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Two Little Kittens.

Two little kittens, one stormy night,
Began to quarrel, and then to fight.
One had a mouse, the other had none,
And that was the way the quarrel began.

"I'll have that mouse," said the bigger cat.
"You'll have that mouse? We'll see about that."
"I will have that mouse," said the elder one.
"You shan't have that mouse!" said the little one.

I told you before 'twas a stormy night,
When these two kittens began to fight;
The old woman seized her sweeping broom,
And swept the two kittens right out of the room.

The ground was covered with frost and snow,
And the two little kittens had nowhere to go;
So they laid them down on the mat at the door,
While the old woman finished sweeping the floor.

Then they crept in quiet as mice,
All wet with snow and cold as ice;
For they found it was better that stormy night
To lie down and sleep than to quarrel and fight.

—Phila. Commonwealth.

Variety.

It is the shepherdess shaped hats that are slaying the young men at the watering-places this season.

China has streets paved with granite blocks laid over three hundred years ago, and as good as new. The contractors are dead.

A malicious person says that cotton sheets and newspaper sheets are alike in respect that a great many people lie in them.

You can't convince a Vermont woman that there won't be a death in the family if she dreams of seeing a hen walking a picket fence.

Fifteen years ago a Washington gentleman scratched his name on a gold dollar and sent it on its travels. He has never seen it since.

Mrs. J. B. Carson, of Toledo, O., is the first lady railroad superintendent, filling that position on the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad.

The Jews of Berlin have made arrangements for cremating the dead in one of their cemeteries in that city. They call it leichenverbrennung, for short.

Sunday schools have been running in Indianapolis for fifty years; and yet eight men out of ten of the male citizens wink when they call for soda water.

No man ever sank under the burden of to-day. It is when to-morrow's burden is added to the burden of to-day that the weight is more than a man can bear.

"Now, Sammy, tell me, have you read the story of Joseph?" "Oh, yes, uncle." "Well, then, what wrong did they do when they sold their brother?" "They sold him too cheap, I think."

Young ladies subject to nervous debility in summer ought to beware of taking too much exercise. They should, as much as possible, lie quietly upon the sofa and suffer their mothers to fan them.

She can stand it pretty well once or twice; but when you spill a saucer of raspberry jam into her lap a third time things get uncomfortable, and she works her countenance as if she wasn't born to be an angel.

Some one wrote to Horace Greeley inquiring if guano was good to put on potatoes. He said it might do for those whose tastes had become vitiated with rum and tobacco, but he preferred gravy and butter.

A man was killed recently in Georgia by the explosion of a soda bottle. And still the Crusaders seek to compel people, under the Local Option law, to carry such dangerous stuff as a beverage when they go hunting and fishing.

A New England writer says of the White Mountain region: "Griddle-cakes assail the sense, and maple syrup puts on its amber affluence of glory." And there he stops, and leaves the reader in a tantalizing state of mind, while he eats the cakes.

"What do you know of the character of this man?" was asked of a witness at a police court the other day. "What do I know of his character? I know it to be unbeatable, your honor," he replied, with much emphasis.

A Mrs. Olsen, of Salt Lake, makes public declaration that, in her opinion, polygamy is as good for women as for men, and that she would like three husbands—one to live with and love, and the other two to help support her.

"The elevation of women?" exclaimed my Lord Tom Noddy, as he was driving home from Ascot. "Aw—if a fellu wants to see—aw—women elevated, he should see 'em at the races—aw—after a good lunch."—*Punch.*

We find the following item in an Illinois paper: "Mr. ——, who has been in retirement for a few weeks after marrying and burying three sisters, came up smilingly to the altar again yesterday, having begun on a new family."

A Danbury house cat was cremated the other morning. She had crept into the kitchen oven during the night, and in the morning got accidently shut in. When the oven was opened to bake the breakfast rolls her remains weighed but thirteen and three-quarter ounces.

We had better begin to pack our trunks and prospect for a new location if, as the *Saturday Review* owlishly affirms, "there are changes beyond the power of man to arrest, and long before our planet has dropped into the sun, it will have become an unsuitable abode for civilized beings." But where shall we go?

A regular black and tan poodle, according to the Boston code of fashions, must have a head about the size of a black walnut; eyes that stand outside of their sockets; a tail about the size of a lead pencil, and legs so attenuated that the animal falls over on his back every time he lifts his head to bark.

A young lady in Council Bluffs, when informed by her supposed lover that he was going to cease his suit, cowhided him all round the room, and as he disappeared from the window, declared that she would teach him to be careful how he trifled with a gentle and loving heart in future.

"What's your business?" said the magistrate of a police court, the other morning, to a prisoner. "I'm an observationist, your worship." "An observationist! what is that?" "One who looks around in the daytime to see what he can steal at night, if it pleases your worship."

The trade of a tanner comes, for one reason or another, to confuse to political prominence. President Grant and the new Postmaster-General are shining examples of this, and even as far back as the Roman days we have Cicero's evidence that *Quoque tend 'em.*

At the funeral of his sixth wife, Mr. B. proffered the officiating clergyman a two-dollar greenback. The minister declined it, saying he was not accustomed to accept pay for such services. "Just as you say," coolly replied the mourner, "but that's just what I have been in the habit of paying."

There is a certain scholarly man in Rome whose knowledge of ancient languages is marvelous. Once they spoke of his learning, and some one said: "But what a pity it is that X's breath is so offensive." "Not at all surprising," replied Duke Sermoneta quickly, "when you remember that his mouth is full of dead tongues!"

Mr. Pullman is said to have been much horrified at the speed with which his palace car was put through on a trip on the Midland Railroad of England recently. Despite the fact that there was a large number of swells on board, including the Rothschilds, the superintendent kept up the rate of seventy miles per hour, while Pullman, who knew that any accident would be attributed in some way to his carriages, sat in a far from "palatial" state of mind.

Interesting Items.

SURE CURE FOR SCURVY.—A Marbletown farmer was blessed a short time ago by being made the owner of eight hogs. Unfortunately, however, these animals got the scurvy, so the owner immediately repaired to the great hog doctor, in those parts, known by the name of "Sol," and wanted to know what he must do to save his hogs. Sol, which is short for Solomon, is a near relative of that wise man named in Scripture, and is not only thoroughly read in regard to all diseases of all animals, but is especially posted in relation to hog diseases. He therefore quickly responded that they must be given arsenic, which would cure the scurvy in short order. The farmer bought the arsenic, gave it to his swine, and now four of them are dead, while the others look very much as though they intend to follow suit. There isn't a doubt, however, about the scurvy being cured.

HOW MANY EGGS SHOULD A HEN SET WITH?—This is a question that people never agree upon, exactly. The common number is twelve or thirteen. Some hens set on twenty-three or twenty-four eggs, and hatch out all but one or two. Usually fifteen or sixteen, are allowed for a good-sized hen. A writer in a late number of Moore's *Rural New Yorker* stated that he had this Spring seventy-two eggs under three hens—twenty-four each; and that they hatched sixty-nine chickens; two had full grown dead birds, and but one was addled. He says, also, that he had three hens set with seventeen eggs each, and one with eighteen, every egg hatching. In making nests, take a box eight to ten inches deep, fill it up with fine sandy earth, with a sprinkling of wood ashes, to within two or three inches of the top, hollow out a nest of the required shape, put in it a piece of old sacking, so to cover the dirt, and Mistress biddy has as comfortable a nest as she could desire—more free from insects than when hay or straw is used; and the nest seems to have a more even, uniform degree of temperature; there is no chance for cold air to chill the eggs. If nests are too deep down from the top of the box, the hen is apt to break her eggs in jumping down on them. It should be so she can step easily into her nest and as lightly as possible—and she will do so, if her nest is not too deep.

ROYALTY.—Royalty is undoubtedly a very costly luxury to support, especially in England, and we do not wonder that Joseph Arch and Charles Bradlaugh wince under the burden the British workingman has to carry. The civil list of the royal family is as follows; but a trifle to what the working people are compelled to pay in pensions:

Princess Royal	$125,000
Prince of Wales	400,000
Princess of Wales	100,000
Prince Alfred	100,000
Prince Arthur	30,000
Princess Alice (of Hesse)	42,000
Princess Helena (of Schleswig, etc.)	42,000
Princess Louise (of Lorne)	12,000
Princess Mary (of Teck)	12,000
Princess Augusta	90,000
The Duchess of Cambridge	90,000
The Duke of Cambridge	278,000

An English writer, whose pungency of phrase is somewhat remarkable, declares that "next year Prince Leopold obtains his majority, and the begging-box will be rattled in Parliament for him. Two years afterward a similar unpleasant sound will be heard in behalf of Princess Beatrice, and heaven only knows when this system of royal begging will cease." The above amounts are the annual incomes of the royal family.

THE ENTIRE-SWALLOWER.—A writer in the *Siecle*, of Paris, gives the following account of an American sailor, named John Cummings: "On the first occasion this man swallowed fourteen knives. As may be supposed, he was ill in consequence; but he recovered, and was able to re commence his exploits. Being made a prisoner by an English ship in 1867, he suffered himself to be persuaded to satisfy the curiosity of the crew. This time he swallowed seventeen knives in the course of two consecutive days. But he was then attacked by excessive pains which required the aid of a surgeon, under whose care he remained eighteen months. He was then dismissed as incapable of service. Twice in the year 1867 he entered Guy's Hospital, London, and was attended there by Dr. Babington, who had much difficulty in believing the amount which the man gave of the origin of his illness. He left the establishment, but again returned to it in 1868, under the care of Dr. Currie, and died there in the following year, after seven months' suffering. When the body was opened there were found in it fourteen knives.

AMPUTATION WITHOUT PAIN OR BLOOD.—There was at Bellevue Hospital recently, an operation performed by Dr. Wood, an amputation of a leg, in which both ether and esmarch appliances were used. The operation was painless and bloodless. The subject was a little boy who had been run over by a horse-car, his right leg below the knee being badly crushed. He was brought to the hospital eight days before. The large new amphi theatre in Bellevue was densely packed with students and physicians, eager and impatient to witness the new and much discussed bloodless amputation. The little fellow was placed upon the table, and a cloth wet with ether thrown over his mouth and nose. In half a minute he was asleep. The crushed limb was exposed; a roll of crimson elastic belting was slowly wound from the knee upward to nearly the top of the leg, and a piece of white rubber pipe was bound tightly around it at the upper extremity. Not a muscle stirred as the knife and saw did their work, without loss of blood. The little patient came to himself just as the last artery was tied. He moaned softly, but not like one who suffered acutely. He is now doing well, and a few hours after he was quietly sleeping in a hospital cot.

FISH AS BRAIN-FOOD.—The idea that fish diet, or at least, the frequent use of fish as diet, is promotive of brain-power, seems to be growing; and the philosophy of it is said to be that the phosphorus contained in fish acts beneficially on the brain. Looking at what are called the lower animals, it is true that a considerable amount of intellect is to be observed in those that feed exclusively on fish. Learned seals are very common accessories to shows. Of all wild animals the otter is one of the most intelligent and easily domesticated; and with regard to the feathered race, wonderful stories are told about the instincts of storks and other birds that feed upon fish. It does not appear to have been satisfactorily demonstrated, however, that intellect is developed in the human race by frequent use of fish diet. To arrive at a conclusion respecting this, it would be necessary to obtain trustworthy statistics with regard to the mental powers of Laplanders, light-house keepers, fasters in Lent, and others who live much on fish. Our own observation is that those who live much upon fish—as for example, the inhabitants of fishing-villages—are not specially distinguished for mental vigor, though their animal power cannot be questioned.—*Technologist.*

HUMOR AND SARCASM.—It is not everybody who knows where to joke, or when, or how; and wherever it ignorant of these conditions had not better joke at all. A gentleman never attempts to be humorous at the expense of people with whom he is but slightly acquainted. In fact, it is neither good manners nor wise policy to joke at anybody's expense; that is to say, to make anybody uncomfortable merely to raise a laugh. Old Æsop, who was doubtless the subject of many a gibe on account of his humped back, tells the story in his fable of "The Boys and the Frogs." What was jolly for the youngsters was death to the croakers. A jest may cut deeper than a curse. Some men are so constituted that they cannot take a joke in good part, and, instead of repaying it in the same light coin, will require it with contumely and insult. Never banter one of this class, for he will brood over your badinage long after you have forgotten it, and it is not prudent to incur the enmity of any one for the sake of entering a smart double entendre or a tart repartee. Ridicule, at best, is a perilous weapon. Satire however, when leveled at social follies and political evils, is not only legitimate, but commendable. It has stunned down more abuses than were ever abolished by force of logic.

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