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HAD AN UNUSUAL CAPACITY.

The Native Couldn't Understand What Sort of Animals They Were.

"A year or so ago," said a visitor from St. Louis, "I made a tour of the Ozarks in Southern Missouri with a party of Northern friends. One afternoon, in company with a bright young girl from Iowa, I made the round of a number of native cabins near Mammoth Spring, just across the line in Arkansas. My companion wanted to see a bit of life of the squatters, if they may be called by that name, and we were at our wit's end to devise some excuse for our visit to the houses. We concluded that nothing would be better than to ask for a drink of water. This we did at each place. We unwisely drank in the doorways or just outside, instead of stepping into the cabin, and soon the attention of pretty nearly all the mountaineers and their large families was attracted. At the seventh house, after we had secured the usual tomato can full of delightful spring water, the man observed:

"Say, young feller, if it don't make no difference, I'd like ter ask a question."

"All right," said I, "what is it?"
"Wall," continued the mountaineer, "I've seed all sorts er people an' animals frum er monkey ter er elephant, but I'm danged if I ever see anybody er er'd drink ez much water ez you an' the gal thar. How'd yer do it?"

"I don't know that my explanation explained, but the quarter of an hour I consumed in making up a good story was ample time to allow us to look the queer habitation over thoroughly."



Johnnie—Dere now! I toly der fellers wud be wantin' ter play checkers on dat patch yer put in me trousers!

SELECTED SAYINGS.

Don't spare the rod if you expect to catch any fish.

Don't trouble about trouble that doesn't trouble you.

Don't expect to find uniformity of opinion on any subject.

Don't condemn a thing until its inefficiency has been proven.

Don't be ungallant—look at the faults of a lady with closed eyes.

Don't get discouraged because you are unable to understand everything.

Don't try to fence in a how-legged man—he always has an open gait of his own.

Don't hit a man when he's down—it's safer to throw rocks at him when he's up a tree.

Don't marry for money, but always for love—but if a girl has money here's no harm in trying to love her.

Don't spread an ill report about your neighbor unless you are positive it is true—and don't do it then if he's bigger than you.

FOUR TRUTHFUL FACTS.

Exalt a harmless indulgence into the domain of sinfulness, and you will be sure to make it wonderfully popular.

A woman either fears or hates the man who knows just how old she is. He is liable to give her away at any moment.

Lying might be a very profitable thing if one held a monopoly in it, all other persons being compelled to speak the truth. But, when anybody can lie if he wants to, mendacity does not amount to much.

It is funny, but there is nothing that sounds so silly as the talk of two lovers who think they are beyond the hearing of anyone; and yet there is nothing in it that is one-half so intoxicating as his same silly talk.

DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S Favorite Remedy
The one sure cure for
The Kidneys, Liver and Blood



RECORD TO BE LOWERED.

Major Taylor Thinks He Can Beat One Mile in 1m. 32s.

With his wonderful mile in 1m 32s Major Taylor is not content. "Major's" record ride is the subject of all cycling talk, and the colored boy is deluged with telegrams congratulating him in no unmeasured terms upon having lowered the record of the world so easily, when others made such an effort to gain the coveted figures.

Back in 96 Hamilton took a pacing team from the east to California, and after four trials did 1m 39 1-5s, which stood against repeated assaults for 17 months. Kaiser made 16 unsuccessful attempts to lower the mark on the same track, with a pacing team which had been organized and trained an entire winter.

In the fall of 96 Johnnie Johnson, who had lowered the mile record more times than any other rider, made ten attempts and could not beat 1m 48s, which was Kaiser's lowest mark.

It was McDuffee that clipped a second off Hamilton in the summer of



MAJOR TAYLOR.

1897, only to lose the record to Betts of England five days later. Betts did 1m 37 3-5 s. This was Aug. 19, and Sept. 8 Betts of England cut Betts' figures and did 1m 35 2-5s.

Oct. 28 of 1897 McDuffee tied the figures of Betts in this country, and May 9 of 1898 Betts did 1m 35s even. In an unofficial trial, after a 12-mile training spin, McDuffee did 1m 34 2-5s June 30, at Charles River, and then, on Aug. 8, at Willow Grove park, Edouard Taylore of France easily carried the figures down to 1m 32 3-5s, the supposed limit of man's speed.

With less than two weeks preparing his team, and in his second trial he did 1m 32 3-5s in the first. Taylor did 1m 32s, and now says that he is going to do 1m 30s before he quits.

Moreover, Taylor says that 1m 30s is not only possible, but that 1m 28s is possible, providing the pace may be secured, which it cannot, at least on such pace as 20s to the quarter on a circular track smaller than a half can be secured, although Taylor easily did 22 2-5s at Woodside's third-mile track, and says one quarter in 20s is possible. No other record breaker has ever been as successful as this colored man in attacks on old Father Time. In all but one his attempts have been successful beyond his fondest expectations. With the exception of his mile record his cuts were so stupendous as to startle the world, and even the fifth off the mile cuts as much less as seconds as it gives to him the coveted record.

Taylor's speed may never be rightly computed, as he has never been shaken, and has proven himself the greatest of masters at following pace.

Can Take No Action.

A letter from England to a prominent newspaper writer in America, bears the intelligence that Henry Sturmyer, secretary of the International Cyclists' association, to whom President Eddie Bald appealed on behalf of the American Cycle Racers' Union, for recognition, states that the I. C. A. can take absolutely no action whatever in this matter. This will effectively prevent the projected tour of Bald, Cooper, Gardner, Kimble, Kiser and others.

"Bike" Electric Treatment

The cyclist can now take a course of electric treatment on his machine. A new handle bar has been brought out which has metallic grips connected with a small generator mounted on one of the wheels. In another form of the same device shoes are provided with contact plates; if the force of the current depends upon the speed the wheels are rotating, this may be a satisfactory device to discourage soreching.

Fined the Policeman.

A London policeman recently stopped a woman cyclist for riding without a light. She was fined, and her solicitor obtained a summons for assault against the policeman. The latter was fined for assault, therefore, the precedent has been set up that it is an assault to forcibly stop a cyclist whether transgressing the law or not.

Wooing in Egypt.

Women cyclists find progress difficult in the streets of Cairo, unless they are preceded on foot by a dragoman, who clears a way by the aid of a very servicable stick, which is used freely and indiscriminately on the obstructing donkeys, dogs and children.

A Bicyclist's Plait.

Of the troubles which rise our endurance to test. The wandering wind's not the least. For it's blowing from east when you're traveling west. And from west when you're traveling east.

MAKING PLAIN THE WAY.

Rules Worthy of Consideration by Wheelmen.

That you may be in the right and on the side of safety here are nine rules of the road you should memorize and then rigidly adhere to:

1. In meeting riders, pedestrians and vehicles, keep to the right. In overtaking and passing them, keep to the left.

2. In turning corners to the left, always keep to the outside of the street.

3. In turning corners to the right, keep as far as possible without trespassing on the left side of the road.

4. Never expect pedestrians to get out of your way; find a way around them.

5. Never ride rapidly by an electric car standing to unload passengers.

6. Never coast down a hill having cross streets along the way.

7. Never ring your bell except to give notice of your approach.

8. In meeting other riders ascending a hill, where there is but one path, always yield the right of way to the upriders.

9. Bear in mind that a rider meeting an electric car carrying a strong headlight is unable to see beyond the light; keep out of his way.

Bucking a Head-wind.

The whole secret of successfully fighting the wind is to ride your weight. Even with a light rider, progress will be made at a certain rate of speed through the wind. But male and female riders alike must abandon the ramrod-like position if they would battle with Boreas in real earnest. It is necessary to get down with as flat a back as possible over the handle-bar, thus reducing the area offered to wind resistance by more than one-half, and then allow the weight of the body to drive the machine without using more muscular leg or arm force than can be helped. There should be no pull on the handle-bars, or at least no more than can be avoided. Mounting stairs slowly, combined with proper ankle action, of course more nearly conveys the idea, and if any new rider will put this device into practice, he or she will find that wind will lose much of its terror. This should be taught in the riding school, but it isn't.

Hint for Wheelmen.

When looking for an evasive squeak, or a noise even worse, an inspection of the bearings will sometimes show that in replacing the balls after cleaning, too many have been put in one cup. This causes overcrowding which will not only cause the noise but make the wheel run harder and eventually wear out the cones and cups.

An Expert's View.

The two archaeologists gazed at the heap of bones which they had exhumed.

"This must have been an ancient burying ground," said one.

"More like a bicycle riding academy," replied the other.

The Bicycle Face.

Johnny—Papa, what is a bicycle face?

Papa—The bicycle face, my son, is the one that stands off the butcher, the grocer and the landlord till the wheel is paid for.

A Falling Out.

She was much in love with her bicycle. And seemed to dwell in clover.

But now she's cold as an icicle. Because it "threw her over."

A Helmet for Football Players.

A new helmet for football players has been placed upon the market and is pronounced complete by experts. Hitherto players have had their ears protected by leather muffs padded with felt, held in place by leather straps which have fitted over the top of the head. While it was impossible to injure the ears or temples, the head could be kicked, and in some instances last year men were severely hurt in this way. The new helmet, however, completely protects the head and ears. The crown of it is made of tough sole leather, filled with air holes and lined with soft felt. It has stout earflaps of



HELMET FOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

leather, with holes in them so that the wearer can hear the signals, and a strong elastic band, which buckles under the chin and keeps the new head gear firmly in place. It is believed that the helmet will be generally worn by members of all the big teams. Another new-fangled device is a pneumatic leg guard called by football players a "Cholly horse." It is made of canvas-covered rubber, and is inflated like a football, its shape being oblong and flat, possibly a half-inch thick. It is placed inside the trousers on the front of the thigh, and is intended to prevent sprains.

Kicking a Goat.

In making a goal for a placed kicker, the man who polices the ball for the kicker usually holds one end of the oval directly over a little hole in the turf made by the heel of the shoe, and when the kicker is ready the end of the ball is put down just as the toe of the kicker gets under it. Several players, however, follow an old habit of placing the end of the ball in the palm of the hand, laid flat on the turf, and allowing the kicker to drive it off just as if it rested in a hole. In this way the ball is steadied better and does not lose its poise. There is little difference between these methods that opponents cannot see which is in use.

THE BOWSERS' TROUBLES

Spartan Courage and Fortitude as Exemplified by the Head of the Family.

When Mr. Bowser came home the other evening and found his wife lying on the lounge with a bandage around her head, he was sorry for her, of course—just as sorry as the average husband. And, like the average husband, he stood and glared at her for a moment and then blurted out:

"Well, I've been looking for it every day for a year past, and it's here at last! Finally got yourself flat down, eh?"

"It's nothing," she faintly replied.

"Oh! it isn't? Nothing for a wife to flop down and upset the whole house, I suppose! Well, I've been looking for some sort of a racket, so I'm not surprised. Mrs. Bowser, it's a wonder to me that you or any other woman in this town is out of her coffin!"

"It's only—a headache, dear."

"Yes, only a headache, but what do headaches lead to? If you are not a dead woman before Saturday night you may consider yourself lucky. Didn't I warn you not to sit in a draught—not to wear thin shoes—not to eat too much truck? Little good it does to talk to a woman. She'd go her own way if she knew that it must end in a broken neck. If men were as reckless as your sex the country would go to the dogs."

"One can't help feeling bad occasionally," she replied as she got up to wet the bandage around her head.

"Oh, they can't, eh? Mrs. Bowser, look at me! When am I ever alling? When do you hear me complain? Never! And why is it? Because, Madame—because I don't cram my stomach with watermelon, buttermilk, gumdrops, custard pie, sweet cake, ginger ale, and all that. Because I don't go around with my feet sopping wet. Because I know enough to come in when it rains. Because I exercise a little common sense in taking care of myself!"

"I think I'll be better by morning," she replied.

"I hope so, and I hope this will be a lesson to you for the future. I tell you that no woman can sloop around the way most of you do and live out half her days. How many cocoanuts and green apples and bananas did you eat to-day?"

"Don't be foolish, Mr. Bowser!"

But forty-eight hours later the tables were turned. Mr. Bowser came suffling along home with his shoulders humped up and his face the color of flour, and it was plain to see that something had happened.

"What's the matter?" asked Mrs. Bowser as soon as he stepped into the hall.

"Got a sore throat and I feel feverish. I—I think I am going to be sick!"

Everything about the house was ordered to go on tiptoe, and even the cat was put out and the clock stopped. After his throat had been tied up, his shoes taken off and a quilt thrown over him, Mr. Bowser plaintively inquired:

"Don't you think you'd better send for a doctor?"

"Not just yet, dear. I don't think I'm serious."

"Ah! how I suffer—how I suffer!" he groaned. "You may be a widow before the week is out. I hope you will always be kind to our child. I have tried to be a good husband, and—"

and—!"

Mrs. Bowser laid her hand on his forehead and the tears came to his eyes with a flood and he broke down and sobbed like a baby. She sat down and held his hands until he finally fell asleep, and though she might have charged him with doing a score of imprudent things to bring on his illness she didn't mention a single one. After a couple of hours he woke up feeling better, but he wanted tea, toast and jelly, and sympathy, and was as petulant as a baby until put to bed. He was a new man, however, when he woke up next morning, and when she asked after his throat, he replied:

"Throat—hump! Mrs. Bowser, for about five hours yesterday I was hovering between life and death. Had it been you, you would have died ten times over, but grit pulled me through!"

"Grit?" she queried.

"Yes, grit—sand—pluck—Spartan courage and fortitude. I let none of you know how badly I actually was, but just shut my teeth and determined to live, and here is the result of it. Ah! Mrs. Bowser, if you only had the hundredth part of my courage and will power you'd be a far different woman from what you are now—a far different woman!"

"Suspicious Politeness."

"Well, are you going to get it?" was asked of a rural statesman just back from Washington, where he had been with a view of securing an appointive position.

"Don't think I am. That there congressman of our'n was too turned perillite to me."

"Very Suggestive."

Willie—I think old Moneybags is the meanest man I ever knew.

Millie—What has he done?

Willie—Bought for his daughter a musical parlor clock which plays "Home, Sweet Home" at 10:15 and "Johnny, Get Your Gun" at 10:30.

"What Did She Mean?"

"Have you ever loved before?"

He asked, his voice with passion laden;

"Have you ever loved before?"

"Nein," said the little German maiden.

"Honestly Acquired."

"With what a gracefully sweeping motion she handles a fan."

"Yes, she used to keep flies off the table in her father's lunch room."



PROMENADE TOILETTE.

Quite Smart Is the Appearance Made in This Simple Winter Costume.

Smart indeed are the promenade toilettes of winter. The waist of one recently seen was executed in heavy tan broadcloth. It completely covered the hips and rounded off at the front precisely after the style of a man's cutaway. The sleeves were tight-fitting, finished around the wrists with bands



PROMENADE TOILETTE.

of black velvet. The belt and collar were also of velvet. Broad lapels of broadcloth embroidered in black silk braid trimmed the front.

The skirt of this costume was of dark green and cardinal plaid with a box-like figure of light brown between each square. It fitted closely over the hips and was made without trimming of any kind.

A tan velvet toque with black crown and white pigeon was also worn.

In Gray Broadcloth.

The sketch shows a delightful little street frock of princess build. The waist is double breasted and embroidered



IN GRAY BROADCLOTH.

lined along the border of the rounded tabs. Huge neck boa and "grandmother" muff.

Lavender Redivivus.

Old-fashioned lavender perfume has come back to favor among the many other revivals of nearly a century ago. It appears in the list of French extracts and sachets, and its delicate fragrance exhales from the petals of choice Parisian-made artificial flowers. The color of the lavender is agreeable to many people who do not like other perfumes. In imagination it is always associated with freshness, sweetness and housewifely daintiness. Poets have sung the praise of lavender, and in general estimation the odorous grey-blue-tinted spike ranks next only to the regal rose and the modest violet.

To Mend Waterproof Cloth.

Mackintoshes, which with autumnal rains become necessities, may be mended when torn in the following manner: Dissolve some pieces of pure india rubber in naphtha to create a stiff paste; choose a piece of stuff as much like the waterproof material as possible, and apply some of the cement to it and to the torn edges of the mackintosh. Then bring the torn parts over the new material to form a patch and place a weight over the part until the cement is quite set and firm.

Throat Culture.

The throat should be round, full and pillar-like, and nothing will give those qualities so quickly as the daily exercise of rolling the head completely around, several times in one direction and an equal number in the opposite way. This exercise fills out the hollows like magic and strengthens the muscles as well.

Saved from the Surgeon's Knife

No organs are of greater importance to the human body than the Kidneys. Their duty is to sift and strain the poisonous and waste matter from the blood, and if they fail to do this, the trouble shows in the nervous system, and even in the brain. Your life is at stake when there are pains in the small of your back—when you are compelled to get up at night to urinate—when the passing of water causes scalding pain—when there is a sediment in the urine in the vessel, or when it appears white or milky. When so afflicted, you can conquer the trouble with **Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy**, the greatest medicine that civilization has ever known for curing Kidney, Bladder, Blood and Liver Diseases.

James Lettice, of Canajoharie, N. Y., tells of his wonderful cure: "Some years ago I was attacked with pains in my back and sides that were fearful. I could not control my kidneys, and what came from me was filled with mucus and blood. An Albany doctor was to perform an operation upon me, and said my home doctor could take care of me after. I saw an advertisement of **Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy**, which seemed to fit my case, so I decided to try that before I submitted to the operation. I began its use. When I had taken about two bottles the flow from the bladder grew cleaner, and the pain stopped, and in a short time I was saved from the surgeon's knife, and am now well."

Favorite Remedy also cures Eczema, Scrofula, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia and Constipation. For Female Troubles it is unequalled. It is sold for \$1.00 a bottle at all drug stores.

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