

HEARTY IN FINING.

The Finns are an upright, faithful and hospitable people. A writer in the Saturday Review speaks of their honesty as proverbial, and proceeds to give some experience of his own as illustrative of the scrupulous and even "heroic" manner in which they tell the truth, and the whole truth, under the most difficult circumstances.

"This seems to be exactly the kind of apparatus I am looking for," I said to a merchant in Helsinki, as I looked at an article worth about \$75; "I will buy it at once if, knowing what I want for, you can honestly advise me to take it."

"No, sir," he answered, "I do not recommend you to take it, nor have I anything in stock just now that would suit you." And I left the shop and purchased what I wanted elsewhere.

"Here's your fare," said I to a peasant in the interior, who had driven for three hours through the woods in his droak, as I handed him four shillings. "No, sir, that's double my fare," he replied, returning me half the money. And when I told him to might keep it for his honesty, he slightly nodded his thanks with the dignity of one of nature's noblemen, from which defiant pride and cringing obsequiousness were equally absent.

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Feminine Humor.

The people who have sometimes entered the very unsafe generalization that "women have no sense of humor" must be unacquainted with the genuine American girl, whose gift for a sort of humor which seems to be the peculiar property of this country—comical comparisons and odd exaggerations—is beyond doubt very great. A certain young New York girl of 18 is well known to her friends to possess this sense of humor. Of a particularly haughty and repellent woman she remarked: "She steps as if the ground were not good enough for her to walk on, and therefore she always wears rubbers."

She said of a young man who had not much liking for hard work, but who complained that he could find nothing to do: "That's why he wears glasses; he has worn out his eyes looking for something nice to do."

She remarked one day of a particularly dithered specimen of a Skyler: "No, sir, that's double my fare," he replied, returning me half the money. And when I told him to might keep it for his honesty, he slightly nodded his thanks with the dignity of one of nature's noblemen, from which defiant pride and cringing obsequiousness were equally absent.

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A GREAT CORRAL.

THE IMMENSE CAVALRY DEPT BUILT DURING THE WAR.

Thousands of Horses Held There for the Army—How the Sick and Disabled Were Treated—A Stampede at Night.

In the spring of 1863 it was determined to erect near Washington a great depot where Cavalry and artillery horses could be received and trained for the field and where, when from any cause they were unserviceable, they could be cared for and, if found practicable, doctor and fed into a serviceable condition, or if not, condemned and sold.

Few if any of our readers living in Washington are ignorant of the location and surroundings of Giesboro Point, but for those who are not so fortunate it may be briefly stated that it is located at the north end of a level stretch of land which skirts the hills on the Maryland side of the river, commencing just south of the confluence of the Anacostia with the Potomac, and is from one to one and a half miles wide, and in length extending some distance south of Alexandria.

A gentleman, by the name of Young owned a fine farm there, on which it was decided to erect the depot. A large field of ripening corn covered a portion of the plain. This was cut and shocked in about the time it takes to tell it, and engineers were at once at work laying out streets, marking the sites for the erection of huge hospitals, for the veterinary stables, commissary, quartermaster store, kitchen, and other buildings, and for the erection of the depot.

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A Curious Freak of Nature in Georgia.

The Athens (Ga.) Banner has a curious story to tell concerning a child that is eleven years old and hasn't a bone in its body. It says: "There is in the State of Georgia today a child eleven years old but very little larger than when it was born, and without a bone in its body. It is a citizen of Athens, and he is a gentleman of undoubted veracity. The names of the parents and the place where they reside are not given, as they are sensitive upon the subject. "This curious freak of nature is suggested at present by a story going the rounds of the press concerning a woman in New York gradually becoming ossified. She noticed the ends of her fingers becoming stiffened, and one day knocked over a table and broke off the end joint. It was a solid bone and very brittle. Her nose and feet are now turning to bone. "On the other hand, here is a human being without a bone in its body. It is a citizen of Athens, and he is a gentleman of undoubted veracity. 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