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A French scientific journal says the consumption of tobacco in that country, being at the present time about two pounds a head of the population annually, whereas in Holland it is seven pounds, in the United States five pounds, in Belgium and Germany three pounds, in Austria-Hungary two and a half pounds and in Canada two and a half pounds.

Baden-Baden, once the great gambling resort of Europe, since abolishing her gambling tables has rebounded to the other extreme, and it is offering "blue laws" as an attraction to visitors, two of whom were recently stopped by the police from purchasing flowers on Sunday.

The 1000th anniversary of the death of King Alfred the Great falls in October, 1901. Preparations are beginning in England for the proper celebration of the event.

SINGULAR STATEMENT.

From Mrs. Rank to Mrs. Pinkham.

The following letter to Mrs. Pinkham from Mrs. M. RANK, No. 2,354 East Susquehanna Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., is a remarkable statement of relief from utter discouragement. She says:

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"Indeed, I thought I would lose my mind. No one knows what I endured.

"I continued this way until the last of February, when I saw in a paper a testimonial of a lady whose case was similar to mine, and who had been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I determined to try it, and felt better after the first dose. I continued taking it, and to-day am a well woman, and can say from my heart, 'Thank God for such a medicine.'"

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The board of works, according to a Peking dispatch, has lately been turning out hundreds of steel shields for a Peking field force. These shields are about the ordinary size of the native war shield, and not much heavier. They are claimed to be bullet proof, and within each shield is concealed a sword bayonet, which can be made to protrude in front of the shield by simply touching a spring. Armed with these shields a body of soldiers, it is alleged, could "charge" with impunity an opposing enemy and put the latter to the sword without any harm to the former. This shield is said to be the invention of an officer of the imperial guards, who has declared that "the new weapon will be more effacacious in the field than the usual bayonat charge."—North China Herald.

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Cycling a Cure for Dyspepsia.

One of the many good effects of bicycling is that it does away with dyspepsia. This statement is not made from views of a physician, but from actual experience of a wheelman who suffered for years with the nauseating affliction previous to riding the wheel. After trying many alleged remedies for it he had practically given up all hope of ridding himself of the affliction. He caught the wheel craze, and after riding judiciously whenever he had the opportunity he began to suffer less from dyspepsia. Now he believes himself entirely cured, but will not forsake his wheel, thinking the disease may come back on him. He is loud in praise of his discovery and recommends wheeling as a positive relief if not permanent cure for dyspepsia.

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Alpine Casualties.

The Alpine casualties of 1897 are summed up in the interesting article in Le Dauphine. Thirty-three climbers perished in the Alps in 1897, half of whom were single excursionists making their ascents without either guide or even a companion. Only one climber was lost who had a guide. Eight of the 33 were killed by avalanches, two by falls of stones, two by slipping on snow, three on grass, and fifteen on rock. Three perished in crevasses. Twelve of the 33 were Swiss, eight Austrians, six Germans, three Frenchmen and only one Englishman.

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Though the French are the greatest mushroom eaters in the world, cases of poisoning very rarely occur, owing to the fact that almost all the mushrooms eaten are raised.

Indian wrestlers and athletes train on a diet consisting chiefly of milk, with a little goat's flesh and plenty of farinaceous food.

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Cattlemen and sheep owners are bidding against one another for water privileges in the river part of Douglas county, Washington.

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300 Descendants. U29

There is a woman living in the State of Georgia who has 235 living children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. In addition to these, seventy-five of her descendants are dead, bringing up the grand total to 310. The old lady's name is Sallie Silver. She is 99 years old, and makes a point of visiting in regular order.

Sand-catch Siding.

Near Dresden, Saxony, a railroad siding has been installed to insure the stoppage thereon of trains. It is a siding which starts from the main track and rejoins it farther on. It is necessary for the prevention of accidents that the shunting of a train to this siding shall stop it, if the engineer neglects his duty. To effect this end, the rails are covered with some inches of sand, which in dry weather is kept moist. This has brought a 20-car train to a full stop. Its utility in catching a runaway engine is obvious.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

PLANTING THE TREE.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the ship which will cross the sea.
We plant the mast to carry the sail;
We plant the planks to withstand the gale—
The keel, the keelson, and beams and knee;
We plant the ship when we plant the tree.
What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the homes for you and me.
We plant the rafters, the shingles, the floors,
We plant the studding, the laths, the doors,
The beams and siding, all parts that be—
We plant the home when we plant the tree.
What do we plant when we plant the tree?
A thousand things that we daily see.
We plant the spires that outtower the crag,
We plant the staff for our country's flag,
We plant the shade, from the hot sun free;
We plant all these when we plant the tree.

A HANDY FOOT MEASURE.

If you are ever placed in a position where it is desirous to know the length of your foot, but inconvenient to take the measurement, as was the case of the English gentleman who wished to purchase hosiery, but could neither tell the size required nor raise his foot to the counter for inspection, you can find a very easy way out of the difficulty. Double up your fist and measure around the knuckles. The length of string required in taking the measure will be the length of your foot.

THE ANVIL BIRD.

At Dusk in the wilds of the gloomy Brazilian forest, you will think it strangy to hear the clink of a hammer on an anvil. You would imagine that you were approaching some settlement, and the picture of the ruddy glow of the forge would come up before your eyes.

But if your guide were a native, he would tell you that the sound was made by the campanero, as they call it, although to foreigners it is known as the anvil bird.

This bird is a little larger than a thrush. The plumage is perfectly white; the eyes are of a pale gray color, and the naked throat and skin around the eyes are of a fine bright green, while its more northerly relative is orange and black, very much like our oriole.

It is generally in the early part of the day that the campanero sends forth the wonderful note that can be heard at a distance of three miles. Marvelous, indeed, must be the mechanism of the vocal organs of so small a bird to produce so far-reaching a note; but there is no doubt of the fact, for many travelers have heard the strange sound uttered by the bird when perched on the topmost branch of some withered tree.

HOW MONKEYS ARE CAUGHT.

In capturing monkeys, it is said that their curiosity is the thing that makes them an easy prey. Nearly all of the monkeys that we see in this country come from Gornona, a little village situated a short distance from the Panama Railroad.

The inhabitants of this district are mostly native Africans, for few white men could bear the climate. The whole region is marshy, and covered with tropical vegetation. At night there arises a thick vapor laden with fever, which hangs over the woods like a cloud.

The region of woods is the paradise of the monkeys. They travel in troops, led by an older monkey. When the people receive information that the "traveling monkey troops" are near the village they go to the woods in crowds to chase them.

Their plan is very simple. They cut a hole in a cocoanut large enough for a monkey's paw to enter. The nut is then hollowed out, and a piece of sugar is placed in it. A piece of string is then fastened to it, and it is placed by the road of the approaching monkeys.

It is well known that monkeys are very inquisitive. When they see the cocoanut in the grass they hurry to examine it. It does not take them long to find out that the inner part contains a piece of sugar. One of the boldest and greediest sticks a paw into the nut to get the sugar, and grasps it as tightly as he can. But his fist is so large that he can not draw it out of the hole again, with the sugar, to which he holds fast, cost what it may.

The natives now pull the string until nut and monkey arrive in the vicinity of their ambuscades. In the meantime, the other monkeys wonder what is the matter with their comrade. They hurry to see where he is being pulled to, with his paw in the cocoanut. They crowd around him chattering and gesticulating, and the natives, who have a large net ready,

know it all, and sold to the Pacific Railroad, and reach the North American markets through commercial dealers.

A WONDERFUL TREE.

There is a tree in Madagascar of which the natives make their houses. What of that? Well, it is not anything extraordinary, is it? We have several kinds of trees in this country any one of which can be used for making houses, too.

But then it is principally of the leaves of this Madagascar tree that the houses are built, and that is odd. Indeed, before we have told all about this tree it will be seen that there are few trees in the world half so wonderful as it is.

When it is growing it looks like a gigantic palm-leaf fan. The trunk is bare to the top, from which the enormous leaves all spring. These leaves do not branch out in every direction, but stand up side by side so that they form a half-circle and give the fan-like appearance.

It is the middle rib of the great leaf that is used for making walls and partitions of. The ribs are twisted together very much as willow is with us in basket making. The part of the leaf that is left after taking the rib out is used for thatching the roof with. Of course, such a house is not a very grand one.

The good tree has not done all it can yet, however. The native of Madagascar likes to have his house carpeted and so he applies to his tree. He strips off the bark in one great piece, stretches it out, beats it with round stones and dries it, and behold! a thick soft carpet as wide as four breadths of Brussels carpet and from twenty to thirty feet long.

Still the good work of the tree is not exhausted. There comes along a hot and very dry season every year in that part of the world, and the wells refuse to give any water. Then the tree is ready, and the thankful man goes to it. With his spear he makes a hole at the base of one of the great leaves, and out spouts a stream of fresh, pure, and almost ice-cold water. Each leaf has about a quart to yield up, and no matter how hot and dry the weather, it never fails.

But even yet the good tree has a service to perform. When the dry season comes around, the volcanoes very naturally become dry too, and then they take fire very easily. Of course, there are no fire engines there, nor any pumps even, and so a fire might easily spread and burn down a whole village if there was not always at hand an extinguisher of some sort. There stands the tree, with its leaves charged with water, and when a fire occurs the men run and tear off the leaves, and with them beat the burning house. The water runs out, and the fire is put out.

There, then, is a tree which gives to man his house, his carpet, his fountain of pure water, and his fire-extinguisher. The botanical name of this friend of man is Urania speciosa; its common name is "Traveler's Tree"—and a foolish name it is, too, for it is more a tree for the native than for the tra eler.

Earliest Recollections.

The prime difference between recollections going back to the first year and those which relate to five or six years of age is that the former are all events which greatly affected the child, and were frequently recalled to him in his infancy and youth; the latter are likewise facts that struck the imagination of the child, but generally less than the former; and there are cases in which the latter recollections were called up late in life; in two persons they were not evoked till our readings brought them up. One person, for instance, recalled the following scene: "A large room, with a fire on the hearth, and the ceiling and walls in the dark; an aged lady sitting before the fire, which shines brightly upon her. I am sitting in her lap. On the floor is a toy, a sheep with gilded horns. I have on red stockings, and have hold of the woman's nose. It is a large, flabby nose; the woman's face is wrinkled, her hair is white, and she wears spectacles." This was when the subject was eight or nine months old. One evening, when this person was six years old and his parents were sitting around the fire, he came up and of his own accord enacted the scene described above, and told the story, when they all laughed. Since then he has recalled the incident many times.—Appleton's Science Monthly for May.

Novel Bridge.

Russian Don Cossack regiments are being drilled in crossing rivers on a novel sort of improvised bridge. Seven or eight lances are passed between the handles and tops of a dozen cooking kettles, and are held firmly in place by the handles, and are besides tied together by forage ropes. A dozen bundles of these lances fastened together form one section of a raft or floating bridge, which it has been found will support a half a ton of weight. A section can be put together in twenty-five minutes.

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DISCOURSES OF THE DAY.

A COMPETITIVE SERMON BY A PROMINENT MINISTER.

The Choice of a Wife—From a Rustic Bible Scene is Drawn a Practical and Inspiring Lesson For All Classes of People—The Calling For Special Work.

TEXT: "Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian."—Exodus iii., 1.

In the southeastern part of Arabia a man is sitting by a well. It is the arid country and water is scarce, so that a well is of great value, and flocks and herds are driven vast distances to have their thirst slacked. Jethro, a Midianite sheik and priest, was so fortunate as to have seven daughters, and they are practical girls, and yonder they come, driving the sheep and cattle and camels of their father to the watering. They lower the buckets and then pull them up, the water plashing on the stones and chilling their feet, and the troughs are filled. Who is that man out there, sitting unconcerned and looking on? Why does he not come and help the women in this hard work of drawing water? But no sooner have the dry lips and parched nostrils of the flocks begun to cool a little in the brimming trough of the well than some rough Bedouin shepherds break in upon the scene, and with loud and shouts drive back the animals that were drinking and affright these girls until they fly in terror, and the flocks are left, unmannered shepherds are driven to the troughs, taking the places of the other flocks.

Now that man sitting by the well begins to color up, and his eye flashes with indignation, and all the chivalry of his nature is aroused. It is Moses who naturally had a quick temper, anyhow, as he demonstrated on one occasion when he saw an Egyptian oppressing an Israelite and gave the Egyptian a sudden clin and buried him in the sand, and he should have demonstrated when he broke all the Ten Commandments at once by shattering the two granite slabs on which the commandments were written. But the injustice of this treatment of the seven girls sets him on fire with wrath, and he takes up the offender in his hand and throws back another shepherd till he falls over the trough, and aims a stunning blow between the eyes of another, as he cries, "Begone, you villains!" and he hoots and roars at the sheep and cattle and camels of these invaders and drives them back; and when the smoke has cleared a little, he comes and introduces himself to the Midianite sheik to gather their flocks together and drive them again to the watering.

The Scripture tell us that it took the seven daughters to drive the flocks to the well implies that they were immense flocks, and that her father was a man of wealth. What was the use of Zipporah's bemoaning herself with work when she might have reclined on the hillside near her father's tent and plucked buttercups, and dreamed out romances, and sighed idly to the winds, and wept over inspiriting songs to the brooks. No, she knew that work was honorable, and that every girl ought to have something to do, and so she starts with the bleating and lowing and bellowing and neighing droves to the well for the watering.

Around every home there are flocks and droves of cares and anxieties, and every daughter of the family, though there be seven, ought to be doing her part to take care of the flocks. In many households, not only is Zipporah, but all her sisters, without practical and useful employment. Many of them are waiting for fortunate and prosperous matrimonial alliance, but some longer like themselves will come along, and after counting the large number of father Jethro's sheep and camels will make proposal that will be accepted, and neither of them having done anything more practical than to chew chocolate caramels, the two nothings will start on the road of life together, every step more and more a failure. That daughter of the Midianitish sheik will never find her Moses. Girls of America! imitate Zipporah. Do something practical. Do something helpful. Do something well. Many have fathers with great flocks of absorbing duties, and such a father needs a daughter at home, or office, or field. Go out and help him with the flocks. The reason that so many men now condemn themselves to insufficiency and solitary life is because they cannot support the modern young woman, who rises at 10.30 in the morning and retires after midnight, one of the troubles being that her hands more of the time between the late rising and the late retiring are occupied with the fan and fan-tail of the fashionable dress, and the poor mother ought to ask the daughter to be at the fast or tea table, and that all the cares of the wealthy sheik ought to be another: "What would you do if the fortune should fail, if sickness prostrate the breadwinner, if the sheik Jethro should be destroyed by a succursion of wolves and bears and from the mountain? What would for a living? Could you support yourself? Can you take care of an invalid mother or sister as well as yourself? Can you bring it down to what any day might be a prosperous family. "Can you dinner if the servants should make a mistake? Can you be contented with a plain dress? Can you be patient, and cheerful, and industrious among Wayne County people.

There are a few men in the west who have to corner the mule market when the government wanted a few thousand of these animals for army purposes is evidence that the long-eared draught animal is passing out of use. Further evidence is furnishing by the Chicago Tribune. In that city, it says, a mule in front of a truck is now a very unusual sight, in contrast with the conditions a few years ago, when an epizootic among these beasts would have stopped half the freight business of the city. In the country at large the number of mules decreased from 2,278,946 in 1896 to 2,215,654 in 1897, and their aggregate value from $103,204,457 to $92,204,146. Chief among the causes cited for the change is the introduction into the country of the big Normans and Percheron horses. These are as good workers as the mules, and, besides, they perform their tasks in better temper.

A Chicago paper says that the current type of Uncle Sam which all the picture-makers use is not characteristic of anything American, and wants it replaced by a new and contemporaneous conception. It complains that the cartoonists represent the figure that should typify American courage, energy and enterprise as "a long, thin-legged, hollow-chested, straggle-bearded nondescript," with trousers half up to his knees, and attended by a disreputable turkey buzzard. There is some basis for the complaint, confesses Harper's Weekly, but the hope for modernizing Uncle Sam must be faint, even among those persons who would like to see it done. The figure is historically reminiscent—even though it fails in most respects of being contemporaneously representative. There used to be many Uncle Sams in New England, and the type is by no means extinct there even now.

An English war correspondent says that as to the courage of the American soldier there can be no doubt. Of course there were some cowards. Gen. Sherman says somewhere that 25 per cent of men have not the necessary nerve for battle. If this 25 per cent is jammed into line it will run—unless there are men behind it ready to shoot the fugitives. For this reason the rear of the army was sometimes picketed during the war. No sentries allowed out the wounded to pass. But this does not impugn the valor of the American private. There are cowards in every army. One man was drummed out of the ranks, though he was of good family and bitterly felt his disgrace. He contended, and it was true, that under fire he was seized with paralysis, and could not move forward; therefore he used to lie down. Such things happened in the Franco-Prussian war.

"The United States," says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "seems to takes as naturally to water as a cat takes to cream. Six months ago we didn't know a cruiser from a gunboat, and now we are nautical to the top notch. We talk boats, we think boats. We have pictures of boats all over our daily papers; boats decorate our magazines, boats cover our billboards. We fight naval battles with gravy boats and soil cracker boats in wastes of steamy soup. The mere pigmies of the land, the crawling infantry, the hoppity-kicklty cavalry, the trundling artillery, are for the moment set aside. It is the sailor lad, with his rolling gait, the bully of the after deck, the captain in his conning tower, who hold our earth's affection. The gorgeous galaxy of generals may bedizen themselves as they will; it is the admiral on the bridge who catches the admiring eye of an adoring public."

A fortunate discovery of the rare mineral ferro-manganese is reported in Pennsylvania. It is a fortunate, too, that it comes at a time when the country is shut off from the mines in Spain. The ore is used in the manufacture of all kinds of rolled steel, and is in demand in the making of armor plate. Much of the ore comes from South America, but as the demand exceeds the supply, and one large steel making concern in Pennsylvania has sent mining experts all over the world in search of the metal. Geologists have always contended that the ore existed in Pennsylvania. [illegible] searching party came across traces of it, although in places so inaccessible that the commercial value of the metal was greatly impaired. The present discovery is in Jefferson County, where Mr. Jones's letter was read a solemn silence ensued. This was broken by a member making a motion that the House should resolve itself into a committee of the whole in order that Mr. Hancock might give his opinion upon the important subject, as he was deeply interested from having all his estate in Boston. After he left the chair he addressed the chairman of the committee of the whole in the following words: "It is true, sir, nearly all the property I have in the world is in houses and other real estate in the town of Boston, but if the expulsion of the British army from it, and the liberties of our country require their being burned to ashes, issue the order for that purpose immediately."

John Hancock.

During the siege of Boston, General Washington consulted Congress upon the propriety of bombarding the town of Boston. Mr. Hancock was the President of Congress. After General Washington's letter was read a solemn silence ensued. This was broken by a member making a motion that the House should resolve itself into a committee of the whole in order that Mr. Hancock might give his opinion upon the important subject, as he was deeply interested from having all his estate in Boston. After he left the chair he addressed the chairman of the committee of the whole in the following words: "It is true, sir, nearly all the property I have in the world is in houses and other real estate in the town of Boston, but if the expulsion of the British army from it, and the liberties of our country require their being burned to ashes, issue the order for that purpose immediately."

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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[illegible] enterprising publisher [illegible] out a new book on "How to Be Popular," by Admiral Dewey.

Rico is a snug, compact little island justifying its name and having a delightful climate in all the Westy Indies.

[illegible] that salvage is a bicyclist entitled to discovers a young woman on a bicycle has broken down and [illegible] her into port.

[illegible] morning exercise is denounced as [illegible] by the majority of hygienic experts. At that time, they say, vitality is at its lowest ebb and needs the [illegible] of food.

[illegible] people of South American republics have submitted to the Queen Regent of Spain some of their differences [illegible] arbitration. It is possible that they [illegible] have hasn't troubles enough of their own.

[illegible] machinery is a magnificent thing, after all, when it comes to [illegible] test. It is the men behind the machines that count. Science and [illegible], however wonderful in their [illegible], can never dispense with the mastery of the human touch.

[illegible] Harrison of Chicago informed [illegible] Illinois than they could string across the street whenever they [illegible] of the continuance of the [illegible] getting a permit from the Council. It is hinted that hereafter Aldermen have received from $1 [illegible] for every permit of this kind [illegible].

[illegible] idea of "civic flags" seems to be [illegible] popular in the west. Milwaukee has just adopted an ensign [illegible] an oak leaf with acorns—signifying sturdiness and substantial [illegible]—as an emblem, and the motto "[illegible] progress." The flag is white [illegible] red border with the emblem and [illegible] in the center.

[illegible] Admiral Sampson is the owner [illegible] famous Mormon Hill Farm, in York state, on which is the hill [illegible] which Joseph Smith claimed to [illegible] up the golden plates from [illegible] the Book of Mormon was printed. [illegible] brother of the Admiral now [illegible] this farm. "Billy" Sampson, as [illegible] called by the residents of the [illegible], enjoys a fine reputation for [illegible] and justice among Wayne [illegible] people.

[illegible] hundred and twenty-five million [illegible] of human beings speak English [illegible] 90,000,000 speak Russian. This [illegible] how little real meaning there is [illegible] numbers. Of the 90,000,000 [illegible] Russian few have done anything except graduate from barbarism [illegible] creditably short time. To offset [illegible] product of the English speaking [illegible] through the range of human [illegible] from Shakespeare to Newton [illegible] have an honest, simple thinker in [illegible], a fighting man in Peter, a [illegible] statesman in Catherine [illegible] a few hysterically interesting [illegible] of the Marie Bashkirtseff type.

[illegible] the Boston Globe: New England had 18 naval officers aboard the [illegible] battleships which broke the [illegible] and silence of the Sabbath in the [illegible] of Manila with roar of guns and [illegible] shells. Despite their Puritan training in youth they fought [illegible] the best of them. Of the [illegible] officers, Massachusetts [illegible] four, Rhode Island by two and Connecticut by four. The sailor heroes [illegible] any titles cannot be dug out [illegible] long lists at this time, but later, [illegible] the smoke has cleared a little, [illegible] names will appear in bright and [illegible] letters. Vermont had the [illegible] of furnishing the commander of [illegible] fleet.

[illegible] are five countries in Europe [illegible] an excess of what beyond [illegible] own needs: Russia, Hungary, [illegible], Bulgaria and Servia. All [illegible] countries combined, it has been [illegible], have in an ordinary year a [illegible] product of 26,500,000 hectoliters [illegible] (750,000,000 bushels) available for [illegible], or only what would make good [illegible] needs of Belgium, Switzerland, Holland [illegible] and the Scandinavian countries, [illegible] unsatisfied the far larger wants [illegible] great consumers of wheat—the [illegible] Kingdom, France, Germany, [illegible], and Italy—whose combined [illegible] is placed at 152,000,000 hectoliters [illegible] (430,000,000 bushels) beyond [illegible] own product. Even in the best [illegible] Europe, then, is not self-sufficient [illegible] wheat.

[illegible] so-called "disappearing cannon" are among the most wonderful [illegible] inventions for war purposes, [illegible] it practicable to conceal a [illegible] behind an embankment and to [illegible] the guns to the enemy's fire for [illegible] brief moment while they are being [illegible] and then immediately they [illegible] lowered out of sight. The great [illegible] at Sandy Hook and elsewhere [illegible] the coast have been provided [illegible] these carriages. Some notion of [illegible] wonderful perfection of the mechanism employed may be obtained from [illegible] statement of a military [illegible], who [illegible] that the operation of [illegible] a sixty-ton [illegible] carriages involves [illegible] steps of [illegible] motions.

Three out of every 125 English speaking people have red hair.

[illegible] Cosmic Papers.

THE BILLVILLE REGIMENT.

Corporal Mentor,
Sergeant Buster,
Captain Drillup,
Colonel Fillup;
Captain Shooter;
General Scooter;
Colonels Shorter
And Firewater;
Brigadier Driveit—
(Not one private!)

THE WOMAN OF IT.

Cora.—This is a lovely pen to write letters with.

Merritt.—In what way?

Cora.—It underscores just beautifully!

APPROPRIATE.

"What do you call the cat?"

"Boomerang. We've fired her a dozen times, but she always comes back."

HIS UNLUCKY NUMBER.

King Alfonso—I wish to thunder my ancestors hadn't tacked that XIII. on to me.

CLUB TALK.

"Before marriage a wife is a charming fancy, but after marriage she is a solemn fact."

"Yes; facts are stubborn things."

MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF.

"Bunce is a good shot isn't he?"

"Very good. We were practising with our guns at a country place the other day, and he hit the bull's-eye the first time."

"Very clever."

"Yes, but he had to pay for the bull."

IRRESISTIBLE.

"And so that's George Ridgeley's wife? I'm surprised. I shouldn't think such a woman as she would have any attractions for him."

"That's because you don't know it all. She has a hundred thousand big, round attractions for him, and all well invested."

LACK OF BUSINESS ACUMEN.

"Aren't you sorry that you mixed corn flour with your wheat flour, now that you have been found out?" asked the dry's comforter.

"I should say I am," the miller admitted. "In the first place, I ought to have called it a 'health blend,' and put it on the market at a higher price than the pure stuff."

PROOF OF IT.

"I never saw such a stupid mass of wishy-washy amiability as that man," declared the pursy little man with the fierce glare.

"Why, I—"

"Rubbish! He doesn't belong to a single society for the prevention of anything."

NOT FEMININE.

"Papa, the paper this morning, in speaking of the battery at Cardenas, says: 'She made no response to the New York's fire?' Battery isn't feminine, is it?"

"No, my boy; you can silence a battery."

IT NEVER HELPED HIM.

Landlady (at breakfast-table)—"It is only this morning that I read about the efficacy of the hot-water cure."

Boarder (looking suspiciously at his coffee)—"Well, I've taken it three years and I know it never helped me any."

RESULT OF EXPERIENCE.

"When we are young and trusting," said the matron thoughtfully, "we regard a readiness to believe every protestation and excuse of man as nothing less than a violation of faith."

"Isn't it?" asked the maid anxiously.

"And when we are older and have been married a few years," continued the matron, ignoring the interruption, "we regard it as simple foolishness."

HANDICAPPED.

"The home team got beat pretty badly the other day," remarked one citizen.

"Yes. Did you hear how many runs the other side made?"

"No. I asked a little boy who had legs in his eyes, but he was unable to tell. He said he hadn't learned to count higher than 10."

"Yes," said his examiner, well pleased, "and could you hang a bonnet on it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Indeed! And what sort of a bonnet?"

"An imaginary bonnet, sir."—Indianapolis Journal.

Woman's Heart.

A woman's heart is not so big as that in the male breast. Men have larger hearts. The average heart of a man weighs from ten to twelve ounces, while the average heart of a woman weighs two ounces less. Nevertheless, in proportion to the whole weight of the body, the woman's heart is greater, for in the normal woman the heart weighs 1.149 as much as all the rest of her, while the man's heart is but 1.169 of his total weight.

Up in a Balloon.

An aeronaut says that there is the same difference in the air at the earth's surface and at an altitude of half a mile that there is between water in a muddy puddle and the purest spring water. He states that for a time one feels, after coming down from an ascent, as if one were breathing "solid dust."

Lucky Orphans.

There are no orphan asylums in Australia. Every child who is not supported by parents becomes a ward of the government, and is paid a pension and placed in a private family, where board and clothes are provided.—Pittsburg Post.

An Ancient Custom.

From Republican Traveler, Arkansas City, Kan.

Pilgrimages to some shrine of St. Vitus' to cure the disease known as St. Vitus' dance are no longer made. The modern way of treating this affliction is within reach of every household, as is shown by the experience of Karl A. Wagner, the eleven-year-old son of George Wagner, of 515 8th St., Arkansas City, Kan. The father tells the story as follows:

"Over a year ago," he says, "Karl was taken with St. Vitus' dance and continued worse during the six months he was under a physician's care. His tongue became paralyzed and we could not understand a word he said. He became very thin, lost the use of his right leg and seemed doomed to become a hopeless cripple. We had about given up hope when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were recommended to my wife by a lady whose daughter had been cured of a similar affliction by the pills.

"I bought a box of them at once and soon noticed a change for the better in Karl's condition. I was so well pleased that I bought more of them, and when he had taken five boxes the disease disappeared.

A Hopeless Invalid.

"That was six months ago and there has been no return of the disease. They are was effectual and permanent, and I feel satisfied that no other medicine could have produced so marvelous a result. We feel rejoiced over the restoration of our son, and cannot help but feel that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the most remarkable medicine of the market."

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