Humor and Philosophy

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THE LATEST.

HEIGHO!
But weren't we a slow,
Poky race
When out on the chase
After pleasure
Once upon a time?
No longer do we care
For the county fair
With its prize porkers,
Premium ducks
And the plethoric garden truck's
Soul stirring appeal,
The guaranteed patent meal
And, in short,
The whole array of that sort.
Those simple joys
Are ours no more,
And, tell the truth,
They make us sore.
We have expanded,
Gone up, one might say,
For now we while the time away
With a spectacular and neat
Aviation meet.
No town is too small
To hear the call—
The call of the skies—
And to offer a grand prize
For the first one to fly
In its own private sky,
And the aviator, haughty and proud,
Takes a look and thinks out loud,
And what does he say?
"Call that enough pay
For the chance of a broken neck
And the wreck
Of a $10,000 machine?"
He doesn't want to be mean,
But if they'll double the prize
He flies,
And if not
There's a lot
Of towns that will,
And they double it or he passes them by.
The man bird comes high,
But we must have him.

Extreme View.

"They are engaged."

"Are they?"

"That is what is said."

"I didn't suppose he was rich enough to ask a girl to marry him."

"He isn't."

"Then how does it happen? Has the girl money?"

"Oh, no. But they are both so poor that they don't know anything about money."

Natural Inference.

"I want you to meet my friend Mrs. Fetching."

"A widow?"

"Yes, of the grass variety."

"Why do you particularly want me to meet her?"

"Why, you are a vegetarian, you know."

Provided For.

"You don't seem worried about the results."

"I am not."

"Don't you think there is any doubt about the outcome?"

"Plenty of doubt."

"You don't seem to have taken any precautions."

"Oh, I'm married. My wife will take precautions and do all the worrying."

The Angler.

"He is a record breaker."

"That lazy fellow?"

"Yes."

"At fishing?"

"Naw."

"What record does he break?"

"Ananias'."

Mixed Fruit.

"His daughter is the apple of his eye."

"I can hardly understand that."

"Why not?"

"Any one can see that she is a peach."

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

If we had to take the advice we give probably there would be a great revision in the matter handed out.

Be suspicious of the man who sees everything as you see it. It may be that he is getting close enough to make a touch.

The milk of human kindness should yield a rich cream of goodfellowship.

People who have castles in the air may soon be called upon to pay an air tax.

Many a gown fits the wife a great deal more satisfactorily than the bill for it fits her husband.

There may be quite a difference to a man between having a draft in his pocket and a draft on his pocket.

A tall man is often short after marriage.

The man who doesn't invest money in his own enterprises may have more charity for himself than faith in his business.

One reason why some people change their minds readily is undoubtedly because it is so little trouble.

Trouble is a tiresome thing, but some people seem greatly to enjoy taking it.

THE LAYETTE.

Baby's First Wardrobe Should Be Very Carefully Chosen.

It is almost impossible for a young mother to choose wisely when selecting her first baby's layette. She is told of so many things she must have that she finds afterward that she rarely uses, and there are so many more she has to add later that no one thought to mention.

"So if this delightful task ever falls to me again," said a young mother recently, "I shall spend less on lace edgings and cobweb insertions and set aside the amount saved for extra laundry work. To keep a baby dainty and sweet requires an almost incredible amount of washing and ironing. If the young mother attempts it she will have little time left for her baby, herself, her husband or her home.

"In addition to counting on plentiful laundering, I shall make the little garments simpler and put my surplus time into preparing more of them. A half dozen each of muslin slips, petticoats and flannel underskirts, six dozen diapers, one-half dozen each of cashmere stockings, shirts and abdominal bands, four bath wrappers and 'nightingales' and one full dozen nightgowns are necessary, but no more. The latter need as frequent changing as the diapers, and yet very few people provide more than three or four. This gives no opportunity for more than a hurried rinsing, whereas this garment needs careful sterilizing and airing more than any other.

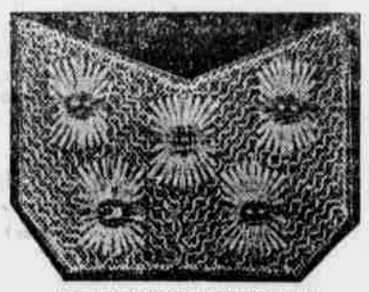
"I would buy the shaped diapers rather than the straight goods. Though more expensive, they wear splendidly and fit infinitely better. I would expend nothing on costly bath sponges, which soon become so filthy (despite the best care) that they are a menace to baby's tender skin. Instead I would hem all the old linen and damask squares I could find into wash cloths of different sizes for the face, ears, nostrils, eyes and body, those for the eyes being kept carefully apart. These cloths should be boiled for twenty minutes in a soda or boric solution and then sealed up until needed, and they should be frequently discarded. It is well also to keep some very soft bits of linen to clean the baby's mouth with, using each piece only once. "Thrush" and other infantile throat diseases lurk in dirty washcloths.

"Lastly, I would not save the baby's 'best' clothes with the idea of economizing, for the dear little mites grow at an unconscionable rate, and many a real lace bonnet and filmy slip have been labored over to be worn only two or three times."

For the Needlewoman.

In the dressmaking world handwork is the height of modishness, and the frock that boasts a quantity of this stitchery is extremely exclusive and proportionately expensive. But it is possible for the home needlewoman to turn out exquisite trimmings for her frocks at small cost. The illustration shows an up to date design for the front of a waist carried out in embroidery, which is further elaborated with colored beads to represent jewels.

The work is done on very coarse white brussels net with white embroidery silk. The ground is given a damascened effect by darning in somewhat irregularly four strands of the silk, taking two holes of the net horizontally in the opposite direction, as shown in the cut. The large ornaments are also embroidered in the silk, taking a full strand. The longest stitch covers eight holes of the net below the center of the flower and eight above it, and thirteen graduated stitches are worked below the center and thirteen above it. The beads are used for filling in the centers of the flowers.



JEWELED WAIST DECORATION.

The Fly.

"Where on earth do those flies come from?" is a frequent and despairing question.

How do flies get into the house?

They may come down the chimneys, if the fireplaces have tipping dampers. These should be tightly closed in flytime. An appreciable falling off in their number will be the result.

If the chimneys have not the tipping damper, a screen such as is used for a window can be fitted into the fireplace, or, easier still, a bundle of paper may be stuffed up the chimney.

Either method is successful, and no trouble is too great to get rid of these pests.

Making the Work Easy.

It is a splendid plan to keep a measuring spoon in coffee and tea canisters, and also in soda and baking powder cans. This will be found a great saving in time in the kitchen work, for when one has only a single measuring spoon it is likely to get misplaced, and it has an annoying habit of getting misplaced completely just when it is badly needed.

Watch the Kitchen Sink.

The sink in the average household is the most malignant of all household conveniences, needs more attention than any other appointment of the kitchen and, owing to the fact that it is usually made of iron, which does not show the dirt, it generally receives less.

For the Children

When Ted Comes the Fun Begins.

Oh, isn't it lively at our house
When our young cousin Ted spends the day!
He can think of more things in a minute
Than would take us a whole week to play.
The last time he came it was barber,
And he used all of daddy's best soap.
You ought to have seen the piazza.
It'll never be wetter, I hope.
And then when he goes it's still lively.
We wonder how we ever could dare!
And we wouldn't so much mind what follows
If our cousin would stay for his share.
—Youth's Companion.

Carloads of Crawlers.

There were five full carloads of a queer kind of freight that recently left the far western states for the east. The carloads were of wriggling, writhing, cold and clammy snakes, and most of them were poisonous. They had been collected in different parts of California, New Mexico and Arizona and in northwestern Mexico, and there were 1,700 of them altogether. There were twenty-four different kinds of snakes in the five carloads, and they were of all sorts and different lengths. If they had been stretched out in a line they would have measured all of three miles, and three miles of snakes is no small matter. The shipments were made to different zoos in the eastern cities and to Europe, where the small children that speak queer languages will call them by names that would sound funny to the boys and girls of this country.—Chicago News.

A Puzzle Game.

Here is a pencil and paper game for the puzzle loving. It can be played by any number. Starting with one given word, the test is to change it into another given word by changing only one letter at a time, and the winner is he who arrives most quickly at the result and by the shortest process. For instance, suppose the word "dog" is given to be changed into "cat." The best method would be dot, cot, cat. Of course longer words are more difficult, but usually patience will bring success. For instance, the word "fast" may be changed into "slow" by the following steps: Fast, last, lost, loot, soot, slot, slow. Perhaps there is a shorter way that a little study will discover. If the party is large it is more fun to play the game with groups of two as partners.

The Giraffe.

Giraffes have been known in Paris since a comparatively recent date only. The earliest specimens came there during the reign of Louis XVI. From a Frenchman of about that time, an explorer named Levaillant, who had traveled among the Kaffirs and Hottentots, these animals with the long necks were first heard of in France. Nobody believed his story, and he was laughed at until some living specimens arrived in the French capital and he established his credit for truthfulness.

Little Helpers.

Do you know what the children who do things to help one another are called? They are called "little step savers," and a great blessing they are to many a tired mother. For their own growth it is necessary for children to run and walk a great deal. By saving steps for mother they are helping themselves to grow and doing a great kindness to mother at the same time.

Conundrums.

When is a gentleman's shirt like the heavens at night? When bespangled with stars.

What would contain all the snuff in the world? No one nose (knows).

Why does a gentleman look first on one side and then another when walking down the street? Because he can't look on both sides at the same time.

What small animals are always seen at social functions? White kids.

Correct Pronunciation.

The correct pronunciation of the English language and all foreign words in common use is becoming a subject of interest and importance to those persons who can appreciate the great advantage of possessing the ability to speak correctly. To render conversation most delightful to a cultivated ear the pronunciation of every word must be correct.

Game of Crambo.

Each writes one or two nouns on one slip and a question on another, or both may be written on one. All are shuffled and drawn. An answer to the question must be written in verse, bringing in the nouns.

Married Women's Names.

In England and in the United States a woman loses her identity in marriage. In Belgium and Spain the husband adds the name of his wife to his own. In the United States women sometimes retain the family name, as Mrs. Harriet (Beecher) Stowe. In the Channel islands the woman never loses her maiden name. In Spain the children write the names of both parents, as Llarena y Monteverde. In "Don Quixote" is the following: "Casajo was my father's name, and I, for being the wife of Sancho Panza, am called Teresa Panza, but by good right they ought to call me Teresa Casajo." In Scotland both names are preserved, and the woman is always known by her maiden name. In Wales it is the custom to describe the woman by her maiden name. The fact that a woman on becoming the wife of a man loses her identity is apparent in many portions of the Bible, when under the ancient custom man, on taking a wife, declared that she became "flesh of my flesh and blood of my blood," thereby establishing the old time saying that man and wife are one.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Tyranny of the Tip.

There have always been those who have revolted against the tyranny of the tip. So long ago as October, 1795, we find that ubiquitous personage, "Constant Reader," venting his grievances in the columns of the London Times. "If a man who has a horse puts up at an inn," he complains, "besides the usual bill he must at least give 1s. to the waiter, 6d. to the chambermaid, 6d. to the hostler and 6d. to the jackboot, making together 2s. 6d. At breakfast you must give at least 6d. between the waiter and hostler. If the traveler only puts up to have a refreshment, besides paying for his horses' standing he must give 3d. to the hostler; at dinner 6d. to the waiter and 3d. to the hostler; at tea 6d. between them; so that he gives away in the day 2s. 6d., which, added to the 2s. 6d. for the night, makes 5s. per day on an average to the servants." They did the thing pretty thoroughly in those days.

A Millionaire.

The term "millionaire" is of international use, but it does not mean the same thing in the mouths of different nations. To every one it means the possession of a million, but not necessarily a million dollars. In Great Britain a millionaire has a million pounds, or nearly $5,000,000, while in France they count francs, so that there a millionaire is a comparatively poor individual with but $200,000 to bless himself with. Millionaires are quite common in Prussia, but a million marks don't mean much these days, amounting to a trifle of $250,000 in our money. For millionaires of real class it is necessary to go back to old Babylon. The Babylonian millionaire had 1,000,000 talents and would not be regarded as a poor man even by a Wall street office boy. A talent was about $2,000, and a million of them would be $2,000,000,000.

A Triple Play.

It was at the end of the ninth inning. Yet, though the home team was two runs to the good, things looked black for them.

The visitors were at bat. There were no outs, and three men were on bases; also Terrible Terry Tomkins was up, and Terry's batting average reached the clouds.

Terry hunched his shoulders and waited confidently, and a groan went up from the bleachers.

The ball flew in three pieces, and the pieces flew in three directions. One was caught by the pitcher, one was pulled out of the air by the shortstop, and one landed in the first baseman's mitt. A triple play! The game was the home team's.

The bleachers went wild.—Philadelphia Times.

Breaking It Gently.

"I have called, sir, to see the photo of the lady with $25,000 who wants a husband."

"Can you keep your face straight?"

"Of course I can."

"Very well. We'll break you in first with the $5,000 applicants, and then gradually, as you grow stronger, we will work you up to the big prize. This way, please, and don't get frightened."—Exchange.

Dinner Among the Romans.

The Romans in the time of Cicero and Augustus took an early breakfast, from 3 to 4 in the morning; a luncheon at 12 or 1, and at about 3 o'clock the coena, or principal meal of the day, corresponding with our dinner. Concurrently we read of some not dining until sunset.

Early Morning Talks.

He is always doing something that causes a lot of talk."

"Why, I never heard any of it."

"He is the only one who hears it. He is always staying out at night later than his wife wishes him to."—Houston Post.

A Scheme.

Youthful Inquirer—Father, what is a scheme? Perplexed Parent—I can't exactly define it, my boy, but it is something which will fall through quicker than anything else on earth.

Coming.

First Graduate—I hear that you've got a job on the road. Second Ditto—Yes; it hasn't reached me yet.—Exchange.

Happiness in this world, when it comes, comes incidentally. — Hawthorne.

Good and Bad.

A remarkably brief, effective summing up was once quoted by Lord James in an after dinner speech. It was delivered by an Irish judge trying a man for pig stealing. The evidence of his guilt was conclusive, but the prisoner insisted on calling a number of witnesses, who testified most emphatically to his general good character. After hearing their evidence and the counsel's speeches the judge remarked. "Gentlemen of the jury, I think that the only conclusion you can arrive at is that the pig was stolen by the prisoner and that he is the most amiable man in the county."—London Chronicle.

Haec Docet.

Old Aesop oft—Oh, sad mistake!—
When badgered for a story.
Would tell a tale of blood and make
His allegory gory.
—Chicago Tribune

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WAYNE COUNTY.

Lillian M. Connors v. Geo. A. Connors. No. 49 Jan. Term, 1911. Libel in Divorce

To GEORGE A CONNORS: You are hereby required to appear in the said Court on the third Monday in January next, to answer the complaint exhibited to the judge of said court by Lillian M. Connors, your wife, in the cause above stated, or in default thereof a decree of divorce as prayed for in said complaint may be made against you in your absence. M. LEE BRAMAN, Sheriff.

Searle & Salmon, Attorneys.

Honesdale, Oct. . 1911. 83w4

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

By virtue of an order of Orphans' Court of Wayne county, made the 14th day of October, 1911, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises at Equinunk, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, on

FRIDAY, NOV. 10, 1911, 2 P. M.,

the real estate belonging to the estate of Reuben W. Redmond, late of the Township of Buckingham, county of Wayne and State of Pennsylvania.

All the following described piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the township of Buckingham, county of Wayne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at an iron pin in the center of the road leading up and down Equinunk creek opposite a maple a corner of land now occupied by John L. Snyder; thence north sixty-three and one-half degrees west fifty perches to a heap of stones; thence north twenty-six and one-half degrees east, thirty-four and seven tenths perches to a heap of stones; thence south sixty degrees and fifty-five minutes east sixty-five and two tenths perches to an iron pin in the center of the said road; thence south forty-two degrees west twenty-six perches to a post; thence south thirty and one-half degrees west four perches to a post a corner of said Snyder's land; thence along the line of the same south forty-one and one-half degrees west four perches to a post corner another corner of said Snyder's land; thence along the line of the same eight perches to the place of beginning. Containing fourteen acres and four perches of land, be the same more or less. Bearings drawn to county meridian surveyed 3rd of April, 1894. Reserving, however, to Fred R. Holbert, his heirs and assigns a right of way across the said land from the public highway aforesaid at or near the White school house to other lands of the said Fred R. Holbert as the same is now used. See Deed Book No. 62, page 130. The above bounded premises was conveyed to H. Kate Sheldon by Fred R. Holbert and Minnie E. Holbert his wife by deed dated the 12th day of July A. D. 1894.

Reserving to the use of Delamah Redmond, widow of Reuben W. Redmond, the use of four small rooms in the dwelling house during the remainder of her life.

Upon the said premises is a frame dwelling house, barn and other out buildings.

Terms of Sale, cash. Purchaser to pay three dollars for deed as in Sheriff's sale.

John Tompkins, Executor.

M. E. Simons, Attorney.

D. & H. CO. TIME TABLE---HONESDALE BRANCH

A.M. SUN	P.M. SUN		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	STATIONS	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.		P.M. SUN	A.M. SUN
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5 40	8 45	.....	6 20	2 05	8 45	.....Carbondale.....	8 05	1 35	5 50	.....	11 25	8 27
5 50	8 55	.....	6 30	2 15	8 55	...Lincoln Avenue...	7 54	1 25	5 40	.....	11 14	8 17
5 54	8 59	.....	6 34	2 19	8 59	.....Whites.....	7 50	1 21	5 34	.....	11 10	8 13
6 11	9 18	.....	6 52	2 37	9 18	.....Farview.....	7 33	1 03	5 18	.....	10 53	7 54
6 17	9 24	.....	6 58	2 43	9 24	.....Canaan.....	7 25	12 56	5 11	.....	11 45	7 47
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6 26	9 32	.....	7 07	2 52	9 32	.....Waymart.....	7 17	12 49	5 56	.....	10 37	7 39
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6 39	9 43	.....	7 20	3 03	9 43	.....Prompton.....	7 05	12 36	4 51	.....	10 25	7 26
6 43	9 47	.....	7 24	3 07	9 47	.....Fortenia.....	7 01	12 32	4 47	.....	10 21	7 22
6 46	9 50	.....	7 27	3 10	9 50	.....Seelyville.....	6 58	12 29	4 44	.....	10 18	7 19
6 50	9 55	.....	7 31	3 15	9 55	.....Honesdale.....	6 55	12 25	4 40	.....	10 15	7 15
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