

Natural History Item.
Gardening ants collect pieces of vegetable and pile them up to rot in the dark interior of their nests until the rubbish is covered with a growth of fungus on which the ants feed.

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STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Action—Enjoyed the Game—A True Tragedy—What Starts It—Willing to Accommodate, Etc., Etc.
"All things will come to him who waits." But here's a rule that's slicker: The man who goes for what he wants Will get them all the quicker. —Judge.

HABIT.
"There's a bonnet," said the editor's wife, "that is a perfect poem."
"Yes," he replied, absent-mindedly; "but we never pay for poetry." —Washington Star.

WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE.
Tramp—"Can you let me have a pair of old shoes?"
Lady of the House—"No; but wait till I call my husband. I think he can let you have a new boot." —Detroit Free Press.

A TRUE TRAGEDY.
Friend—"Did you suffer much when you took laughing gas and had your tooth out?"
"Merely, yes; when I came to I found my hat wasn't on straight." —Chicago Record.

WHAT STARTS IT.
"Mrs. Goodsense is going to start a dress-reform movement here. What do you think of it?"
"Merely! I had never noticed that her figure was so bad as all that." —Washington Star.

A WASTE OF ENERGY.
Higbee—"There is a man who wastes his eloquence on the desert air."
Robbins—"Who is he?"
Higbee—"An after-dinner speaker." —Philadelphia Life.

SHOULD HAVE DONE IT BEFORE.
Haverly—"What do you think of a man's marrying his mother-in-law after his wife's death?"
Austen—"He ought to have married her in the start; then he wouldn't have had any to marry." —Pack.

LIKED THE SOUND.
Finnicus—"I cannot understand what satisfaction it can be for Mrs. Gableigh to talk as she does to that dead old waxton. He can't hear a word she says."
Witticus—"No; but she can." —Pack.

ENJOYED THE GAME.
Brush to man sitting next to him at football game—"Do you enjoy football?"
Man—"Yes."
Brush—"Are you a player?"
Man—"No, I am a surgeon." —Truth.

ONE CONSOLATION.
Phyllis—"If you continue to be a rolling stone, Gordon, you will never amount to anything."
Gordon—"There is one great advantage of being a rolling stone; you don't get picked up for a flat." —Philadelphia Life.

STUCK.
The beautiful girl from Cincinnati sat with clenched teeth.
"My dear," said her mother, "you surprise me. Don't you know you should never—" (she lifted up her hands in horror) "eat more than four caramels at once?" —Life.

WELL EARNED.
"What was the first money you ever earned, Hicks?"
"Money I didn't get," said Hicks. "My mother cut off my curls when I was a small boy and wore 'em herself. I must have saved her thirty or forty dollars." —Harper's Bazar.

WOULD STOOP TO CONQUER.
"No, George," she said, "I can never be yours."
"Then I am rejected," he moaned.
"No, dearest, not that; but I am a woman's suffragist, and cannot be any man's. You, however, may be mine if you will." —Harper's Bazar.

A CONSOLATIONIST.
Mr. Sottie—"Oh, I say, Miss Kitty, your friend says I am a gibbering idiot; isn't that cruel?"
Miss Kitty—"Too bad, too bad. She should have thought before she spoke. She knows the truth is not at all times pleasant." —Detroit Free Press.

AMENITIES.
Mrs. Cheltenham—"I suppose you are very much gratified to think your youngest daughter is going to be married."
Mrs. Witherby—"Yes, indeed; and I am simply delighted to think that your oldest can act as one of the bridesmaids." —Detroit Free Press.

IN A BARBEROUS LAND.
The torturer stood over him menacingly, the glittering blade bared. "Perhaps if I plead with him he will spare me," was the victim's thought. But terror kept him silent, while the barber appointed him with bay rum, hair tonic, lavender water, vasoline, pomatum and brilliantine.
However, there was a Turkish bath in the next block. —Puck.

AN ANTI-CHICKEN REMEDY.
"Are you still troubled by your neighbor's chickens?" asked one man of another.
"Not a bit," was the answer. "They are kept shut up now."
"How did you manage it?"

QUEER THINGS FOR SALE.
NOVEL PURCHASES THAT MAY BE MADE IN NEW YORK.

Time and Water Are Daily Bought—People Who Sell Their Bodies—Autographs of Famous People.

IN New York, as in other great cities, where the fight for life is the fiercest, there is a price for everything—even, under certain conditions, for the very air we breathe. Father Time himself is on sale. The Western Union Telegraph Company has desks in the Naval Observatory in Washington. Four minutes before noon the wires of the system all over the United States are cleared of business, and the instant the sun passes the seventy-fifth meridian electricity carries the news to every city. The time-ball falls in New York at noon, in Chicago at 11 a. m., in Omaha at 10 a. m. and in San Francisco at 9 a. m., in simultaneous obedience to that single click from the instrument at Washington.

In all the large cities the Western Union has supplied business houses, bank and offices with electric clocks, that respond immediately to the daily mandate. Each of these rent for \$10 per year, and in New York alone over 8000 have been put up. Last year's revenue to the telegraph company from the sale of time approximated \$1,500,000.

Water is sold regularly to the ships in the harbor and the "water boats," with big tanks on board, are familiar objects to all yachtsmen. Brooklynites will recall the discomfort, incident to the breaking of a big main not long since and the people of Newark cannot forget the annoyance and cost of their experience three years ago. The supply from the Passaic was like mud soup and, for the time being, the owners of an artesian well in the Oranges did a large trade in water. The householders of Roseville, and those even further downtown, watched for the morning water carts more eagerly than ever a milkman was awaited, and saw a sufficient quantity for the day provided before taking train for New York.

Ordinarily there is no sale for air, but, like water, when a man wants it he wants it "mighty bad." This for a while was the case at Libby Prison, where, before the prisoners organized a sort of government of their own, it was customary for the stronger men to get as near the windows as they dared and then sell their places to weaker comrades who were gasping for breath. Fire, of course, in the form of various combustibles is a recognized commodity.

One frequently hears of those who suffer from strange and incurable diseases and who make comfortable their last days by selling their bodies to the surgeons for dissection.

Reduced gentlemen often derive revenue by chaperoning and introducing to good society the daughters of the newly rich. Invitations to select balls occasionally represents a large outlay, and it probably costs as much to get into the swell set as it does to gain a seat in Congress. The social aspirant makes "presents," while the political is "assessed."

Relics, sacred, profane and ghastly, have their price. Autographs of famous people are always in demand, and a bit of the rope with which a murderer has been hanged is valued by gamblers and the superstitious. In Paris it is customary, once a year, to sell at auction the personal effects of those who have been executed, and this always attracts a large crowd of purchasers. Locks of hair from the heads of noted beauties or celebrated men are marketable.

Charms, including, of course, the rabbit's foot, bring revenue to their cunning devisers, and astrologers and fortune-tellers have a clientele respectable in numbers. Lucky stones and mad-stones are prized by those who believe in their virtues.

Consumptives often pay for the privilege of drinking fresh blood as it pours from the necks of butchered animals at the slaughter houses, hoping that the sanguine draught may stay the ravages of disease. The big hotels in New York and elsewhere derive some income from the sale of unspoiled scraps of food to the keepers of cheap restaurants, and thus the latter are able to serve their patrons with large bowls of stew at a maximum price of ten cents.

On the east side of this city several people eke out a scanty living by writing letters for the illiterate. Even the four-leaved clover may be turned into coin. A big business is done in selling electricity and steam power, while many a man in New York is paying a high price for sunlight. A "view" adds materially to the value of a house. —New York World.

Effects of Electric Lights on Foliage.
In the larger cities, where shade trees are few and scattering, electric lights seem to have no visible effect upon their foliage. In the towns and villages, however, many of which have their electric light systems, the effect is very noticeable, the leaves appearing as though they had been subjected to the blighting breath of a harman. The question was recently discussed at a meeting of the Eastern arboriculturists, the conclusion being that trees need darkness in order that they may sleep, and that being continually kept awake and active they have been worn out, and made prematurely old by the action of the light. That this is probably the correct solution of the mystery of the drooping leaves may be judged from the fact that similar trees in the neighborhood of those affected (though not exposed to the illumination) still retain their color and seem bright and strong. —Chicago Herald.

NEWS & NOTES FOR WOMEN

The ingenious housewife will devise some sort of boot cupboard to store the family footwear.

Miss Frances Willard, President of the W. C. T. U., thinks that women have more backbone than men.

McAllister's daughter started the fashion at Newport, R. I., of riding a bicycle followed by a groom on a wheel.

Cleopatra was of Greek descent, not Egyptian, and, it is alleged, had the red-gold hair so popular with the Hellenic poets.

In Paris, the mothers keep their children indoors, and, as Dickens has noted in his "Tale of Two Cities," themselves sit out in the open air.

"Jennie June" says: "I am a woman. I love women. I live to help women, and I am always ready to assist in any work that benefits women."

A novelty in jewelry is a pin in the form of a pitcher of gold, the base being formed of one large pearl and the lip and handle encrusted with diamonds.

Heart-shaped purses of red leather are a new conceit across the Atlantic. They are very diminutive, and have the owner's monogram in silver placed on one side.

One of the great manufacturers of household furniture in Grand Rapids, Mich., employs a woman as chief designer of artistic furniture, and pays her a handsome salary.

There are now ten residents in the university women's settlement in Southwark, London. An adjoining house has been taken to provide better accommodation for the workers.

There is a greater latitude for individual opinion in the matter of bangs than at any time heretofore and every woman is practically permitted to work out her own salvation.

Miss Elizabeth Polhemus, a bright California woman, about twenty years of age, is qualifying herself as a pilot of ocean vessels entering the harbor of San Diego. In eight months she expects to pass the required examination.

Cobalt and powder blue are favorite shades. A warm pelisse for a girl of twelve is of frieze cloth in a deep powder-blue shade, with a trimming of black braid and a waistband of black satin, forming a sash at one side.

A Chicago woman who is engaged in carrying on a successful and paying laundry makes a specialty of doing fine table-linen in the best manner. She provides a place where the women and girls that she employs can get themselves a warm lunch, if they wish it, and sends them to their homes each day at 5.30 o'clock.

A New Jersey woman has patented an improvement in safety envelopes. Her plan is to stamp upon the gum on the flap a figure of any shape with a fluid which, having once been dried, will run on the application of moisture. It is thus made possible for the recipient to ascertain whether the envelope has been tampered with or not.

Mrs. Levi P. Morton, who was Miss Street, inherited a large fortune from her father. She is a fine musician and an accomplished linguist as well as being a beautiful woman with charming manners. Her flock of young daughters are equally interesting, and promise to be ornaments to society when they are "brought out."

If a pointed bodice is worn the skirt is fitted to rest above it, with a smooth or folded bias belt of the goods or trimming fastened permanently to the top. It fastens at the back under a short, square bow, without ends. One of the latest fads is to use a jet, steel, silver or paste buckle in every bow on a gown, be it of ribbon or the material.

Mme. Couvreur, who has just succeeded her late husband as the London Times representative in the Belgian capital, is best known to the public as "Tasma," the novelist. Of Dutch family, she was born in Highgate and was brought up in Tasmania—hence her nom de plume. She first made her name in Europe as a lecturer on emigration in the principal towns of France.

Mrs. George Gregory is a very handsome brunette who rides a bicycle. On the road she wears a very becoming cycling suit of gray cloth, the skirt reaching to the shoe tops, over which are grey suede leggings. The jacket is blazer in effect and opens over a white silk shirt waist. A stylish alpine hat of gray and white straw has a stiff white feather stuck coquetishly in the side.

Eccentric no doubt, but a woman with an extraordinary amount of sympathy for those who are suffering around her is the French Duchess D'Uzes, the wealthiest woman in France, who every Friday puts on the ordinary dress of a nurse and visits a certain cancer hospital, where she takes the place of one of the regular attendants all day, putting herself entirely under the direction of the superintendents.

An American who met Sarah Grand at an author's club reception in London says that the famous misanthropic lady held a little court of her own during the evening, and it was composed almost entirely of the despised sex. Mme. Grand was dressed in black, which set off to advantage her "lovely white skin, almost lily fair," contrasting strongly with her dark hair and brows. Her nose had a curious pinkness of tint to it.

THE BUSINESS MAN'S LUNCH.
Hard Work and Indigestion go Hand in Hand.

Concentrated thought, continued in, robs the stomach of necessary blood, and this is also true of hard physical labor.

When a five-horse-power engine is made to do ten-horse-power work something is going to break. Very often the hard-worked man coming from the field or the office will "bolt" his food in a few minutes which will take hours to digest. Then, too, many foods are about as useful in the stomach as a keg of nails would be in a fire under a boiler. The ill-used stomach refuses to do its work without the proper stimulus which it gets from the blood and nerves. The nerves are weak and "ready to break," because the food does not get the nourishment they require from the blood, finally the ill-used brain is morbidly wide awake when the overworked man attempts to find rest in bed.

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