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A Chinese Incident.
"I'll tell you a true story," said a missionary, "that illustrates the nobility of the Chinese character."
"A drunken Cossack in Manchuria shot a Chinaman fatally. It was necessary to identify the fellow, and half a dozen Cossacks were brought to the Chinaman's deathbed for that purpose. He, however, refused to point out his murderer, saying:
"Why should he be killed, since I must die in any case?"
"They explained that the Cossack would not be put to death, but only severely punished, for his crime. Thereupon the Chinaman said:
"But why punish him, since he is already forgiven?"
"To this they made answer that the punishment would not be a revenge, but a deterrent. It would keep the Cossack from repeating such a heinous crime."
"But the Chinaman only shook his head."
"He won't repeat it anyway," he said, "when he knows that I forgive him."—*Minneapolis Journal.*

How Rain Bore Holes.
When rain falls it does not actually soak into the earth, but bores its way in, forming tiny tubes. These tubes are so small that it would be impossible to insert a hair in one of them without bursting its wall. Sometimes the tubes are bored down to a depth of four or five feet. When the surface dries, the water evaporates from the tubes, just as it would from a pipe. If the tube is twisted it takes longer for the water to evaporate. If one takes a rake and stirs the ground after each rain he breaks the tops of the tubes, and the water will stand in them for months. In this way the farmers of the west, on the semiarid lands, store the rainfall one year and raise a crop of wheat every other year, there being sufficient water in two years, but not enough in one, to raise a crop.—*Harper's.*

Manners if Not Mathematics.
The little boy, aged five, was sitting in the midst of the large family circle at the luncheon table. Opposite him was his young lady cousin, who mingled with her affection for him an earnest desire to set his infant feet in the paths of knowledge. Just now in her intense way she was trying to teach him how to divide an orange into quarters.
Again and again she led up to the point that she wished him to think out and as often he failed to follow.
As she leaned forward, wholly absorbed in her desire to make the idea clear to him, she asked once more, "But how would you get a quarter of an orange?"
The boy, blissfully unconscious, replied with a beaming look, "I would say please."—*Youth's Companion.*

Puzzles For Patients.
Although the patient had waited half an hour for her interview, the time had not dragged.
"I worked on one of those puzzles," she said. "By the way, doctor, you are not a children's specialist; then why do you keep so many puzzles in your reception room?"
"You answered your own question before you asked it," the doctor said. "I keep them to amuse the grownups. Most people who feel led enough to visit a doctor can entertain themselves better with a puzzle than a book of magazine. Every puzzle that has achieved popularity in the last twenty-five years has a place in that cabinet. Dentists also rely on puzzles to keep waiting patients in good humor, for even toothache will share attention with a good puzzle."—*New York Times.*

Trade Emblems on Tombstones.
In Scotland it was for a long time usual to place on a man's tombstone the symbols of his trade. Especially was this the case at Dunblane, where, in the burial ground of the abbey, it has been found that of those tombstones which are from 100 to 200 years old about one-fourth are thus marked, the symbols being in low relief. A sugar cane may be seen as showing the grave of a grocer; an ax and saw, with hammer and nails, occur on the grave of a carpenter; an awl and a hammer on that of a shoemaker. There are many other graves similarly marked.—*London Answers.*

Returned With Interest.
The author and Sallie Quickstep were playing tennis, and the author, who is something of a tease, had been rallying her about her game.
"I say, Miss Sallie," he cried at last, "do you feel warm? You're getting awfully red."
"Am I red?" returned she calmly as she sent the ball flying over the net.
"Well, that's more than can be said of your books, Mr. Quickstep. That's 40 love, I believe."—*New York Press.*

Busy Fireman.
"You have a fire department in your village, I suppose?" asked the visitor to Mudville.
"Oh, yes," replied the proud citizen.
"And is the department kept busy?"
"Busy? I should say so! Why, we have four parades a year!"—*Yonkers Statesman.*

Perfectly Secure.
An old farmer once excused himself for sleeping under the eaves of his barn by observing, "Lor, sir, when you are in the pulpit we know it is all right."—*London Standard.*

He Backed Out.
Dentist—We must kill the nerve of the tooth. Patient—Then I will go out of the room. I'm too tender hearted to witness it.—*Meggsdorf's Blatter.*

Indiana's Poisoned Arrows.
The arrow poison used by the Indians of Columbia has been found to be the secretion of the skin of a small frog. The arrows are eight inch palm spines, which are shot from a blowgun about fourteen feet long, and the hunter carries the frog along in a hollow bamboo in order that he may have the poison in a fresh condition. A simple prick of the skin yields the poison drop when needed. When one of the arrows enters the body of even a large animal—such as a jaguar, monkey or deer—paralysis quickly follows and the victim is then easily killed. The use of the poison, it is said, does not affect the flesh of the animal killed, which is quite harmless when eaten. Two French naturalists have made experiments with the edible frog, *Rana esculenta*, showing that its skin exudes a similar poison when irritated and that an extract prepared from the skin gives in guinea pigs the same symptoms as inoculation with the arrow poison.—*Chicago Tribune.*

The Way Back To It.
"Why do you call your wife Peggy?"
"It's a long story."
"It must be. Peggy is supposed to be short for Margaret, though I could never see why. But your wife's name is Felicia. How do you get it?"
"Well, you see, it's like this. Peggy is short for a nickname I invented for her. I got in the habit of calling her 'Pegusa.'"
"But why?"
"Pegusa is the feminine of Pegasus." "Yes, but—"
"And Pegasus was an immortal steed."
"I know that. But what has your wife got to do with it?"
"Well, an immortal steed is in plain terms an undying horse. And an undying horse is an everlasting nag. Now do you see?"
He saw and sympathized appropriately.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

Dressed For the Occasion.
"Before I take this dress off," said the woman to the home dressmaker, "I want to go into the kitchen and read the riot act to Maria."
"Oh, not with this dress on!" the dressmaker protested. "She is cooking, and the grease might pop."
"Can't help it," the woman interrupted. "—aria needs a lecture. She has been needing it for some time, but I didn't dare deliver it because I hadn't got enough clothes to make it effective. Maria is black and judges people by the clothes they wear. If I had scolded in my shirt waist and skirt or even in my old blue afternoon dress Maria would have scorned me, but with all this finery on I can speak my piece, and Maria will be properly impressed, and maybe she will reform."—*New York Times.*

Clever Rubinstein.
The Italian tenor Marconi once made a visit to Rubinstein, during which the latter's little son came tripping eagerly into the music room and said, "This is my feast, papa, and I want a present."
"Very well, my son, what shall it be?" "A waltz, papa, a new waltz all for myself, and now."
"What an impatient little son it is!" exclaimed the great musician. "But, of course, you shall have your gift. Here it is. Listen! And for you," turning to the distinguished tenor, "I will play my 'Nero.'"
"It seems incredible," says Marconi, "but then and there I witnessed and heard a most remarkable phenomenon. The maestro improvised and played a charming waltz with his left hand, giving me at the same time with his right the splendid overture."

How Sound Waves Move.
The speed with which sound waves are transmitted through the atmosphere depends on several conditions. When the temperature is at 32 degrees F., sounds move with a speed of 1,090 feet per second, the velocity increasing with the temperature at the rate of about one foot of speed per second for each degree above the freezing point. Then, again, in damp air sound moves with a greater velocity than it does in dry air, no odds if the dry air be warm and the damp cold. In water sound moves more than four times as fast as it does in air, or, say, at about the rate of 4,700 feet per second.

His Prescription.
Tramp—I jus' dropped in to offer my cure for indigestion and kindred ailments, mum. It may prove a great blessing to your family, mum, and I charge nothing for the prescription. Housekeeper—Well, I must say that's reasonable enough. What's the cure? Tramp—Live on plain food and give your rich and indigestible dishes over to the poor. I'm the poor, mum.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

A Bitter Taunt.
The other day at cards two London ladies quarreled long and ardently over a payment of the gigantic sum of 15 shillings. At last the loser flung the money down on the table, saying, with concentrated venom, "There, that will pay for your next dinner party."

In a Glass House.
Tom—Doesn't your girl's father call you down for staying so late? Jack—Well, no. You see, I generally meet him at the gate coming home from the club.—*Boston Transcript.*

Not the Same.
"Do you know, I heard your family doctor is a dipsomaniac?"
"No such thing. He's an allopath."—*Baltimore American.*

We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; now let us commit it to life.—*Markham.*

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ORDINANCE NO. 517

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE SURVEY, PLAT AND WRITTEN REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS, OREGON, IN THE MATTER OF THE OPENING, LAYING OUT AND EXTENDING OF KELLOGG STREET SIXTY FEET IN WIDTH FROM ITS PRESENT EASTERLY TERMINATION TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF RICHMOND STREET.

The City of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

Whereas, the City Council of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, deems it expedient to open, lay out and extend and establish Kellogg street sixty feet in width from its present easterly termination to the westerly line of Richmond street as now located and established in the City of St. Johns and to condemn and appropriate therefor a strip of land sixty feet in width; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of St. Johns did on the First day of October, 1912, adopt a resolution wherein the City Engineer of the City of St. Johns was directed to make a survey, plat and written report of the said proposed extension of Kellogg Street and of the property to be appropriated therefor and of the lots and tracts of land under which said extension was to be made; and

Whereas, the City Engineer pursuant to the said resolution has made such survey and has filed with the City Recorder a plat entitled "Condemnation of Kellogg street, Exhibit A" together with a written report which is as follows, to wit:

Engineer's Report.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon.

Gentlemen: "In response to the resolution adopted by the Council on the first day of October, 1912 for the opening, laying out and establishing of Kellogg street in the City of St. Johns, Oregon, sixty feet in width from the present easterly termination of the said street to the westerly line of Richmond street in the City of St. Johns as now located and established, and to condemn and appropriate therefor a strip of land sixty feet in width lying between the said easterly termination of Kellogg street and the said westerly line of Richmond street, which said resolution was adopted as aforesaid on the first day of October, 1912, I herewith submit the following report thereof:

"First: I have made a survey as provided for by said the resolution and have prepared a plat of such survey and do herewith submit a written report. I herewith report that Kellogg street as now laid out and established is sixty feet in width and that to continue the said Kellogg street 60 feet in width from its present easterly termination to the westerly line of Richmond street in the City of St. Johns would require the following described property lying, situate and being in the City of St. Johns as follows, to wit:

"Starting at the northeast corner of Charleston and Kellogg streets, thence run in an easterly course along the north line of Kellogg street 174.86 feet, to the southeast corner of Lot 5 Block 2 Jersey street addition to St. Johns, Oregon, which point is the initial point of land to be condemned. Thence producing the line above defined run 89.9 feet to a stake on the westerly line of Richmond street, thence run at an angle of 85 degrees 2 minutes to the right 60.2 feet along the westerly line of Richmond street to a stake, thence run at an angle of 94 degrees 40 minutes to the right 89.40 feet to a stake, thence run at an angle of 85 degrees 20 minutes to the right 60.2 feet to the place of beginning containing in all 5380.8 sq. feet, more or less.

"That the above described land lies within the limits of Kellogg street as proposed to be opened, laid out and established and that the above is a full and complete description of the land which is necessary for the said opening, laying out and establishing of said Kellogg street.

"Second: That a full and complete description of the boundaries, and the portions of the lots and tracts of land a part of which are to be taken and appropriated for the opening, laying out and establishing of said Kellogg street as proposed is that portion of land known as the Caples' Tract lying between the Jersey street Addition to St. Johns and Richmond street in said City.

"Third: I herewith submit plat of said Kellogg street marked "Condemnation of Kellogg street, Exhibit A" which said plat is made in accordance to the survey as ordered by the resolution of the Council for the opening, laying out and establishing of the said Kellogg street and the said plat further shows the boundaries of the proposed street and the portions of the

A Genuine Surprise

The ladies of the Baptist Church pleasantly surprised Mrs. F. Coffyn, Monday evening, it being the 53rd anniversary of her birth. No one ever looked more astonished than did Mrs. Coffyn when she opened the door and beheld the large crowd which had congregated on the porch.

The first amusement was to guess the hostess' age. The prize for the correct guess was a slice of birthday cake, Mrs. J. M. Shaw being the winner. Mr. Coffyn and daughter Mrs. Childress rendered several piano duets which were heartily appreciated. During the course of the refreshments Mr. Coffyn distributed birthday cards to all present on which the guests wrote their names, date and birthday verses. Then they were presented to Mrs. Coffyn for a remembrance of the occasion. The Ladies also presented a table linen to Mrs. Coffyn. At a late hour all departed reporting a good time. There were 25 present.

The Willamette Valley wants the tolls taken off the locks at Oregon City, as provided for in an agreement reached some time ago by the War Department and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. whereby the locks will be purchased for \$375,000. The abstract of title is said not to be complete and much delay has already been caused. Commercial bodies of the valley have taken steps to hasten the transfer.

Mrs. S. C. Cook gave a banquet in honor of Mrs. Week's class of the M. E. Sunday school Tuesday, Nov. 19th, for receiving the banner the most times. A very enjoyable time was had, and the table fairly groaned with good things to eat. The first prize was awarded to Mary Jones, and the booby prize to Genevieve Gammel, at an alphabetical contest. Those present were Mary Jones, Genevieve Gammel, Inez Eateringer, Della Vinson, Oval Avy, Mabel Smock, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Cook, Mrs. Blew, (Mrs. Cook's daughter) and her two children, and Mrs. Cook's mother.

lots and the tracts of land to be appropriated therefor.

"Respectfully submitted this 26th day of November, A. D. 1912. C. E. Andrew, City Engineer."

Now therefore the City of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

The survey, plat and written report hereinbefore mentioned in connection with the proposed opening, laying out and extending of Kellogg street sixty feet in width from its present easterly termination to the westerly line of Richmond street is hereby approved and adopted; and is hereby deemed necessary to condemn and appropriate for street purposes and for the public use that strip of land more particularly described in the Engineer's Report and the accompanying plat thereof.

Passed by the Council this 26th day of November A. D. 1912.

Approved by the Mayor this 26th day of November A. D. 1912. A. A. MUCK, Mayor.

Attest: F. A. RICE, Recorder.

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Notice of Cost of Improvement

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of Central avenue from St. Johns avenue to Bruce avenue, the total cost of which is \$4,772.67, was declared by Ordinance No. 514, entitled "An ordinance declaring the cost of improving Central avenue from the northwesterly line of St. Johns avenue to the southeasterly line of Bruce avenue in the city of St. Johns, Oregon," and assessing the property benefited thereby, declaring such assessment and directing the entry of the same in the docket of city liens.

The cost of said improvement is levied upon all the lots, parts of lots and parcels of land within the boundaries of the district described as follows: Between St. Johns avenue and Bruce avenue.

A statement of said assessment has been entered in the docket of city liens November 19, 1912, and said assessment is now due and payable at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, and will be delinquent and bear interest after November 23, 1912, and if not paid on or before Dec. 12, 1912, proceedings will be taken for the collection of the same by sale of property as provided by the city charter.

F. A. RICE, Recorder
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