

SIGNS OF LONG LIFE.

Physical Indications Perceptible to All Who Know.

"In the medical world," said a well-known veteran doctor, "it is generally accepted fact that every person bears physical indications of his prospects of a long or short life."

AND THEN SHE REMEMBERED.

After All It Was a Matter of Small Importance.

The man was taking an early morning stroll when he met a charming young girl, also enjoying a stroll.

Graphic Battle Picture.

In Lew Wallace's autobiography appears this battle picture: "Then at a signal—a bugle call probably—the army started forward slowly at first."

Chewing Gum Justified.

Persistent gum chewers will probably feel that all their facial energy has not been wasted if it has prolonged the production of chewing gum until some real use has been discovered for that article.

Terse and Truthful.

A despairing debt collector decided the other day to corner his quarry at the bar of the Hoffman house in the presence of a number of his friends.

Not Run by an Irishman.

When a French chauffeur brought an imported machine to the repair shop one of the mechanics became interested in the ingenious speed indicator which records the distance covered in the metric system.

The Greater Love.

She was engaged to a millionaire, but she lifted him to marry another man. "Ab! So she's really marrying for love!"

ITS WATERS THE PUREST.

Claims of Lake Superior Are Borne Out By Analysis.

The water in Lake Superior is the purest in the great lakes, according to tests by the government. Lake Erie contains the largest percentage of incrustants.

PUT TAX ON BACHELORS.

State of Argentine Republic Was Harsh on Those Unwed.

Although much has been written in modern times in earnest and in fun on the taxation of bachelors, there are not many corners of the earth where such a system of taxation is introduced.

Size of Oregon Mosquitoes.

The late Col. L. L. Hawkins was fond of telling a mosquito story of his own. When Mazamas gathered round their evening campfire, had to fight off the stinging pest at the foot of snow mountains.

Will Try to Reform.

Some of its readers having criticized the London Law Notes for being "too Yankee in tone," the editor replied: "Have our candid friends any idea how dull the English law and lawyers have grown lately?"

A Street Car Adventure.

A lady entered a Baltimore street car and, just as she was about to alight, the car gave a lurch, throwing her into a gentleman's lap.

More Reading Matter.

"Martha Smith, the village postmistress, is in a fine humor," confided the rural mail carrier. "Going to get a raise in salary?"

Enid's Prayer.

The other night little Enid, tired out by a day's romping, was about to retire for the night when her mother told her to say her prayers.

NOT ALL FOR DECORATION.

Usefulness Also Had Something to Do with Display.

A well known illustrator who visited New Orleans grew most enthusiastic with reference to the quaint beauty of the old town.

NOT A FAIR CONTEST.

Where Johnny Had the Best of It on the Weights.

The twin boys, Johnny and Tommy, not only looked almost exactly alike and could wear each other's clothes without the slightest mist, but usually weighed the same.

Continuous Indian Dance.

The Cheyenne and Arapahos are holding their annual square dance at this place. More than 5,000 Indians are encamped at the city park.

Leave It to the Lord.

A gentleman residing in a small western town recently had the misfortune to lose a wife. In deference to the last wishes of the deceased the remains were cremated.

Correcting His Geography.

In the absence of the information editor, who was away on his vacation, this question was referred to the manager of the country circulation department.

A London Weather Report.

One day while I was in London I wanted to know what the weather report was. The sort of weather we had been having was not all that could be desired.

Louisiana's Frog Industry.

The revenue from the frog industry in Louisiana is something over \$100,000 per annum. The frogs are shipped alive in barrels, packed in moss.

How True.

Mildred—Of course, I care more for a man's true love than for the amount of money he spends. "Clothilde—Oh, what she said. "Oh, Lord, if you know everything, you know I am very sleepy, so dood by till to-morrow night."

WAS READY FOR HIM.

Ojerk's Suggestion to Customer Who Was "a Little Short."

John Brink prided himself on having the largest general store in the county. "If man wishes it, and it is made, I have it," was the slogan over his advertisements in the newspapers.

TEARS OF THE CROCODILE.

Belief Said to Have Origin in an Ancient Fable.

The phrase "crocodile tears" owes its origin to the imagination of some of the old travelers, who invented the fable that the crocodile weeps over its prey.

Used Plow on Shipboard.

A common, everyday farm plow was used in unloading the cargo of the Ammon at San Francisco. The entire hold was filled with 1,500 tons of niter, which had frozen into one solid mass.

Butcher's Inference.

One day Emperor Francis Joseph was entering a village in his domain on horseback and was met on the outskirts by a butcher who had gone out in hope of catching an early glimpse of the Austrian kaiser.

Fad Party.

A fad party affords a novel entertainment. At a recent gathering of this nature each guest was requested to wear an emblem of his or her particular fad, and to leave, as a memento of the occasion, his autograph and a pen-and-ink sketch of the chosen fad.

Sadness Is Penalty of Humor.

All the great humorists are sad—Cervantes, Mollere, Swift, Sterne, Helne, Richter, Balzac, Dickens—for sadness is the penalty which nature has annexed to that deep-searching knowledge of life we call humor.

Angelic Lingerie.

Charlie had just returned from Sunday school, when he asked his dotting parent an astonishing question. "Mamma, what kind of underclothes do angels wear?"

MOOSE ATTACKS A HORSE.

And the Horse Retorts in Kind—An Incident of the Maine Woods.

Three young men from Milltown, near Calais, went out into the country districts recently to pass the day and left their old horse standing under the shade of the whispering pines while they communed with nature.

FIRST VISIT TO THE COUNTRY.

Musorous Comment Made by Little Visitors from the City.

The questions and answers of little boys and girls upon their first visit to the country are often truly amusing. One little boy from the city slum was, with great difficulty, coaxed to go.

Berlin's Woman Chauffeur.

Berlin's woman chauffeur is making—as she always intended to do—a very good livelihood. Clad in a simple but becoming coat and skirt of serviceable material, Frau von Papp drives one of the Hedeig company's electro droachies with consummate skill.

Only Thing Left.

The schoolmaster was trying to teach his class composition, and he was having great difficulty. Said he: "If I should ask, 'What have I in my hand?' the answer should be, 'You have an apple in your hand.'"

Success and Business.

"I suppose it is necessary that business should be transacted, though the amount of business that does not contribute to anybody's comfort or improvement suggests the query whether it is not overdone."

Caused Him to Warble.

"How funny! Grandpa has been singing like a bird all the morning." "Yes, that is on account of the mistake the dear old gentleman made at breakfast."

WOULD MAKE IT RIGHT.

Widow Had Plan to Fix Things as to Jim's Eody.

At the cabin of a Tennessee settler where I stopped over night they told me of a widow living three miles away who, finding that the body of her husband had been petrified after lying in the ground for five or six years, had sold it to a showman for \$50 to cash.

HAD THE BUSINESS INSTINCT.

Negro Knew What He Was After When He Lent the Money.

Ed was a mighty bright negro belonging to a family in Columbia, Tenn. He had been a faithful servant for many years, and by saving and carefully investing his wages he had belied the usual thriftlessness attributed with more or less justice to the majority of his race.

Quick Changing Extraordinary.

Buchorina Fatima Mirza, who is creating a sensation on the Italian stage, will shortly appear in London. Single handed she has produced "The Gelsa," representing herself all the costume parts and changing her costume 175 times. Her performance lasts three hours, and at no time is she off the stage for more than ten seconds.

To Clean Window Shades.

We have all heard the story of the woman who told the new maid to wash the curtains, meaning the lace ones, and came into the kitchen just in time to discover the newest window shades melting in the boiler.

"Fu Ju" Brooch.

A brooch which is unique, called "Fu Ju," is worn by the Chinese as a charm for long life, happiness and success. "Fu Ju" has been worn and worshipped by the Chinese people for nearly 4,000 years, and is implicitly believed in by them.

What She Should Do.

They were interested only in their own affairs and didn't seem to care who heard them. "Give me the key elbow on Main street yesterday, didn't you?" he began. "Cross my heart, I didn't mean to," she replied. "I just didn't see you."

As to the Scorchers.

"Do many endurance races auto pass here?" asked the city boarder, peering down the road. "Yes, stranger," replied the old farmer. "They are all endurance races to us."

Put His Foot in It.

"That's a beautiful photo of you!" "I am glad you think so, then you'll be willing to exchange that ugly one you already have for it?" "I'd rather keep it, it is so much more like you."