

Arkansas the Mighty

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.

Boys and Girls

The difference is apparent early: A boy has as much fun in stoning a cat as a girl has in hunting for violets. A boy's curiosity is directed to the lock-box; a girl would like to see what is in the top bureau drawer.

THEATRE AUDIENCES.

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.

CAREFUL SPEECH.

It Aids Clear Thinking and the Expression of One's Ideas. Nothing is more of a help to clear thinking than careful speech. Very often we discover a flaw in our logic when we attempt to put it into words.

Military Marshals.

Like many other French words relating to war and hunting, "marchal" in its older form "mareschal" is of purely Teutonic derivation in both its parts, and the word has had a curious history.

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.

Art of Politeness.

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 politeness ever involves in one respect or another acts of self abnegation.

IN AN ANDEAN CAPITAL.

They Have Queer Ideas About Bathing Places in Colombia. Ibagu, capital of the Colombian province of Tolima, claims 2,300 souls, but the count takes much for granted.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

If There Were Fewer of Them There Would Be Less Crime. A St. Louis judge recently made the statement in an address delivered before a local bar association that "if one-fourth as much as is spent for keeping up our courts, jails, poorhouses and penitentiaries was applied to help neglected city children make a proper start in life the high tide of crime surely would decrease."

The Famous Moslem 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.

Early Railroading.

Some seventy-five years ago when two trains of the Western Atlantic railway met on the road's single track line violent discussions ensued between the conductors as to which train should back up and take the side-track, and the engineers frequently joined in the dispute.

Lofty Himalaya.

Himalaya, in south central Asia, is the most elevated and stupendous mountain system on the globe. It is not, as sometimes represented, a single chain, but a system, consisting of several parallel and converging ranges, with a vast number of rugged, snowy peaks, separated by great elevated valleys and plateaus.

Red Foxes Mate For Life.

Since the days of Aesop's fables tales of foxes and their doings have had their place in literature as well as in the folk lore of the countryside. Many of their amazing wiles to outwit pursuers or to capture their prey give evidence of extraordinary mental powers.

Our Public Health Service.

In the fields of preventive medicine and in all matters in which the public health is concerned, the public health service does work which is not only unsurpassed but unequalled in any country of the world.

First Horse Omnibus.

The first horse omnibus was seen in the neighborhood of Nantes in 1826 and ran to facilitate access to a bathing establishment which a M. Baudry had set up in the outskirts of that town.

High Cost of Living Problem.

Every legislative body would do well to consider ways and means of increasing agricultural production and of utilizing farm products which now go to waste as a step toward solving the high cost of living. Science alone can solve the problem, and no time should be lost in setting agencies at the task.

Guessing a Star.

Min, the wonderful star in the constellation "The Whale," stands foremost among those variable stars which "give" products so much guesswork. Besides the theory that its even months' variations are due to the flickering up and down of gas, it has been conjectured that this distant sun is subject to particularly acute sun spots, that its observations are due to eclipses by huge planets revolving round it.

No Immediate Benefits.

Things looked black for the dramatist. For the fourth time in one season a play had been withdrawn after a week's run.

Courses and Dishes.

Three courses seem to have been the customary menu in medieval times for a state banquet, less ceremonial feast comprising only two and no private dinner more than one. But each course might comprise from eight to a dozen different dishes.

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.

Just a Precaution.

"So you are attending 'cooking school'?" said the friend. "Are you going to do your own work after you are married?"

Reverse Methods.

"An heless has to take measures opposed to anybody else's when she wants to save her money."

His Ear For Music.

"Has your daughter finished her musical education?" "I suppose so," answered Mr. Twombly.

When It's True.

"There's no sentiment in business," he said coldly. "Not when you want to give some body a little the worst of it," the other fellow replied.

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.

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?"

More Than Serious.

Eulalia (elderly heless) - Do you think the baron regards me seriously? Rosa—Seriously? Why, my dear, every time I mention you he looks positively sad.—Fillegende Blaetter.

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, although it tends to heal abrasions of the intestinal wall caused by rough particles of food.

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."—Detroit Free Press.

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 goal!—Exchange.

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Good Night.

He—Let me stay an hour more, dear; just an hour by the clock. She—But, Billie, the clock doesn't need company.—Penn Froth.

The truest wisdom is a resolute determination.

—Napoleon I.

A Daring Voyage.

The smallest boat to cross the Atlantic under her own sail was sailed 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.

A Good Motto.

"We've got a good motto for our paper," said Kidder. "What is it?" asked his acquaintance. "What we have we hold."

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 an hour. Think of the agony endured by my client when being run over as slowly as that!"—New York American.

Very Thoughtful.

Miss Askitt 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 at the end of the path of duty.

—Van Dyke.

A Bird Joker.

A most surprising Australian bird is the kookooborra, 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 weird 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, with clumsy, square body and open mouth, sitting unconcernedly on a stump. —National Geographic Magazine.

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."

His Color.

Little Ben (to gentleman caller)—You aren't black, are you? Mr. Moneey—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.

Hard Lines.

"In financial trouble? What is it?" "Oh, I promised to pay Brown \$10 today, 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.