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## Crazy Sport.

Score a Great Triumph for the automobile. The international cup race, the chief event of the motoring year, has just been run in France without a fatality. True, a motorist was killed while going to the race, but he was a mere spectator, and does not count. If the race itself 18 cars were started or the run of 341 miles, and all the operators are alive, with their assistants, to tell the tale of minor accidents, delays, disappointments and achievements. This is really a notable record. What is demonstrated by this competition? asks the Washington Star, and then replies: Chiefly that the motor car is capable of enduring a terrific strain while being rushed at railroad speed over a highway with many twists and turns and dangerous declivities, a race course passing through many towns and villages. Another fact shown is that the French people are wildly enthusiastic over these exhibitions of speed mania; another, that the government is entirely willing that the roads should be given over to the use of the motorist for the better part of an entire day, checking all traffic and endangering life, and finally that the entire enterprise is a scheme to advertise the different makes of motor cars, whose builders go to great expense to secure representation in the contests. This speed mania is beyond analysis. Where will it end? The mile-a-minute car will soon be too slow for the motorist. He must have a two-mile-a-minute machine. He must beat the 18-hour New York-Chicago trains. He must beat the wind, if possible. He must be the fastest known means of propulsion, short of a ride on a cannon-ball, a la Munchausen. In this country he is somewhat hampered by a stubborn public sentiment against scorching on the public roads, and by the lack of private race courses covering long distances. He does, indeed, laugh at laws, and pays his petty fines with a cheerful heart when he lets out his machine for a spurt and is identified and caught. But he keeps on experimenting with new cars, and seems to hope eventually to break down opposition and gain command of the highways for his crazy sport.

## Girls Beat the Boys.

Coeducation is resulting in the intellectual humiliation of men. In the class rooms of almost every college and university where the joint instruction of both sexes is a permanent feature the feminine students have been excelling their masculine rivals, and at a majority of the commencement day ceremonies which are now close at hand the girls graduate will practically monopolize the honors in scholarship. The superiority of the young woman student over her athletic brother in the duties for which colleges are endowed seems now to be an established fact. In order that the question might not be considered from any limited local point of view or judged by isolated instances, the Chicago Record-Herald has collected statistics relating to the comparative scholarship of men and women in the undergraduate liberal arts departments of 16 prominent educational institutions, north, south, east and west. The result is truly surprising. In one graduating class alone have the men excelled the women—and this event caused general surprise among the faculty of that particular university. In two or three of the others the data were not yet available, but everything pointed toward the usual victory of the women. In all others the eternal feminine was overwhelmingly triumphant.

## Senseless Advice.

The learned dissertations of all the professors and sages who tell us at this glad season how to be comfortable when the mercury is at 95 being with the ancient halcyon maxim, "Don't Worry." This caution, observes the Baltimore Herald, was old in the days of Babylon's glory, and knew the sharp stings of senile rheumatism when Ireland still had kings. And it was just as platitudinous in those happy times and just as innocuous and senseless and silly as it is in this year of grace 1905. Don't worry, forsooth! How can a man help it? Doesn't worrying mean thinking, and has a mere human being control over the machinery of cogitation? He may convince himself that he isn't hungry when the sight of a ham sandwich makes him weep, and he may control his fists, his legs, his vocal cords and his whiskers, but he has no manner of sovereignty over his cerebrum and cerebellum.

Most of the progressive towns and cities of the country have at various periods of their history exploited their advantages, real and imaginary, each of them patriotically insisting, and offering to prove it, that it was just the finest place in the wide, wide world for business or for ideal private life. Most of them have offered inducements of a substantial nature for railroads and manufactories. All have benefited by effort, all have been in some way rewarded munificently for every activity put forth.

The czar is said to have referred to the Pennsylvania legislature and the Philadelphia council which have fumbled with the gas lease as a reason for not granting measures providing for popular government. The czar is too slow.

Sir Thomas Lipton, expressing in a letter his admiration for N. G. Herreshoff's skill in designing yachts, says: "I wish he would not compress so much talent into the designs of the American cup defenders."

## STILL THE SAME CHAP.

Little Willie won't be quiet; Sees to thrive on din and riot. Beats a drum and blows a horn, Shouts at night and early morn. Really wish that he would grow To be dignified, you know.

Billy seeks to colicize now; Plays the banjo; makes a row; Says he's going to practice law. All he learned is "Rah! rah! rah! Ruddy! He will often try it, But he somehow can't keep quiet.

William Brown, who looks sedate, Thinks a baseball game is great. Watches the returns come in, Cheers at every bulletin. "Good man. No one will deny it, But he can't learn to be quiet, —Washington Star.

## REUBEN WHITE'S ESCAPE

By DUKE CUYLER.

THE mountain tourists, as they follow along the banks of the winding Saco toward the place of its birth in the Great Notch, have their attention attracted by a huge rock by the roadside that bears the name of the Bartlett boulder.

It is not so much the size of the rock as its strange position that attracts the notice of the passer-by. It seems almost as though it was placed there through the agency of human hands, standing, as it does, on the summit of a small knoll, with a number of smaller stones placed under it in such a careful manner as to give it a precarious balance.

Could man have had the power to do it, it could not have been done more effectively.

Connected with this stone is a legend of the early settlers, which I will endeavor to relate, it having been handed down from generation to generation among the residents of the mountain region.

Among the first settlers of Conway was a man by the name of Reuben White. His cabin stood upon the high bank overlooking the fertile region that lies along the Saco, where he had made quite a clearing and got the most of it into a good state of cultivation. He had been subjected to the usual drawbacks, incident to the settlers of that region, but thus far had triumphed over them all.

The wild beasts had given him much trouble, and the savages, when they came sometimes from the wilderness

IT WAS HIS ONLY CHANCE.

beyond the Notch, threatened him and his with destruction.

One day, early in October, the settler took his rifle and started out for a tramp in the forest in search of game.

He turned his face up the valley, and striking the river something like a mile above, he followed it until he nearly reached a point where the bluffs came down on either side almost to the water's edge.

Thus far he had all luck, for no game of larger size than a rabbit had crossed his path.

It was now past noon, and he began to feel as though a hearty meal would do him good. So he shot the next rabbit that crossed his path, and pulling off its skin, soon had it ready for cooking.

Close up to the base of the cliff he built a fire, and in a little time the rabbit was roasting above it.

So intent was he with his work that he saw nothing of a couple of savages, who for several minutes past had been watching his operations.

## THE CROSS TEACHER

A LESSON FOR SCHOOL-GIRLS THEY SHOULD REMEMBER.

Classes Often Hand Down Prejudices Against a Teacher—It Is the Class That Makes the Teacher Lovely or Unlovely in Her Manner—Heroism of an Unappreciated Teacher—Girls Unconsciously Cruel—A Teacher Who Kissed All Her Pupils.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER. (Copyright, 1905, by Joseph B. Bowles.)

"There will be one comfort," said Dorothy to me, confidentially, as we sat on the veranda last night after tea. "Next year I won't have such a cross teacher as I have had in the seventh grade. Miss Louise in the sixth grade was lovely. All the girls adored her. She could do anything with us she liked, and we would work to please her, and never disappoint her if we could help it. But it has been very different since we came into Miss Emily's room. Not a girl in the class can bear her, except perhaps two or three who are her pets. She is simply horrid to the rest, and we shall bid her good-by with relief. I can't imagine why the board keeps teachers who are so gross and disagreeable and who just try to make girls unhappy and discontented."

After this long speech, Dorothy gave her golden hair a little shake and looked up at me with those laughing brown eyes that would seem to defy crossness in anybody.

"I wonder," said I musingly, "whether the fault is all with the teacher. Have not you girls been contrary and perverse and hard to control? Did you not go into that class having made up your mind that you would not have a good time there?"

She is not poor Miss Emily a reputation for crossness that has been handed down or run from class to class, so that she has never had with an of you what might be called a fair show? Have you always conscientiously tried to be as loyal to her as you were to the teacher of whom you were fond?"

"Certainly not," said Dorothy, frankly. "Nobody can be loyal to a teacher whom everybody dislikes. We have done our work, but we have not enjoyed doing it, and I, for my part, should not care if I never met Miss Emily again. I have heard, though, that there are two Miss Emilys. Gladys and Winifred, the girls who are her favorites, have never found any fault with her in the class room, and they say that she is charming out of school. Why must there be two persons in a teacher? Why can she not be as nice in one place as in another?"

The question you ask, though you do not know it, my child, is as deep as the sea and as old as the globe. There are two persons in most of us. With some people and in some places we show our best selves, and with other people and in other places we show our worst. I have no doubt that the feeling of irritation in the atmosphere touches the teacher as well as the pupils in your class room. Have you ever noticed that when you very much like anyone, or when you feel strongly repelled from anyone, there is an answering feeling of exactly the same kind on the part of the other to you? Love answers love. Aversion arouses distrust. A teacher is in a peculiarly difficult situation. She must preserve good discipline in her class, and she must bring it to a definite point in its work. If the class cooperates all is easy. If the class pulls the other way, all is hard. In very truth, Dorothy, it is the class that makes the teacher lovely or unlovely in her manner to the girls.

There is something else I would like to remind you of. A teacher may have great anxieties and trials in the background of her life, and it may be that she cannot always rise above them. It was so with a teacher I had when I was 14, which is just your beautiful age. You do not begin to know what a delightful thing it is to be 14 and in the very glow and sweetness of the morning in the school I attended then there were a number of teachers, most of whom were more or less popular. There was one whom, by common consent, we treated with disdain. She did not appeal to any of us. We did not like the way she wore her hair. We made fun of her prim dresses, which were never in the fashion, and she did not admire anything about her. She was very near sighted and very nervous. Her eyes often looked red, as if she had been crying, and she had a trick of letting books and pencils fall, and of getting ink spots on her papers. If she approved a girl, she did it diffidently, and we called it crossly, but I now know that she suffered agonies of shyness and never got over being afraid of the girls. When school days were over I knew her better, and I found out what a heroine she was. Her mother was a hopeless invalid, her little brother was a cripple, and she supported them both while there hung over her the terror that her eyes would give out altogether, and that she would be obliged to resign her position.

Girls can be very cruel. They do not mean to be cruel, but because of their youth their quick enthusiasm, their impulsiveness, and the intolerance they have for whatever does not please them, they often cause a great deal of suffering which they would be sorry for if only they knew what they were doing.

A teacher may be fighting a battle that you girls cannot in the least appreciate. If she has been in harness several years, her nerves are probably very much worn. If everyone tries to make the day's work easy for her there will be few complaints about her crossness. I am always glad when I hear of girls who adore a teacher. The adoration may be a little inconvenient to her, and it is sometimes a trifle overdone, for girls live in the superlative. They are very apt to talk in halts, and use too much emphasis. But if their teacher is sweet, gracious and refined, if her personal ways are dainty and her dress is neat and trim, they unconsciously imitate her. She does not care for them by her attractive personality than by the instructor they receive. One sometimes sees in a town or vil-

## INDIAN TRIBAL PUNISHMENT

The Lash Is Applied by Order of Chief to Those Guilty of Misdemeanors.

"While in the Choctaw nation in the territory recently," said a traveling man to a Houston Post reporter, "I saw a sight that impressed me much. As everybody knows, the Indians have long maintained their tribal courts and enforced their own laws, but congress several years ago denied them jurisdiction over felony cases and since that time they have administered the law only in misdemeanor cases."

"I arrived in Eagletown, a little territory town away off the railway in the neighborhood of the Arkansas line, and almost instantly I realized that something out of the ordinary was going on, for the place seemed to swarm with lawless Indians. Upon inquiry I was informed that it was sentence day and that the Indian court would deal with misdemeanors. First one Indian and another was brought before the Indian judge who conducted the proceedings in Choctaw, and as fast as one prisoner was convicted the constable or sheriff, as the case might be, would take him out and inflict the punishment."

"In all misdemeanor cases they whip, that is, a person convicted of a certain offense receives so many lashes. They would take the prisoner to a big oak tree, into the body of which had been driven an iron pin curved at the end about two feet above the average man's head, and after tying his hands together and stripping the prisoner to the waist, he would be stretched along the tree in an upright position and then the Indian officer would take his great rawhide strap, soaked and prepared for the purpose, and apply it with intense vigor on the back of the unfortunate."

"These blows were dealt only from the elbow down, but the force used was amply evidenced by the twisting, squirming contortions of the victim. While the blood did not come, great red welts were plentiful and the pain was fully manifested, but not in one single instance did I note an outcry. The guilty, with traditional stoicism, took their punishment, but never was there an outcry. All about the tree were gathered the friends and spectators, and the manner in which they gazed at the unfortunate was a caution. They had absolutely no mercy, and I was informed that the tongue lashings accompanying the ordeal were regarded as being tenfold worse than the actual infliction of the blows."

"It used to be the case that the Indian courts, or, to speak with greater accuracy, the tribal courts, had power to inflict capital punishment, and it was only something like six or eight years ago that such was denied them by congress."

## WEAR ONLY FALSE PEARLS.

French Society Women Are Determined Not to Be Outshone by Americans.

A Paris jeweler tells the New York World correspondent that great ladies of French society feel themselves forced to wear immense chains and collars of pearl to save themselves from being outshone by rich Americans, who introduced the fashion, only the pearls are almost always false, though mounted and strung with the most costly real materials. On the correspondent remarking that such a sham was disgraceful, the jeweler said none of the famous American jeweled collars and necklaces that astonish of transatlantic and procure them invitations to the most exclusive salons and fetes, is genuine, the sole difference being that Americans have real pearls, but in their banks at home, while their French copyists can't afford any but the imitation.

"Americans," he continued, "have a genuine love for splendid jewelry, but are invariably afraid to wear them. I know, because they come to me by scores for repairs and modifications."

## Quies Physical Facts.

The two sides of a person's face are never alike. The eyes are out of line in two cases out of five, and one eye is stronger than the other in seven persons out of ten. The right eye is also, on average, higher than the left. Only one person in 15 has perfect eyes, the largest percentage of defects prevailing among fair-haired people. The smallest vibration of sound can be distinguished better with one ear than with both. The nails of two fingers never grow with the same rapidity, that of the middle finger growing the fastest, while that of the thumb grows slowest. In 54 cases out of 100 the left leg is shorter than the right.

## The Hitch.

"So your wife has resigned from the society organized to demonstrate the superiority of women?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Meekton, "there was some little dispute as to the presidency. They were entirely agreed as to the superiority of all women over men, but couldn't allow any one woman to be superior to the rest." —Washington Star.

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## LIGHTS IN LITERATURE.

The first volume of the unpublished writings of the late Theodore Mommsen has been prepared for publication by Prof. Otto Hirschfeld, the literary executor of the deceased historian.

Rider Haggard is best known in America as a writer of startling romances, but in his own country he is recognized as an earnest student of the problem of the poor. For years the author has been laboring for the development of the agricultural side of English life as a means of relieving the congested conditions of large cities.

Anthony Hope, the British novelist and playwright, was educated for the law, but says himself in his droll way that he failed to make a living at his profession and had to turn to writing in self-defense. He declares that in all his life of 42 years there has not come one incident that is worth telling—he has just lived "the average life of an English gentleman."

It will probably seem strange to some that John Hay in his later life was inclined to be rather ashamed of "Little Breeches" and "Jim Bludso," the two of his poems that have always been the most widely quoted. Similarly James Russell Lowell was rather ashamed in his declining years of the "Bigelow Papers," which many regard as his most original and effective work, and Minister Phelps never liked to be quoted as the author of that immortal poem about Essex Junction.

William Dean Howells has some encouraging words to say to young aspirants for literary honors. "There is room for a good story of any kind," he said, recently, "although an editor governs his judgment by what his readers have liked before, often rejecting something they would like much better, no good thing in a story ever remains unpublished. Some one will read it, feel its truth and print it if it is true." But he goes on with a word of advice. "I do not believe anyone can write a novel, with rare exceptions, until he has lived at least 35 years in experience of the world."

## SAPIENT SAYINGS.

A woman's "No!" is often contradicted by her eye.

Keep out of the frying pan, and you won't get into the fire.

The really self-made man never boasts of his architecture.

Envy is a disease from which those who do their best are immune.

It is better to make haste in beginning than to make haste to finish up.

A man can fly off the handle without the aid of a flying machine, but his lights hard.

A successful man roots while his less prosperous brother stands around and squeals.

Some men and women appear vain because of overintellectuality. They lack self-appreciation, so seek the appreciation of others as a bolster to their self-respect.

## WHAT WOMAN WANTS.

To love.

To be loved.

To be told so sometimes.

To have something to do.

To be dealt with sincerely.

To be praised once in a while.

To have her judgment respected.

To be sympathetically understood.

To have a great, big-hearted boss who will let her have her own way.

## BABY'S INSTINCT

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