

QUIET EVENING AT HOME.

Man Relates Some Surprises His Family Prepared for Him. "You don't know what trouble is when you're just married," snarped the head of an East End family...

TWO STRANGE TREES.

The Mojave Yucca a Vegetable Freak—The Creeping Oak of Monterey. California has one tree which is the personification of mystery. Found nowhere else in the world...

She Meant a Mantle.

Thomas A. Edison was discussing at Atlantic City the various devices for increasing the brilliance and diminishing the cost of a gas jet.

Smoking Soldiers.

The experience of Lord Wolseley of the British army has been such that he has always made it a rule to allow, whenever possible, the soldiers under his command one pound of tobacco a month...

Tool of Many Uses.

During the present army maneuvers the French troops are using for the first time an instrument which for variety of adaptation probably approaches to a record...

She Smacked of Books.

They tell me you kissed Miss Bonnet the pretties, on yesterday's automobile excursion.

RUSES OF AUTOGRAPH SHARKS.

Ingenious Methods Used to Elicit Letters from Noted Men. No one is better posted in ruses to which collectors resort in order to secure autographs from living celebrities than a certain London dealer...

BEARS EXPECT HARD WINTER.

Besides, Trees Are Putting on Extra Thick Bark. Jim Tompkins, the Mt. Hood woodsman whose prediction last fall of a hard winter was verified, is again out with a pronouncement...

The First Bareback Rider.

Riding on a broad pad strapped on a horse's back is very old; bareback riding is comparatively new. It was no longer ago than 1854, on the Fourth of July...

1,200 Eggs Equal One Man.

A German scientist asserts that all the material required to make up the body of a man weighing 150 pounds can be found in the whites and yolks of 1,200 hens' eggs.

Humanity.

It is certain that humanity is the particular characteristic of a great mind; little vicious minds are full of anger and revenge...

Thought It Was Safe.

"How did he come to propose to her?" "She coaxed her chum to tell him confidentially that she had overheard her say she would not accept him if he did propose."

TELEPHONY WITHOUT WIRES.

There is a Possibility of Talking to America. Wireless telegraphy is at last an established fact, both scientifically and commercially. A director of the Amalgamated radiotelegraphy company told a reporter...

SURNAMES NOT USED BY KINGS.

Only Christian Names Signed by Members of Royal Houses. The origin of most royal houses was similar throughout Europe, and kings and their families, speaking broadly, never had or used surnames.

Alligators in Ecuador.

A new minor industry that is developing in Ecuador is the killing and skinning of alligators. This industry was launched in 1903 by an American, who went to Guayaquil for the purpose of hunting down the myriads of alligators which abound in the River Guayas and its tributaries.

Air Navigation Engines.

Ten or 15 years ago authorities writing on the subject stated that if only it were possible to make engines so light as to weigh but ten pounds a horsepower, there would be no difficulty in constructing a flying machine.

She Told Him.

"About the greatest man who ever lived in this community was Dug Skinner; broad minded, big hearted, and brilliant; and yet he died with all his talent and goodness unsuspected."

A Passer for Ma.

William—Did the baby come from heaven, ma? "Mamma—Yes dear. William—Say, a—, that kid didn't know when he was well off, did he?" Boston Transcript

ALL SWISS MAY BEAR ARMS.

Entire Population Drilled and Liable to Be Called On to Fight. The army of Switzerland, theoretically 50,000 strong, is practically inviolable except at some afternoon of rifle shooting or target shooting, on the rifle range of the commune.

Mildly Harmful.

"Such an article," said Dr. H. P. Judson, the new head of the University of Chicago, in declining a rather unusual interview, "would not only be futile, but even, in a mild way, harmful."

Much Stupidity.

I fear you will laugh when I tell you what I conceive to be about the most essential mental quality for a free people whose liberty is to be progressive, permanent, and on a large scale; it is much stupidity.

Such a Bluff.

"Congressman Norve's outside," said the usher, "and he wants yer to pass him in."

Moral Suasion.

In Sweden the public houses are closed on Saturday—pay day—while the savings banks are kept open until midnight.

Mop Leaves for Bridal Parties.

The custom has been introduced at weddings in Tumbidge Wells and district of erecting triumphal arches, composed entirely of hops and hop leaves, for the bridal parties to pass under.

UNNERVED THREE DOGS.

Lightning in Baltimore Plays Pranks and Scares Canines. Doing nothing more than spare three dogs into a state of unstrung nerves and then, after striking a tree and scaling the rust off an iron grating, a bolt of lightning passed over the heads of the animals within a foot or two and stunned a man in a house a short distance away.

WHITE FOR MOURNING.

Black Has Given Way as a Color for Widow's Weeds, Etc. Black mourning has had its day. We are henceforth comme les reines blanches of the early Renaissance, to wear white mourning. This is not so much a reversion as a further imitation of the victorious Japanese.

Through the Telephone.

"Are you there?" "Yes." "Who are you, please?" "Watt." "What is your name, please?" "Watt's my name."

The Sexton's Orders.

The late Bishop Seymour of Illinois was remarkable for the power and beauty of his sermons. A Springfield man said to him the other day: "At the eastern celebration in one of our churches Bishop Seymour and a half-dozen other divines were present."

Stage Talk.

Arthur Grenville, the English actor, was once in a company of pastoral players, who, when the weather permitted, rehearsed in the grounds where the performance was to take place.

TSU HSI APES YOUTH.

Chinese Empress Retains "Youth" by Use of Cosmetics and a Whip. Nowhere does a woman, whether the most beautiful, most courted or most intriguing, make a more elaborate or fastidious toilet than does Tsu Hsi, dowager empress of China, the Flowery Rattan.

SCOTCH UNIVERSITIES.

Taking a Prominent Part in Development of British Nation. The prince of Wales's visit to Glasgow to inaugurate the university extension buildings once more appropriately emphasizes the important part which Scottish universities are taking in the development of the national life.

Country Manual Training.

Even manual training needs new direction as it touches country life. It may not be necessary to eliminate the formal exercises of model work and weaving and the like; but some of the practical problems of the home and farm may be added.

Bathing the Eyes.

Few practices are more beneficial to the condition of the eyes than is that of bathing them regularly every night before going to bed.

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