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If all the rice in Arkansas were one grain it would take a Grand canyon to store it. If all the corn in Arkansas were one ear it would take the combined force of all stump pullers to extract one grain from that ear. If all the chickens in Arkansas were one chicken if would straddle the Rocky mountains like a colossus and its crow would shake the rings from Saturn. If all the hogs in Arkansas were one he could stand with his hind feet on the island of Cuba and his fore feet on the island of Cuba and his fore feet on the islamd of Panama and dig the canal with one stroke of his snout. If all the cows in Arkansas were one cow she could graze on the evergreens of the tropics and switch the icicles from the north pole with her tail and it would take a canal from the great lakes to the gulf of Mexico to carry boats laden with her butter and cheese. If all the mules in Arkansas were one mule he could stand with one fore foot on Mexico and the other fore foot on Canada and kick the man out of the moon.—H. S. Taylor, Inspector United States Indian Service.

Art of Politeness.

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All truly artistic effort is a labor of love, and love never counts the cost. Art has no price and makes none.

A perfect art of pesiteness ever involves in one respect or another acts of self abnegation.

There is the famous example of Lord Stair and Louis XIV. when his lordship, being bidden by the king to precede him into one of the royal carriages, immediately compiled.

The politeness was equal on both sides. The French sovereign gave proof of at magnatimous a monarch by abandoning his prerogative of precedence in his own dominions to the Scotch viscount.

The English ambassador returned the compliment by yielding immediate obedience to the behest of a king who was not his master. Neither sacrifice was outdone by the other.

Early Railroading.

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Frightful Friends.

The friend who welcomes you by

Too Much.

Doctor—Have you tried counting up to 100? Insomnia Patient—Yes, but at forty I remember that's the amount of your bill, and at eighty my wife's new gown gets my goat!—Exchange.

More Than Serious.

Eulalia (elderly heiress) — Do you think the baron regards me seriously?

Rosa—Seriously? Why, my dear, every time I mention you he looks positively. sad.-Fliegende Blaetter.

Miss B.—What a frightful night for | * a dance! But, of course, you've a taxi? * Frugal Suitor—Well, not exactly, bu. | * Frugal Suitor-Well, not exactly, but *
I've brought you rubbers.-Life.

Natural Preference.
"Do you believe much in wives to or-

he is old enough to sit in the parlor at home.

A girl is never so young that she will reveal to guests at a party that the spoons are borrowed; a boy child never grows so old that he fails to.

Give the boy a dollar and he will eat it; give his sister one and she will wear it.

A brother and sister may have hair of the same shade, but the boy's is called red and the girl's auburn.

When brothers fight it is over the larger share of pie; when sisters quarrel one has worn something belonging to the other without asking permission.—Youth's Companion.

The Famous Meslem Kaaba.

It is a curious fact that the kaaba, which is one of the great attractions to the pilgrims who go to Mecca and Medina, antedates Mohammed as an institution and consequently is of pagan origin. It is a small building, in one wall of which is set the famous black stone, probably a meteorite, which the pilgrims all seek to kiss. The structure has actually been rebuilt more than once since Mohammed, but its old pagan form has been preserved. It was originally a heathen temple, of such standing among the Arabs that Mehammed felt compelled to adopt it into his new religion and even to permit the continuance of ancient customs concerning it. He did destroy the idols it contained, but he made a great concession to the old prejudices of his converts by making the observance of an old pagan feast of Mecca one of the five great precepts of the new faith.

he said coldly.

"Not when you want to give so body a little the worst of it." the ot fellow replied.—Detroit Free Press.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Use of Mineral Oil. Dr. Le Tanneur contributes to the Paris Medical some practical points in the use of mineral oil in constipation. The oil, he says. is in no way digested or even modified by the juices of the stomach and intestines. It acts as a lubricant and nothing else, though it tends to heal abrasions of the intestinal wall caused by

* rough particles of food.

* The New York Medical Jour
nal says mineral oil should be ### "I'd rather have one ready maid."—

Baltimore American.

Good Night.

He—Let me stay an hour more, dear; just an hour by the clock. She—But.
Billie, the clock doesn need company.

—Penn Froth.

The truest wisdom is a resolute de-

THEATRE AUDIENCES.

when we attempt to put it into words, observes the Irish World. But some to to start his story until at least five minutes later. He occupies these five minutes with a colorless scene of some kind just to keep the groundlings amused. In some cases he will begin each act in the same way. It depends on how fashionable his audience is and how thirsty. For a converse reason he must finish his play five minutes before the final curtain falls.

Another of our national customs is to leave the theater the moment Edwin has embraced angelina, although the author may have reserved a quaint comedy touch or a dramatic surprise for the actual end.

It is no use altering the hour of performance. Begin at midnight if you like; we shall not come until five minutes after. Leave off at 10; we shall go out five minutes before. It is in the blood. The tica that an audience owes any consideration to authors or actors is entirely foreign to us. The yery suggestion of it is almost an impertinence.—Louis N. Parker in New York Times.

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A recent poet has intimated that for the deep things of life language is altogether indequate; but, however that may be, it is the principal means at present by which human beings get close together.

We learn to talk, as we say, in the larst few years of life, and some of us get very little beyond that start in babyhood. We can ask for what we want to eat and driftink, but we are unable to express sympathy tactfully and gracefully.

We have a great many ideas that we never try to put into words, because we feel that we do not know the right words. We have not really learned to talk while we remain silent regarding the things which mean most to us.

IN AN ANDEAN CAPITAL.

Three courses seem to have been thustomary menu in medieval times for state banquet, less ceremonial feast comprising only two and no private dinner more han one. But each cours might comprise from eight to a dezer different dishes. Thus at the wedding banquet of Tenry V, there were only three courses, yet over thirty differe dishes are mentioned in the record-irrespective f fruits and wines.-Lor

wants to save her money.'

"In what way?"
"The last thing she should do is to husband her resources." — Baltimore

Real Nice.
Bobbie—That Mrs. Smith said something nice about you. Mrs. Brown (purring)—What was it, Bobbie? Bobbie—She said you didn't show your age.—London Telegraph.

He Gets In Early. "Do you sit up for your husband?"
"No: I am an early riser and am always up in time to greet him."—DeCAREFUL SPEECH.

A Sermon For Those Who Arrive Late and Depart Early.

It is one of our most hallowed national customs not to go into a theater until the curtain has risen. If by some stupid blunder we have arrived punctually we smoke a cigarette in the lobby.

So the cunning playwright takes care not to start his story until at least five not to start his story until at least five them.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

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IN AN ANDEAN CAPITAL.

They Have Queer Ideas About Bathing Places in Colombia.

Ibague, capital of the Colombian province of Tollima, claims 2,300 souls, but the count takes much for granted. It is a square cornered town of almost wholly thatched one story buildings, its wide streets atrociously cobbled and its few sidewalks worn perilously slippery and barely wide enough for two feet at once.

A stream of crystal clear water gurgles down every street through cobbled gutters, lulling the travel weary to sleep and furnishing a convenient means of washing photographic films. We drank less often, however, after we had strolled up to the end of the mountain and found three none too handsome ladies bathing in the reservoir.

It is a peaceful, roomy place where every one has unlimited space on the grassy, gentle slope to put up his little chalky, straw roofed cottage, yet all toe the street line as if fearful of missing anything that might unexpectedly pass. Foreigners seem to be a great novelty, and I could find no satisfactory reason why so many ibaguenos were bilind unless they had overfidulged themselves in the national game of staring.—Harry A, Franck in Century Magazine.

Red Foxes Mate For Life.

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This is a remarkable statement to make; but, coming from the source it does, it is worthy of consideration of all philanthropic men and applicable to the country as well as to the cities it would all the same be worthy of credence.

The life of severy one depends largely upon the start made. There are those who are started right and then depart from the straight but narrow path, but they are the exception and not the rule.

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Warming a Serpent.

Down in Bermuda Mark Twain made a speech about snakes to a group of little girls. The speech was great. The only trouble was that the little girls could not appreciate it. It flev over their neads. This was the humorist's couch is son.

morist's conclusion: "Never warm a serpent in your bes om. It is far easier to warm it b placing it under the pillow of an inti mate friend."

His Ear For Music.

"Has your daughter finished her musical education?"

"I suppose so," answered Mr. Twobble, "but sometimes when she is playing one of those classical pieces seems to me that she is starting the learn all over again." — Birmingham Age-Herald.

Age-Herald. Translation.
"What on earth did that fellow mean when he said he was a peregrinating pedestrian. castigating his itinerary from the classic Athens of America?"
"He meant he was a tramp beating his way from Boston."—Baltimore

Contentment gives a crown where fortune hath denied it.—Ford.

Military Marshale.

Military Marshals.

Like many other Trench words relating to war and hunting, "marechal," in its older form "marechal," is of purely Teutonic derivation in both its parts, and the word has had a curious history. Some words rise in the world with the passage of the centuries and others fall. This is one that from the very humblest of beginnings has come to great estate.

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The marshals do not owe their name to Mars, though they are his votaries. In the olden times they were about the humblest men in an army—horse servants, or grooms. Then they advanced to the dignity of being horseshoers, and those highly respected artisans are still "marechals" in France, though "ferrants" has to be added to make their calling clear. And, while "marechal de France" is a magnificent title, there are also "marechals des logis," who are in cavalry regiments only what "sergeants" are in infantry regiments.—Exchange.

Gun Salutes In India.

The viceroy of India, as, representative of the king-emperor, is entitled to a salute of their/one guns. This number had its origin in a mistake. Formeriy he was entitled to twenty-one guns When the time came, years ago, for allotting the salutes to the various native rulers of India the three principal of these vassal sovereigns—namely, those of Hyderabad. Mysore and Baroda—were each accorded twenty-one guns. It was discovered a little late in the day that the superior rank of the viceroy had been overlooked in the matter, and the necessity was pointed out of his supremacy over the vassal rulers being emphasized in the eyes of the natives. So instead of reducing the number of twenty-one guns that had been accorded to the three rulers in question the viceroy was given ten more guns and is today the only person in the world who is entitled to that altogether exceptional number of guns.—London Spectator.

How Buffale Bill Got His Name.
Many years ago: when the Union Pacific railroad was completed, the question arose as to how all the laboring men were to be fed on meat, as meat was thought necessary to make muscle.
General W. E. Webb had the contract to feed the men, and in talking the matter over one day with some of his subordinates one of them suggested that he call in William Cody, then a famous government scout on the plains, to help solve the problem. Cody suggested that he be allowed to hire men and kill buffalces for the railroad men.

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This plan was adopted, and Cody became later, world famous as Buffalo Bill. In those days the buffaloes were so plentiful that it is on record that more than one engineer had to stop his train until a herd had crossed.—A. G. Hegeman in New York Sun.

A Daring Voyage.

The smallest boat to cross the Atlantic under tier own sail was safed by Captain Andrews. This craft was but fourteen feet long, but in it Captain Andrews crossed the ocean in 1891, landing at Palos, Spain. He traveled about Europe exhibiting his boat until the World's fair in Chicago, when he returned to this country and placed it on view there. He had previously made two unsuccessful attempts to cross the ocean.

Inhuman.
"Gentlemen of the jury," said the lawyer for the plaintiff, "the defendant claims that when he ran over my client his car was going but three miles as hour. Think of the agony endured by ly as that!"-New York American.

Very Thoughtful.

Miss Askit Did your husband smoke those cigars you gave him for his birthday? Mrs. Nuwed—He smoked one and said he would keep the rest to remind him of my kindness.

Contrariness of the Sex.
"How was it your wife came to give
up housekeeping?"
"Just her contrary ways. First she
broke down, and then she broke up."—
Baltimore American.

National Forest Lands On about 2,000,000 acres of national forest lands grazing by domestic stock is either entirely prohibited or is greatly restricted to provide range for elk.

There is no gate into heaven except the end of the path of duty.—Van Dyke.

FIND YOUR COURSE.

Tread the Road Leading to the Goal
"a Life Well Lived."

There is only one best conduct of life for you, and that is the one that is best for you. Those who was er aimlessly in quest of the single right formula for existence grope in a maze through which they must thread their way endlessly in search of the center which does not exist.

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There is no one-recipe which will serve for all mankind. Each must learn not his neighbor's but his own best way of living. To one it may be the routine task, the daily round, to curb the wandering will and bring content. To another it may be the fortitude to escape the sheltering care of habit or the lassitude of sloth. To one it should be the abandonment of philosophy or introspection to rub elbows with his fellow men; to another, the willingness to let the soul awaken and breathe amid the sky rimmed prarie

with ms tentow men; to another, the willingness to let the soul awaken and breathe amid the sky rimmed prarie and under the deathless stars; to one, hearthstone and slippers; to another, the seven seas, the aurora borealis and the Southern Cross; to one, society, to another, solitude; to one, the quiet, which stills the passions; to another, the eternal restlessness which brings achievement.

The best rounded life contains something of each and all. There are but two attitudes to avoid—the level line of least resistance and the rigidity of self distrust which denies every impulse simply because it is impulse. Somewhere between the two lies your course. Many are the thickets to be hewed down, many the crags to be scaled. But beyond stands the Inn in the Clearing, where faithful travelers the Clearing, where faithful travelers may find the refreshment, the rest and the kindly words of welcome which form the goal and reward of life well-lived.—Collier's Weekly.

UNIQUE AMONG ANIMALS.

Raccoons Have a Curious Habit of Washing Their Food.

Few American wild animals are more widely known or excite more popular interest than the raccoon, which occupies most of the wooded parts of North America from the southern border of Canada to Panana, with the exception of the higher mountain ranges.

Its diet is extraordinarily varied and includes fresh water clams, crawfish, frogs, turtles, birds and their eggs, poultry, nuts, fruits and green corn. When near water raccoons have a curious and unique habit of washing their food before eating it. Their fondness for green corn leads them into frequent danger, for when bottom land corn tempts them away from their usual hauntst raccoon hunting with dogs at night becomes an especially favored sport. Raccoons are extraordinarily intelligent animals and make interesting and amusing pets.

They began to figure in our frontier fiterature at an early date. Coonskin caps, with the ringed talls hanging lifter plumes, made the favorite headgean of many ploneer hunters, and coonskins were recounted articles of batter, at country stores. Now that the increasing of country stores. Now that the increasing of country stores. Now that the increasing of country stores, now that the increasing of country stores. Now that the increasing of country stores how the characteristic and three-sting animals continue to food the second articles of their original rate.

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A Bird Joker.

A most surprising Australian bird is the kookooburra, or laughing jackass. All at once in the quiet bush come loud peals of uproarious, mocking laughter. One is not inclined to join in the merriment—it all seems as foolish and welrd as if an idiot, boy were disturbing a congregation in church. When the source of the laughter is located it turns out to be a silly looking bird. turns out to be a silly looking bird. with clumsy, square body and open mouth, sitting unconcernedly on a stump. — National Geographic Maga-

Getting Bald.

"Mr. Sorrell proposed to me, mother."
"And you accepted him, I hope."
"No, mother. I could never love a man with red hair.'

"But, my dear girl, you should consider the fact that he has very little of it."—Chicago Herald.

His Color.
Little Ben ito gentleman caller)—
You aren't black, are you? Mr. Mooney—Black, child? Why, no! I should hope not! What made you think I was? Little Ben—Oh, nothing! Only pa said you were awfully niggardly.—London Telegraph.

"In financial trouble? What is it?"
"Oh, I promised to pay Brown \$10 tooay, and I've got it, and he knows I've got it, and he knows I know he knows I've got it."—Puck.

Friends may be affronted in fun and lost in sober earnest.