

# OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR.

## LAUGHTER-PROVOKING STORIES FOR LOVERS OF FUN.

**The Same Old Story**—The Lady of the House—Unrealized—Force of Habit—Knowledge vs. Wisdom—An Easy One—His Position, Etc., Etc.

There was a young fellow named Flynn, Who bet on the races to win; He placed all his cash On the very first dash, And to get back to him he walked ynn.—New York World.

**The Lady of the House.** Mrs. Proper Caper—"James, I advertised for a lady's companion." James—"Yes, mum. The cook wants a dielper, you know."—Judge.

**Unrealized.** "There was a time when I thought he showed traces of genius." "Yes; but he's jumped over the traces."—Philadelphia Record.

**Force of Habit.** "Give up the keys of the city?" demanded the chief of the allies. "You got checkee?" asked the corporal of the guard at Pekin.—Philadelphia North American.

**Knowledge vs. Wisdom.** "What's the difference between knowledge and wisdom?" "Well, it takes knowledge to build an automobile, but it takes wisdom to run it."—Chicago Record.

**An Easy One.** Mr. Askit—"How is it that no matter how small a clunk of ice I get it always weighs thirty pounds?" Iceaman—"That's as low as the scales go, m' friend."—Baltimore American.

**His Position.** Mrs. Hoon—"Mrs. Babbieby can talk entertainingly in three different languages."

Mr. Hoon—"Yes; and I have noticed that her husband has to keep still in one."—Judge.

**For Distant Friends.** "Well, that caps the climax." "What's that?"

"Cook says those folks in that little house on the corner came over while we were gone and had their photographs taken sitting on our veranda."—Indianapolis Journal.

**Fall of Water.** "How do you feel now?" asked his recusers.

"Like a Jersey trust," gasped the half-drowned man, faintly. Then they rolled him on the barrel some more, for they, too, were financiers.—Harper's Bazar.

**Crushed.** Office Boy—"Here's your poems, str; de editor says dey are not half bad, and he's sorry."

Poet—"Ah! Indeed." Office Boy—"Yes, sir. Sorry dat he read 'em, and he says dey are all bad. Good day, sir."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**He Felt It Keenly.** Elderly Spinster (horrified)—"Little boy, aren't you ashamed to go in bathing in such a public place with such a bathing suit as that?"

Small Boy—"Yes'm; but me mother makes me wear it. I'll take it off, though, if you'll promise to say nothing to her about it."—Leslie's Weekly.

**Its Chief Character.** Nodd—"This modern American life is all wrong. Too much hurry. I have just taken a quiet, retired nook in the country, where a man can have absolute rest."

Todd—"How far away?" Nodd—"That's the beauty of the place. Only forty minutes from my office."

**Literary Irrigation.** "Your latest novel seems very dry," said the reader of the publishing house to the young but rising author. "I was pretty sure you would say that," rejoined the author. "Consequently if you will count them you will find the heroine weeps tears on just 233 pages of my story."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Willing to Learn.** Ethel—"Mamma, don't you think women should know how to cook, so that they may be able to look after their husbands' digestion when they marry?" Mamma—"Certainly, dear." Ethel—"Mayn't I go to the kitchen, then, and practice making butter-scotch?"—Brooklyn Life.

**Common Sense Piano Keys.** "I'd be willing," said the chronic dyspeptic, "to give my month's salary to any man who would invent a piano with common sense keys only." "What do you mean by common sense keys?" "Why, the kind that could only be used to lock the blamed thing up."—Philadelphia Press.

**Ready to Meet It.** The guest at the expensive hotel had been overcome by the heat and the sight of the bill combined and was lying on the marble floor of the office. "Stand back," exclaimed some one, "and give him air!" "No!" gasped the guest, temporarily reviving. "Put it in the bill. I'm willing to pay for it!"—Chicago Tribune.

**An Unconscious Disciple.** Trotter—"It's a favorite amusement among the Eastern fakirs to twist themselves into some muscle-straining, nerve-racking, bone-cracking posture, and—" Miss Rivalton—"Isn't it funny how those odd Oriental ideas find disciples here?" Trotter—"What do you mean?" Miss Rivalton—"Really, haven't you ever seen Maud Wayuppe play golf?"—Harper's Bazar.

# ABOUT THE MOSQUITO.

An Interesting Agricultural Department Publication.

The Department of Agriculture is about to issue a Bulletin prepared by Dr. L. O. Howard, United States entomologist, on the mosquito of the United States. It discusses the structure and biology and indicates the difference in all stages of existence between the kinds of mosquitoes which transmit malaria and those which do not, and also discusses the subject of remedies.

The bulletin says that since the opening up of the gold fields in Alaska and the great influx of miners and traders, knowledge of the abundance and ferocity of the Alaskan mosquitoes has become widespread, the Government surveying parties in starting for Alaska for their summer's work, are in the habit of consulting the Department for mosquito-bite remedies. Those who were in Alaska the preceding year always state that they never experienced or even imagined anything in the mosquito line equal to those found in our northern territory.

Mentioning the reputation of New Jersey in connection with mosquitoes, the bulletin says there is a constant carriage inland from the marshy coast of very many mosquitoes, the railway trains seeming to be the most important mode of conveyance. Many of the cars contain mosquitoes by the hundreds. In this way even mountain resorts will get their supply of lowland mosquitoes, and with the improvement of railway service, and the increase in the number of through cars, the danger is constantly increasing. The source of supply to distant points where mosquitoes are ordinarily rare, is thus kept up.

About 250 species of mosquitoes are known, of which only about thirty have been found in the United States. The report says that of the remedies in use in houses, the burning of pyrethrum powder and the catching of mosquitoes on the walls in kerosene cups are probably the best next to a thorough screening and mosquito bars about the bed. The remedies for bites mentioned are glycerine, a lump of indigo, and household ammonia.

**Artist's Limitations.** One day a little girl was seated in a chair on the platform, and her classmates were given the order to sketch her as they saw her.

The results varied. Some of the drawing looked like human beings in a state of repose, others like wooden dolls. But one little girl had drawn the chair and a tiny figure standing in front of it.

"Mary," said the discouraged teacher, "didn't I say, 'Draw Amelia as you saw her?'" "Yes'm."

"Well, is she standing in front of the chair?"

"No'm. She's sitting on it." "Then why didn't you draw her sitting?"

Tears came into the child's eyes. She was misunderstood.

"But I hadn't got to it," she said. "I was just going to bend her down when you rang the bell."—Pearson's Weekly.

**Remarkable Newspaper Feat.** Many astonishing feats have been performed in races against time, but probably never anything more wonderful than that of producing a printed newspaper from trees, which were growing two hours and a half only before the papers were in the hands of their readers.

This feat was performed by a firm of paper pulp manufacturers at Eisenthal, in Austria. At 7.35 in the morning the three sturdy trees were cut down and carted to the paper mills. The bark was stripped from them, they were split and pulped, and sent to the defibrators, where they were quickly converted into paper pulp. At twenty-six minutes to ten the trees had been converted into sheets of paper, which were quickly taken to the newspaper office, and at 10 o'clock thousands of copies were in circulation.

**"Motineer" in the West.**

"Motorman is a good enough title for the man behind the wheel on the cable cars here in New York," said a lawyer who had recently been called West on business, "but in a Kansas town I saw a new form of the name which struck me as being the most pretentious and inapt way of saying a simple thing that I had ever encountered. 'Don't talk to the motineer,' was the sign to be found on all these cars, and the more I pondered over the matter the more ridiculous it seemed to manufacture such an elaborate word, when a simple one that is very much better already exists. There is nothing in the combination 'motineer' that does not exist in 'motorman.' But that word is too ordinary for the progressive and advancing West. It requires something uncommon-like 'motineer.'"—New York Sun.

**Sheep With Artificial Teeth.**

A New South Wales correspondent says that a pastoralist of Hargreaves, near Mudgee, has tried dentistry for sheep with great success. He had a valuable American ram, which found great difficulty in masticating its food owing to the loss of teeth. Artificial teeth were inserted, and the animal has since vigorously attacked its fodder. This is believed to be the first experiment of the kind in the colony.—Liverpool Journal of Commerce.

**Enamelled Cast Iron.** Very ornamental cast iron flower-boxes for windows and table use are shown of English design. Many of these are tastefully finished in porcelain enamel, resembling somewhat regular china, thus forming very original and pretty boxes for the purpose.

# HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS



## Linen Crumb Cloths.

An old-fashioned custom of our grandmothers, who had carpets that were of sufficient value to make it worth the while of ambitious descendants to connive for the possession of these same strips of velvet, is being revived. I refer to the restoration of the linen crumb cloth. Our grandmothers used crumb cloths over their carpets to preserve them for future generations, but we of the wholesome hygienic age place them on the polished floors without rugs or carpets of any description beneath them. The marked favor with which they have been received has furnished the spur that urged the designers on to their best efforts. Consequently the cloths are to be found in every conceivable pattern and coloring. Some of the most beautiful are in delicate shades of green and yellow, with conventional and floral designs.

## How to Cook Prunes.

In cooking prunes the sweetness of the fruit itself is brought out by long, slow cooking, so that no sugar is necessary. Clean the prunes by washing thoroughly through two or three waters, letting them stand for a few moments in tepid water, then rubbing gently between the hands to be sure that every particle of dust and grit is removed. Put in a jar in the oven or in a kettle on the stove, allowing three pints of water to each pint of prunes. Cover closely and let them simmer for several hours. When done the prunes will be tender and the juice thick. Many persons who cannot eat fruit cooked with sugar can eat them in this way. A slice of lemon added before the prunes are quite cooked is thought by many to be an improvement.

## Boston Brown Bread.

One cupful each of rye and corn meal, one cupful of graham flour, three-quarters of a cupful of molasses, one teaspoonful and a half of soda, one teaspoonful of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt, and one pint of sour milk. Mix and sift together the meal, flour, salt, molasses, and when it begins to foam stir into the dry mixture. Add quickly the sour milk, beat for a moment, turn into a thoroughly greased mold and steam for from three and a half to four hours, according to the shape of the mold.

## Scalloped Chicken or Turkey.

To scallop cold roast chicken or turkey, butter a baking dish or ramekin. Sprinkle it plentifully with bread crumbs, and put in alternate layers of shredded meat and stuffing, moistening each layer with gravy. If no stuffing and gravy are left use crumbs and white sauce instead. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake until brown. Cold boiled rice may be used with the chicken or turkey instead of the bread crumbs. White sauce should be served with it.

## Proper Way to Cook Corn.

The proper way in which to cook corn is to put it on the fire in cold, salted water in which it must be allowed to remain only from four to six minutes after it has reached the boiling point. If very young and fresh, four minutes is the extreme limit. The outside husks and silks should be removed, but the inside husks must remain about the ears until they are ready for serving when a linen doily can be substituted.

# HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Salt dissolved in alcohol will take out grease spots.

Clean paint smoked by kerosene lamps with kerosene and rub it off with a fresh cloth.

A teaspoonful of heated camphor is said to be a curative application for a sty on the eyelid.

Keep coffee by itself, as its odor affects other articles. Keep tea in a closed chest or canister.

The juice of half a lemon in a glass of water, without sugar, will frequently cure a sick headache.

Peach leaves pounded to a pulp and applied to a bruise or wound from a rusty nail, or a simple cut, will give immediate relief.

In sweeping carpets use wet newspapers wrung nearly dry and torn in pieces. The paper collects the dust and does not soil the carpet.

When laid away for any length of time, linen should be washed, thoroughly dried without bluing, and laid in loose folds without much weight on it.

Bread crumbs for covering the top of scalloped and other baked dishes should be buttered evenly before they are spread, not put on plain, with bits of butter scattered over.

When the water shows signs that warrant suspicion as to its purity, a few drops of lemon juice added to the glass before drinking lessens the threatened danger from disease germs.

An exceedingly good salad dressing may be made by substituting two spoonfuls of perfectly sound sweet cream for the oil. The cream must be of the richest quality, known as double cream, and quite fresh. It should be used in the same way as oil.

The best scouring material for steel knives can be found in half a new potato and a little fine wood ashes. The potato is also much easier to use with bath brick than the bit of rag which the ordinary maid-of-all-work is apt to employ for this purpose.

# THE PASSING OF THE BOERS.

## Mourful Ending of a Brave People That Struggle Hard for Existence.

For more than 60 years the existence of the Boers has been the epic of continuous and immense adventure, in which nothing has been so amazing as the last struggle and the final defeat. There is no such example of a hard and stubborn people, dimly led by destiny, in their flight from civilization, to revolve in a circle which brought them back at last face to face with the most overwhelming environment of all the ideas and forces of civilization, in the shape of the British empire.

When the Dutch farmers resolved upon their exodus from Cape Colony and plunged with their long teams of lumbering oxen and creaking wagons into the wilderness of the north, wandering over veldt and mountain, through bush and river, seeking from decade to decade for some further home and abiding rest from their pilgrimage, and fighting their steady path as a handful against hordes through a thousand miles of savage continent, the Boers commenced a story of heroism not to be equaled out of Exodus. It will never be adequately described, if not by the pen of some second De Quincey in fact of such supreme eloquence and power as those which immortalized the flight of the Tartars. The very names of the Transvaal towns record the travail of sorrow and death in which they were founded—"Weenen," the place of weeping; "Rustenburg," the place of rest; "Lydenburg," the place of suffering.—London Telegraph.

## OPPORTUNITIES IN SAMOA.

Uncle Sam's Possession in the Group Particularly Rich in Resources.

Somewhere in that mysterious part of the South Pacific ocean, where one day merges into another to keep chronometers straight and to keep mankind from trouble in marking the flight of years, lie the Samoan islands, three in number, of which the smallest, Tutuila, is the property of the United States. The recent division of the islands, which are connected with the United States and with Australia and New Zealand by regular mail steamers, has assured their future. Tutuila, which is as large as the State of Rhode Island, contains many acres of the richest soil, and would make a fruitful dwelling place for too ambitious men. It could be converted into vast plantations of coffee, vanilla, tobacco, coconuts and dozens of other native products, while a thriving town could be made to flourish beneath the flower-clad trees on the beach. Apia, in Samoa, is one of the most prosperous towns in the south seas, and its future is assured. It was in the hills north of this place that Robert Louis Stevenson, after roaming the earth for a paradise, found one. It was there he died.—Success.

## Great Britain Taxes Brains.

Few people have any idea what a flourishing institution is that miracle of dexterity—the British patent office—and what a valuable source of revenue it constitutes to the government. Conducted with the strictest regard to economy, with almost a total neglect of every consideration other than that associated with the collection of fees, it furnishes a royal profit of £100,000 yearly, extracted from its mostly impecunious clientele (the natural element of the inventor is adversity), or at the rate as nearly as possible of 100 per cent. on its turnover.—London Express.

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