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I wish he would decide, mamma; I wish he would decide. I've been a bridesmaid twenty times—When shall I be a bride?

My cousin Anne, my sister Fan, The nuptial knot have tied; Yet, come what will, I'm single still, I wish he would decide!

He takes me to the play, mamma; He brings me pretty books; He woos me with his eyes, mamma—Such speechless things he looks!

Whenever I roam—abroad, at home—He lingers by my side; Yet come what will, I'm single still, I wish he would decide!

I throw out my hints, mamma; I speak of other beaux, I talk about domestic life, And sing, "They Don't Propose."

But, ah! how vain each piteous strain His wavering heart to please; No what I will, I'm single still, I wish he would decide!

I really shall insist, mamma. My brother Thomas question him, And asks him what he means, And if he wants to break, mamma, My passion or my pride.

Unconquered yet, I'll scorn regret— I wish he would decide!

Five Things About a Note.

There are five essential elements to the legal validity of a negotiable draft, note or check:

1. It must be payable in money—that is, gold, silver or greenbacks, possibly also in United States currency; not in any kind of merchandise. Thus a note "payable in 100 calves" has been decided to be invalid.

2. It must be payable without any contingency or uncertainty. A note promising to pay \$1,000 out of the proceeds of ore to be raised and sold for any mine is invalid. But a particular fund may be designated, as, "I promise to pay out of the estate of B. deceased."

3. It must be payable at a certain specified time—a time certain to arrive. A note payable to A. B. "when he is twenty-one years of age" is not good, for he may not live to be twenty-one, and so the time is not certain to arrive.

4. But a note payable "on demand" is held to be good, for demand is in the nature of things certain to be made at some time. The owner of such a note would not possess common sense if he never demanded payment.

5. It must be payable to the order of a certain party therein named, or else payable to bearer. Otherwise it is not negotiable, although as a simple written contract it is good as between the maker and the person to whom it is payable. But it is not capable of endorsement unless the words "order" or "bearer" appear.

The amount payable must be specified and certain. A note for \$100 "with interest" is good, because the interest can be calculated and thus certainly ascertained, but a note reading, "Pay \$100 or \$200" is not good.—Chautauque.

For Coughs and Colds.

As coughs and colds are rampant just now, perhaps some of the following simple and old-fashioned remedies, taken from an ancient manuscript recipe book, may be found an efficacious as a doctor's prescription, costing several dollars: "For difficult breathing, severity expectoration take two bananas, cut them in small pieces, put them in a bottle or jar, cover with plenty of sugar and cork the bottle tightly; then place the latter in a kettle of cold water, which is gradually brought to a boil. When the boiling point is reached the process is complete, and a thick syrup will be formed. Take a tablespoonful every hour."

"For an 'all overish' cold, which has not yet become decidedly pronounced, roast a lemon until it is quite soft, cut it in halves, fill each half with powdered sugar and eat while warm. This should be taken just before going to bed, and will induce perspiration and relieve hoarseness."

One seldom hears of glycerine as a remedy for a cough nowadays, and yet at one time it was considered a cure for incontinent consumption. Mixed with rum half and half, or whisky either, it is a capital medicine almost invariably affords relief.—Exchange.

No Couldn't Go Too Far.

An advertisement in the London Times recently asked for a tutor "capable of teaching the classics as far as Homer and Virgil." One of the answers received read as follows: With reference to the advertisement which was inserted in the Times newspaper a few days since respecting a school-teacher, I beg to state that I should be happy to fill that situation; but, as most of my friends reside in London, and not knowing how far Homer and Virgil is from town, I beg to state that I should not like to engage to teach the classics further than Hammer-smith or Turham Green, or, at the very utmost distance, further than Brentford. Awaiting your reply, I am, sir, etc."

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Too Punctual.

The Hindu places a clock in his show rooms, not because he ever desires to know what the hour is, but because a clock is a foreign curiosity, says the Manchests (Eng.) Times. Instead, therefore, of contenting himself with one good clock he will perhaps have a dozen in one room. They are signs of his wealth, but they do not add to his comfort, for he is so indifferent to time that he measures it by the number of bamboo lengths the sun has traveled above the horizon. In the country police station, where the European division of the hours are observed, time is measured by placing in a tub of water a copper pot in which a small hole has been bored. It is supposed that it will take one hour for the water to leak into the pot so as to fill it and sink it. When the policeman sees that the pot has disappeared he strikes the hour on a bell-like gong. If he is smoking or dozing the copper pot may have disappeared several minutes before he discovers the fact, but the hour is when he strikes the gong.

A writer in Temple Bar tells an amusing story to illustrate the Hindu's indifference in this regard. When the railway was first opened in a new part of India it took a long time and many bitter experiences to convince the natives that a train always started on time. Shortly after the opening of the line a deputy commissioner sent his native servant with his letter bag to put on board the mail car. Presently the man returned with the bag, having missed the train. "You had not half a mile to go, and you knew that the train left the station at 3 o'clock," said the angry commissioner. "Yes, truly," answered the native, in an aggrieved tone, "but, sahib, when it strikes 3 o'clock here the train goes from there!" Such sharp practices the native had never known before, and he did not think it creditable to the company.

Pocket Fire-Escape.

A correspondent of the American Architect describes the successful working of a novel fire-escape. If the invention is what it appears to be it is very ingenious, and likely to prove of great benefit to mankind. A public trial of it was made from the top of the new Masonic Temple at Chicago.

The pocket fire-escape consists of a metallic tape one-quarter of an inch wide and thirty-second of an inch thick, running on a steel reel which is fastened to a web belt passing about the waist.

The reel is provided with a brake by means of which the person can control the speed of his descent. There is also an automatic brake to keep a required tension on the tape, and thus prevent a sudden drop. The end of the tape is provided with a thumb-screw, which can be fastened to the window-sill or any object in the room. In appearance the machine is like a fisherman's reel, and is about twice the size of a spool of thread.

The beginning of the experiment seemed perilous in the extreme. The inventor fixed the thumb-screw, fastened the web belt about his waist and stepped off apparently into space from the twentieth story.

At first he descended slowly, then faster and faster, till it seemed as if he must have lost control over the little machine, the slender tape of which could scarcely be seen, and at any time looked no larger than an ordinary cord.

At the tenth story he stopped suddenly, and then descended again, rapidly and slowly by turns, until he came to the scaffolding where were several workmen. There he took three men on the "escape" with him and thus dropped to the ground.

Pasteurized Milk.

Machines are in use in Paris and some other cities which will heat great quantities of milk to a temperature of about 155 degs. Fahr, for a few minutes, and then cool it rapidly to a low temperature. The method has been called the pasteurization of milk. It does not kill all the bacteria, but it does destroy so many of them that it greatly increases the keeping properties of the milk. Moreover, it almost entirely destroys the danger from disease germs in milk, since nearly all forms likely to occur in milk are killed by this temperature. The advantage of this method is that the temperature of 155 degs. Fahr. does not give to the milk the taste of boiled-milk, which most people find unpleasant, and does not render the milk difficult of digestion.—Professor H. W. Conn in Popular Science Monthly.

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CRUELTY OF HUNTING.

There is no Sadder Sight Than a Dying Animal.

What sadder sight is there to be found in the records of the hunted than the one of a dead-beat fox, worn out, with lolling tongue, heaving side, bedraggled brush, with the bay of the nearing pack growing every moment more distinct, struggling on in search of safety for his doomed life, dodging now here, now there, surrounded by a hostile field, the fiendish tally-ho sounding in his ears, the crackling of whips which warn him against any further attempt at escape? Then the hounds rush in. For brief moment he turns at bay. Cui bono? The next all is worry, worry, worry, as the poor, weary, and gallant Tod is torn limb from limb, dismembered and reduced to a shapeless mass of bloody, dragged fur.

A fitting death it is, indeed, following as a sequel on the hunted torture which the poor brute has suffered from fad to finish. I have ridden to hounds over many a hard-fought field, yet even in the days when I did not scruple to join in this animal torture, the death of a gallant fox always affected me unpleasantly, and reproach knocked at my heart louder and louder each time, and I have asked myself: "Can not we have sport without cruelty?" Assuredly we can. Well-laid drags tracked by experts would test the mettle both of hounds and riders to hounds; but then a terrified, palpitating, fleeing life would not be struggling ahead, and so the idea is not pleasing to those who find pleasure in blood.

Much of this barbarous taste and calous indifference to the sufferings of animals is bred with our childhood and upbringing. None but those who have indulged largely in sport in its many and varied branches can realize the holocaust of animal suffering that is day by day offered upon the altar of sport. I have seen and gnaged it to its fullest, and I can safely say that, save in self-defense, I will never in my life again raise gun or rifle to destroy the glorious animal life of creation which, alas! I have so often and so wantonly taken part in bringing to destruction. Savagery still dominates us in a great degree. A higher education and civilization will teach us to despise amusements which purchased at the expense of suffering to animals.

Let those in high places consider well how to meet a good example in this respect would be, and lead youth forward to find relaxation and pleasure in feats of skill, endurance and physical adroitness without the aid of the blood and torture to make of us skilled sons and daughters of the chase and the field. In our national schools, both high and low, kindness and our duty to animals should form part of the curriculum, while every effort that science and investigation can command should be put forth to attain for such animals as are needed for food a speedy and painless end. As we have framed laws for the protection of domesticated and tame animals, so we should teach mercy—and where destruction is necessary—a painless mode of death.—Florence Dixie, in Westminster Review.

A Gifted Woman.

The hold enjoyed by one unobtrusive individual upon those so happy as to know her is something phenomenal. None name her but to praise her, and she has the warmest corner of every heart that comes her way. Now, what is the secret of her great good fortune?

It is not personal beauty, surely, and she has no alluring graces and tricks of manner. Her education is good and her breeding unquestioned, but this is true of many of her associates who make no warm friends. How is it done? Merely by this wise woman's phenomenal self-effacement. One hardly notices that she never tells anything concerning her emotions or her affairs. People are so busy telling her of theirs. And it is like talking to one's other self. She never seems bored, and she follows one's confidences by gentle, sympathetic questions, indicating that her interest in the subject is not exhausted and that she would gladly hear more.

She is sympathetic, and she holds all confidences inviolable. In consequence, she is esteemed by a choice circle of friends as the "heart's dearest," and her society is always in demand by those who do not in the least understand her hold upon them. Self-effacement really brings aggrandizement to this woman gifted of the gods.—Georgia A. Peck in Boston Commonwealth.

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