, and send him to his home or hotel.

No drunken man is ever harshly dealt with in London, provided only that he will keep on moving. If he stops and obstructs the street the police will coax him to move on, and they do this without the brutality that I've seen used in American cities.

I have seen in my country a stalwart policeman allow a disorderly chap to rain blows on his body without showing the least anger, or resorting to violent tactics. This may be going to the other extreme, but I prefer it to clubbing.

The reluctance of the London police to use severe measures is especially noted in the case of women. In London a woman has to do something desperate before she will be taken in charge.

Many Miles Covered by Merry Dancers

By G. H. KETTNER, St. Louis

A dance is better than a card party and a barn dance is better than a similar function in the house, considered from the viewpoint of health. The blood begins to circulate a little faster immediately a dance is started and the heart has a little more work to do. There is, therefore, greater need for fresh air, to the end that the blood passing through the lungs may be properly oxygenated.

Sixteen numbers, such as appear on the cards at "hops," carry the dancers over a greater distance in actual miles than soldiers parade on Memorial day. Four dances are equal to a drill night in the army.

In Dundee, Scotland, where the Caledonians are enthusiastic devotees of the dance, a statistician counted the steps in a dozen different kinds of dances. As a result it is shown that an average waltz takes a dancer over about three-quarters of a mile; a square dance makes him cover a half mile. A girl with a well-filled program travels thus in one evening: Twelve waltzes, nine miles; four other dances at half a mile each, two miles; the interval strolls and trips to the dressing room, half a mile; total, eleven and a half miles.

Education of American Girl Is Defective

By PROF. W. C. DEFOREST, University of California

The women of America have the settlement of the bread question in their own hands, and if they took the right course the bakers would be only too glad to furnish full weight loaves.

There is no reason why every housewife in this good land should not bake her own bread, and this would make the public absolutely independent. It would also bring the bakers to time and the loaf that weighed less than the standard would soon be known no more forever.

The education of the American girl is woefully defective, if it does not include knowledge of bread making.

One rightly made home loaf is worth any two that ever came out of a bakery. I am talking from intimate knowledge of the subject, and the commercial bread could not find a place on my table, even if it were a donation.

The increase of sickness which usually accompanies moderating weather may be partly accounted for in this way:

The rise in temperature outside causes closing of the draft damper in the smoke pipe. This in turn permits the brick smoke flue to chill and the gas, which the smoldering coal must throw off, instead of continuing upward and out into the air, is pressed downward by the heavy, cold outside air and comes through the crevices (usually loose door fittings) into the rooms. The fumes may not be perceptible to the sense of smell.

The users of coal should use asbestos paste to fill all crevices and have the doors of their furnaces and stoves made to fit closely, so as to prevent coal gas from passing into the rooms.

Much Sickness From Coal Gas Fumes

By Ernest W. Woods, Milwaukee, Wis.

Colored Epigram.

A colored philosopher is reported to have said, "Life, my brethren, am mos'ly made up of prayin' for rain, and then wishin' it would clear off."—Presbyterian.

Modesty.

Some folks who can't play a hand organ in this world expect to give harp-playing instructions in the next.—Atlanta Constitution.

Advance Information.

"Was it a case of love at first sight?" "They call it that, although before they met she had heard that he was wealthy and he had been told she was an heiress."

For Storing Linen.

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