

SHE SMILED AT ME.

She smiled at me, as I passed her by, With a smile half-impudent, half-shy, And I turned and saw her twinkling eye— She smiled at me.

She smiled at me and here was bright They danced and twinkled with pure de light, And I carried the smile from noon till night— She smiled at me.

'Twas none of your bold, impudent smiles That speak of a willful woman's wiles, But the sunny smile that a heart beguiles— She smiled at me.

And all through the day, in memory Her smile and its dimple I still could see, It brightened my daily drudgery— She smiled at me.

That night, when my coat on a chair I laid, Pinned to the wall was a card, which I read: "Please Kick Me Hard." That's why the mail Had smiled at me. —Baltimore American.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

The first umbrella appeared in 1777. The last one disappeared about forty minutes after we bought it.—Elliott's Magazine.

The Physician—"You have a coat on your tongue." The Colonel—"I sincerely hope it is a mackintosh."—Indianapolis Journal.

'Tis folly to be wise, because— Such boomerangs are nature's laws— The sage may win encomium, But people dodge who see him come. —Chicago Record.

Cleverton—"When you told her father you loved her did he show much feeling?" Dashaway—"Oh, yes, I don't know when I have been so moved!"—Life.

"This goes against the grain," murmured the college youth who had returned home to the old farm, and whose stern parent had put him to work, in the cornfield.

An Irish poacher up before a magistrate made this defence: "Indade, your worship, the only bird I shot was a rabbit; and I knocked that down with a stick."—Tit-Bits.

There was a young man in the choir, Whose voice rose up high and hoar, Till so high did it soar, You could hear it no more, And 'twas found next day on the spoor. —Chicago News.

Mrs. Murphy—"O! say, Pat, what would ye do if the ould horse would tumble on ye and crush ye to death?" Her Husband—"Faith, an' O! dy for me loife."—Ohio State Journal.

"There is always something frigid to me about the atmosphere of a bank," said De Vere. "Well, that is probably because they always deal in cold cash there," observed Handy.—Philadelphia North American.

"Gentlemen, this is one of the most dangerous experiments known to science. The slightest mishap and the experimenter will be blown to atoms. I will now step into the closet while my assistant performs the experiment."—Princeton Tiger.

"Yes, I want a salesman," said the manager of the store, "but you are too old. If you were twenty-five years younger I would give you the place in a minute." "Shall I come again," asked the gray-haired applicant, "when I am in my second childhood?"—Chicago Tribune.

"So you were bound and gagged by bandits while in Italy, were you?" asked the garrulous person. "Regular comic opera bandits, eh?" "No, sir," said the traveler; "there was nothing of the comic opera style about them. The gags they used were all new."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"I must send them all circulars," exclaimed the man who was addressed by his acquaintances as professor. "Those men who have testified in the investigation ought to know about me." "What business are you in?" "I have a new system of memory training."—Washington Post.

Proud Father—"My old father, I called to see if you couldn't make a place for my son in your establishment. He has just graduated with high honors." Old Friend—"My dear old boy, nothing would please me better. Tell him to call around in two years."—New York Weekly.

Railroads in Africa.

On the day the Boers declared war there were in operation in Africa nearly 12,000 miles of railroad. At the end of 1890 this mileage for the entire continent was only 583 miles. In the past eight years it has more than doubled, 5972 miles of new roads having been put into operation. Some of these roads are now being extended, work has begun on a few new enterprises, and these extensions and new lines, for whose completion financial arrangements have been made, will add about 2500 miles to the total. Then there are other projects, such as the German road to Tanganyika, the French road from Algeria to the Sudan, and the Belgian road from the Congo to the Nile, all Government schemes and not yet under way. It is probably a conservative estimate to say that the end of the next decade will see 25,000 miles of railroad in operation.

Consumption in France.

In a report to the State Department the United States Consul at Lyons says of the ravages of consumption in France each year: "For every six persons in this country at least one dies of consumption. Of the 850,000 deaths that occur every year in France over 140,000 are caused by pulmonary tuberculosis or phthisis, and this number, instead of decreasing, goes on augmenting every year. Hardly a family but pays to it a sad tribute. No disease, no scourge, can be compared to tuberculosis, so far as the number of the victims is concerned. All epidemics and contagious diseases combined—typhoid, varioloid, scarlatina, measles, diphtheria, cholera, etc.—do not cause half as many deaths."



Sweetest thing that can be seen Is a baby, fresh and clean. Dainty clothes and tender skin Need pure soap to wash them in. Nurse and mother must be sure Baby's bath is sweet and pure. Free from grease or alkalies; Ivory Soap their want supplies.

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ODD ENGINEERING.

Water, Taken from the Pacific, Sent to Atlantic Ocean.

It is a remarkable fact that water which flows naturally into the Gulf of California and thence into the Pacific ocean has been virtually lifted across the backbone of the Rocky mountains, and now, after being used for irrigation, finds its way into the Gulf of Mexico. A number of small streams on the other side of Long's peak, which flow into Grand lake and thence into the Colorado river, have been diverted by a ditch that finds its way through 10,000 feet high into the headwaters of the Poudre. Some 400 cubic feet per second has thus been diverted from the Pacific to the Atlantic slope, where the water is used for irrigating additional farms in Larimer county. It is not strictly correct to say that this water has been lifted across the range. But a feat of sinuous engineering has diverted it, which amounts to the same thing.

Birthplace of the Cable.

The old house formerly occupied by Cyrus W. Field, in East Twenty-third street, New York, is now being torn down to make room for a more pretentious structure. It was in this house that Mr. Field lived when he first broached the idea of building a cable between Europe and America. He still made the old house his home when, after twelve years of disappointment and struggle, the great dream of his life became an accomplished fact. For some years the building has been used as a boarding-house. Now it is being razed to the ground.

My Mother Had Consumption

"My mother was troubled with consumption for many years. At last she was given up to die. A neighbor told her not to give up but try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. She did so and was speedily cured, and is now in the enjoyment of good health." D. P. Jolly, Feb. 2, 1899. Avoca, N. Y.

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METAMORPHOSIS OF ITALIANS

Contrast of Newly Arrived Immigrants and Their Americanized Relations.

There was a meeting outside the barge office. A batch of immigrants had come in, and Giulia and her man were in waiting to receive some newly arrived relatives. Giulia was brave in her finest and most gorgeous raiment, combining a reckless love of bright colors with an ardent desire to look American. Her hat was a marvel of Third Avenue millinery. Her bright dress was after the most approved autumn model, always, of course, from the Third Avenue standpoint, and the pendant earrings, great yellow brooch, and jingling bracelets were dazzling to behold. To crown all, and as an irresistible finish, she had squeezed her plump hands into a pair of yellow kid gloves, momentarily threatening to burst. Pietro's scarlet necktie, generous expanse of shirt front, low-cut mottled waistcoat, and highly gilded watch chain limited his powers of self-adornment, but his little wife cheerfully made up for all he lacked. Shrill cries of "Ecco! Ecco!" turned the dull eyes of three persons in their direction, and, extricating themselves from the excited crowd, they withdrew to contemplate each other at their leisure. The contrast was painful on one side, pathetically ludicrous on the other. Francesco and his sisters gazed blankly at their changed and resplendent relations. The man had on tight breeches of homespun, a gray flannel shirt with a red cotton handkerchief knotted at the throat, and was a picturesque specimen of Tuscan manhood. The women were bare-headed; covert glances had been exchanged over Giulia's startling headgear. They wore huge, roughly cobbed boots, and short petticoats displaying striped blue and yellow stockings, and knit worsted shawls of variegated colors were tightly drawn about the shoulders and fastened at the opened throat with monstrous coral brooches, the crowning glory of their attire. But Giulia! Truly she was a queen in comparison! Never mind! Americanisms are quickly acquired, and if the brother is lucky six months may see their metamorphosis. —New York Sun.

Like Finding Money.

The use of the Endless Chain Starch Book in the purchase of "Red Cross" and "Hubinger's Best" starch, makes it just like finding money. Why, for only 5c you are enabled to get one large 10c package of "Red Cross" starch, one large 10c package of "Hubinger's Best" starch, with the premiums, two Shakespeare panels, printed in twelve beautiful colors, or one Twentieth Century Girl Calendar, embossed in gold. Ask your grocer for this starch and obtain the beautiful Christmas presents free.

President Kruger's Father.

The bitter feeling which Paul Kruger cherishes toward the British is certainly not lessened by the memory that his own father was the man who fired the first shot at the English troops at Boomplaat in 1848, and by the further thought that he was one of those who were driven by the English to take part in the great "trek" of 1836. Again, in 1854, when the Boers petitioned the queen to be allowed to remain under the protection of the British flag, the elder Kruger was one of its signers. The answer of the duke of Newcastle, who returned the petition with the remark that it could not be entertained and that England had already extended its rule too far in Africa, has always been remembered by Kruger and his associates as an undying insult.

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