

MODERN BULLETS.

The pointed, blunt nosed and soft nosed and jacketed bullets. The various bullets used by armies of civilized nations...

ZEPPELIN AND SCHURZ.

A Story the Count Told at the Expense of the General. Count Zeppelin, the famous inventor of dirigible balloons...

CIPHER MESSAGES.

The subject of cipher, or secret communication, is interesting to a great many people. Secret messages are almost always lying about all over the civilized world...

KEY OF THE BASTILLE.

Probably few Americans are aware that the famous key of the Bastille is among the objects of interest at the home of Washington...

GESTURES IN SPAIN.

They Play a Very Lively Part in the Native Conversation. To the ordinary Englishman the gestures and signs made by Spaniards in the course of their conversation appear to be very singular...

THE FAIRY STORY OF TODAY.

They were going to the theatre. He had reached home at 10 o'clock and an hour later was to start. There was just time to reach the playhouse by 8 o'clock...

Oats That Travel.

Get a head of wild oats and lay it on the table overnight, first moistening the oats. Next morning you will discover that the head of oats has crawled off the table...

He Knew.

The teacher was giving the geography class a lesson on the cattle ranches. She spoke of their beef all coming from the west, and wishing to test the children's observation, she asked:

Knew Just What He Wanted.

"Architect—Now don't you think it would be well to have a pergola attached to the west side of the house?"

To Be Envious.

"I can't understand my husband, doctor. I am afraid there is something terrible the matter with him."

Silent Lies.

There are silent lies in addition to those spoken aloud. And these are equally despicable. Living a lie, turning life into a deceptive machine...

Hawaiian Pronunciation.

The letter "a" in Hawaiian is always given the Roman sound, as in "ah," while "i" always has the sound of "e."

Hinged on the Cows.

The London Outlook speaks of a lover with an agricultural cast in his eye which boded ill for his lass. He was a dairyman who owned thirty or forty cows.

Opportunity.

Today something lies at hand for each individual to do that can never be done so well again. Amid even the most ordinary happenings of the common lot opportunity comes and passes near each person every day.

Effect of Variety.

"Why is it, do you suppose, that the course of true love never runs smooth?" "For the same reason, I guess, that life is not always a grand, sweet song."

An Enforced Purchase.

A dandy went into a photographer's in a country town to get his photograph taken. When the job was done he refused to pay on the ground that the picture was not like him.

An Old Barbarous Punishment.

Until a change of law in 1870, parliament recognized the sentence of drawing—namely, dragging on a hurdle to the place of execution; hanging and quartering—namely, dividing the body into four and placing it at the disposal of the crown—for the crime of high treason.

That's the Question.

Clifford can ask questions quicker than we can answer them, and a few days ago his uncle told him he would turn into an interrogation point.

An Epitaph.

In the churchyard of Leigh, near Bolton, will be found a tombstone bearing the following amazing sentence: "A virtuous woman is to her husband."

Veracity Paid.

Once upon a time there was a boy, and he applied for a job. "We don't want lazy boys here. Are you fond of work?" asked the boss.

National Anthem Authors.

Some of the best known patriotic songs were written by men who have no other claim to immortality. The "Marseillaise" is the only product of Rouget de Lisle which has survived.

Explained.

"I don't understand this picture, Mr. Dauber," said Mr. Hibrow. "There is nothing to it but a man wearing a blue suit and a cap, and you have named the picture 'Friendless'."

In a Trice.

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Lucky Letter.

"My case is peculiar," remarked the letter B. "How so?" chorused the other letters of the alphabet.

Sugar.

Sugar was not known as an article of commerce among the Greeks, and it is not mentioned in the Bible, showing that it was not known to the Hebrews.

His Old Love.

Grandfather—What! You fallen in love with Signora Fontalba, the actress at the Pantheon theater? Grandson (excitedly)—Yes, grandpa, and if you have anything to say against the young lady you had better wait till I am out of the room.

The Point of View.

The Squire (sympathetically)—I'm very sorry to hear that your husband is at the point of death, Mrs. Hodge, but you must try to be cheerful, as you know it will be all for the best.

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Man at His Weakest.

Experiments with the dynamometer show that a man is his weakest when he turns out of bed. Our muscular force is greatly increased by breakfast, but it attains to its highest point after the midday meal.

Natural Mistake.

Little Eunice was very like her mother's friend, Mrs. G. who had stopped in for a party. She was wearing a new gown.

Insect Thieves.

There is a species of large ant which steals assiduously from Para trees after they have been ped. Bees also have a great fondness for india rubber, and some of the industrious insects found in America actually cut the trees in order to cause the sap to flow.

No Nicknames.

"I don't believe in giving nicknames to children," said the doctor. "No Tom or Jess for me. My children are named Paul and Scott."

Hor.

"Certainly," said the doctor. "He called out 'Paulie and Scottie' here, and 'May I see them?' asked the father."

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