

VISIBLE TO MOTHER'S EYES

Infant's Face Surely Something of a Composite, if Resemblances Were All There.

"Well, really, I can't say that I think that he looks just like anyone in particular," said the mother of the infant...

HOLIDAY FOR THE STOMACH

Judge Was Probably Right, Though Wine Agent Could Not See It at the Moment.

A Chicago wine agent went on a yachting trip with a judge from the same city. They were out together for two weeks and had a good time.

STEEL BARRELS

Not all barrels are made of wood; there are barrels made of metal. A steel barrel that comes from Germany...

REFRESHMENTS NOT WANTED

The rector of an English church, seeing that there was only one almshouse and that the congregation was unusually large...

LANDLADY'S BLUFF "WENT"

A good story of a specimen of the ordinary theatrical landlady is told by J. L. Shine, in the Dundee Advertiser.

INSURING GOOD SERVICE

A popular girl was departing from an Ontario town for the far west, and her masculine friends were gathered in gallant array...

A GOOD JUDGE, TOO

Young Lawyer—Who is this old fellow just dead whom they are making such a fuss about?

CHESS IS A MODERN GAME

Has Been So Developed and Amended That Inventor Would Hardly Recognize It.

Chess is but a game, a pastime, a relaxation, but it has at times absorbed the faculties of the intellectual in every clime.

The origin of chess has been sought in vain. The fact is, the game has so changed, developed and improved down the course of centuries...

SLEEP REMAINS A MYSTERY

No One Has as Yet Been Able to Define Its Exact Cause and Conditions.

All that we know about sleep is that we know nothing about it. The venerable John Bigelow—Poulney's father—wrote a book on "The Mystery of Sleep."

ICE AS FUEL

A cake of ice at 32 degrees Fahrenheit is ordinarily considered to be rather a cold substance, but it is as much hotter than liquid air as the oven in which bread is baked...

If the normal temperature of the earth were at the freezing point of air and we could obtain a block of ice such as is distributed by the ice man...

ABOUT MOUTH BREATHING

Mouth breathers are more liable to contagious diseases and to diseases of the bronchial tubes and lungs, which are more apt to be fatal than in nose breathers.

TO CURE A COLD

To a trained nurse is due this somewhat unusual care for a cold which, if taken in time, she says, is infallible.

WHAT DID IT

Ted—I suppose that millionaire's money made him famous. Ned—No. His name wasn't in everybody's mouth until a popular cigar was named after him—Judge.

AFRICAN JUNGLE AT A BALL

Young Society Men Masquerading as Fierce Wild Animals Hunted by Fair Debutantes.

Chicago.—The African jungle, with society men masquerading as fierce wild animals, debutantes with glided guns, and Mr. Roosevelt himself impersonated by Jack Winterbotham...

Another attractive figure was the young Lochinvar figure. At the west end of the ballroom two Scottish bagpipers appeared, followed by eight young men in clerical garb.

An effective figure was made by dancing through a ten-foot arch, standing catacombed in the middle of the room, and lighted with several hundred tiny electric lights...

FISH CURE FOR MENTAL ILLS

Wanderer Gets Food from Water and Berry Bushes for Open Air Health Treatment.

Mount Vernon, Va.—Dr. G. E. Tucker, 70 years old, has cured himself of mental and physical ailments with two months of open air life...

While his relatives and friends sought him, fearing that some harm had befallen him, Dr. Tucker lived in the wooded portion of southern Illinois, ranging as far east as the Washburn river.

Dr. Tucker lives in Woodlawn, a village seven miles west of here. He suffered from mental derangement, and when he left his home suddenly last June, relatives feared he would be unable to care for himself.

The searchers looked in the wrong direction. While they tried to learn whether Dr. Tucker had taken a train for St. Louis or Chicago, the missing man was walking through the county seat east of here.

Besides a slight lameness, Dr. Tucker was so stout that his friends did not believe they would find him traveling on foot. But he found walking good and fishing better...

RAISE LEGAL MARRIAGE AGE

New York City Clerk Enforces Rule Hitting Many Blushing Young Couples.

New York.—In view of the appellate division court decision that if application is made for annulment marriages in which men under 21 and women under 18 years of age are principals must be declared illegal...

During the past two years some 70,000 licenses have been issued in the city of New York, and of this number about 1,400 relate to cases where at least one of the principals was under "legal age" as interpreted by the appellate division.

HUNGRY BEAR HOLDS UP BAKER

Monticello, N. Y.—Driven to desperation by hunger a black bear held up the Hurleyville baker man on his way to the village with the usual daily delivery, and helped himself to bread, pie and cake.

Customers were notified by telephone that they would have to wait a few hours until a fresh supply could be obtained.

MORAL IN LITTLE INCIDENT

Youthful Salesman's Act of Politeness Started Him on Road to High Position.

Some of the doings of the late Charles Lockhart, millionaire, sound as if they were incidents in a novel. There was a new jewelry and silver establishment in New York, a big concern now recognized as a leader of fashionable trade.

The old man went higher and higher in his examination of silverware. He got to pricing full sets of plate. Finally he said: "Is that the best you've got?"

In the Christmas season Lockhart came back to that store. He went right by all the bowing and scraping assistants, and asked for the one who had sold him the silver plate.

IS SURELY NICE TO BE RICH

Example of What the Possession of Wealth Means; Impressed Theater Goer.

"It is certainly nice to be rich," said one of two matinee girls as they made their exit from a crowded afternoon performance.

"What now?" asked the other. "Didn't you notice the little squabble in front of us over that vacant seat? Those two girls on one side of it were fussing audibly about having to hold their numerous wraps in their laps while the gentleman on the other side of it calmly removed his coat and hat and placed them on the unoccupied seat."

ORIGIN OF BASEBALL

Baseball probably grew out of the old English schoolboy game of "rounders." Some have adduced evidence that it came from the old New England game of "one old cat" or "two old cats," which may be true.

GETTING A HOUSE RENT FREE

The Rotherhithe case of houses without owners recalls an interesting instance within the personal knowledge of a resident of Waltham.

WHAT KEEPS THE WORLD ALIVE

There's the world at large; town, village, country, sea. What is it all about? A man's search for his God, his struggle to fill his stomach and his desire for his mate.

HANDICAPPED

"You are trying to make the world believe that you are a brainy woman, aren't you?" "Yes, but I fear I shall never succeed for the world knows what I married."

LIKE SOME OTHER EPITAPHS

Seeming Generosity of Close Fisted Old Man Had Shrewd Purpose Back of It.

"I was called in by a close fisted old merchant the other day," a Boston lawyer remarked, smiling. "He wanted me to draw his will, and this I proceeded to do, following his verbal instruction. Presently he said:

"To each and every clerk who has been in my employ continuously for ten years I give ten thousand dollars." "This seemed like a considerable sum to me and I ventured a slight protest, as he had a number of daughters and his entire fortune was not large.

"About those ten thousand dollar legacies," he said, "there isn't a clerk in my place who has been with me over two years—but it will look well in the papers."

MUST BE LAVISH WITH TIPS

According to This, Extraordinary Gratuities Are Expected by New York Waiters.

We have the word of a New York magistrate that his salary of \$7,000 a year is scarcely big enough to enable him to pay the expected tips at the New York restaurants.

EARLY MAIL ROUTES

The first record contained in our colonial history of any kind of mail service dates from 1676, when the court in Boston appointed Mr. John Hayward to "take in and convey letters according to their direction."

DIRT AND PURITY

The love of dirt is among the earliest of passions, as it is the latest. Mud pies gratify one of our first and best instincts. So long as we are dirty, we are pure.

THE RULE OF THE ROAD

There appears to be no definite record explaining the prevailing custom of turning our vehicles to the right in this country.

THE ELEMENTS

Of the 71 elementary substances of earthly matter enumerated by chemists, 32 are known certainly to exist in the sun's atmosphere, ten or fifteen more can probably be traced there, and there are only six or eight as to which in the present state of our knowledge, there is negative evidence that they are not present there.

AS TO THE SINGER

Tess—She had the nerve to tell me some professor had told her her voice was very good. Jess—Well, you can never tell; things are sometimes deceptive.

OLD GRIST MILLS VANISHING

Primitive Structures Long in Use Have Been Superseded by Modern Plants.

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NOT IN HER SOCIAL CLASS

Aspiring Would-Be Actress Horrified at Manager's Suggestion, as She Understood It.

While delivering an address at a woman's club, Mrs. Colt, nee Miss Ethel Barrymore, told the story of a young woman prominent in New York society, who desired to achieve historic honors.

The manager to whom she confided her desire pointed out the inadvisability of the step she contemplated and added that, even were she disposed to give her the chance she coveted, it would still be in doubt whether her talents were such as to justify action on his part.

"What is particularly desired at the present time," he said, "is service of people who know the chances of the stage."

"Merciful heavens!" exclaimed the young woman, throwing up her hands. "You don't mean to tell me that it is necessary I should be on terms of intimacy with those dreadful stagehands?"

EXTRAVAGANT PRINCESS

So much has been said and written about the debts of Princess Louise, eldest daughter of the late king of the Belgians, that any story illustrating her carelessness in money matters of interest. Princess Louise, it is said, does not know what money means.

WHY THE WOMEN SMILED

A New York man was talking across the breakfast table to his wife. "Now will you tell me, my dear, what new head-dress was which I saw in the theater last night? When a peer over-dressed woman in front of me removed her hat a round black chignon with a saint's halo appeared on her head."

"A light broke over the wife's face. 'I suppose it was one of the bandeaux women wear fastened into their hair crowns, which had come loose unknown to the wearer,' she said. 'No wonder the women smiled.'"

THAT'S DIFFERENT

"What's the joke?" "Jimmie was telling me how he could learn all about an airship in a day."