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It does not take much to make the House of Commons laugh. The feeblest joke or the most trivial slip of the tongue will suffice to send our legislators into fits of hilarity. For instance the other night Lord Stanley made a slight mix-up in his plurals and referred to those useful animals, oxen, as "oxes." The mistake evoked much "loud laughter."—Pearson's Weekly.

### The Girl Was Always There.

A young man at Canova took his best girl out for a ride. She fell out of the buggy, and he drove two miles before he discovered she was missing. When he was a young lover the hind wheel might come off, the spring break or the horse fall out of the shafts without our knowing it, but the girl was always safely anchored.—Hartford (Ala.) Times.

### City Excavated in Rock Salt.

One of the most remarkable cities in the world is Kolburg, near Cracow, Poland, for, besides being situated underground, it is excavated entirely in rock salt. The inhabitants, to the number of over 3,000, are, of course, workers in the famous salt mines and all the streets and houses are of the purest white imaginable.

### King's Band Disbands.

King Edward has given orders for the disbandment of his private band, one of the ancient features of his court. In its present form it was established by Charles II. It is composed of thirty-four musicians, under the direction of Sir Walter Parratt, "master of the music."

### Pastor Believes in Athletics.

Rev. Earl Willey, pastor of the New Castle, Pa., Christian church, occupied the pitcher's box at a game of baseball played by local clubs last week. Mr. Willey is an earnest advocate of clean athletic sports and does all in his power to encourage them.

### Child Prodigy.

Torquato Tasso was famous throughout Italy before he was nine years old as an accomplished Greek and Latin scholar, and the author of clever and polished verses; and at thirteen he was the intellectual center of the brilliant court at Urbino.

### Horses of Famous Men.

It is strange that no one seems to know anything about the various horses that George Washington rode, and that the names of them all seem to have gone down into oblivion. Every one knows about Marengo, the white stallion Napoleon rode at Waterloo, and whose remains are now in the United Services Museum at London. The Duke of Wellington was astride of Copenhagen during the battle and the horse lived to be twenty-seven. Richard III. owned White Surrey, and it was for him that he wanted to trade a kingdom. William III's favorite horse was named Sorrel, and was blind in one eye, as was Savoy, the favorite horse of Charles VIII. of France.—Springfield Republican.

### WU TALKS OF FOOT BINDING.

**Humorous Address of Former Chinese Minister on the Subject.**

Minister Wu recently attended the meeting of an association in Canton, composed of Chinese and foreigners, called the Natural Feet Society. It was like this irrepressible humorist to begin his speech by solemnly asseverating that he had never allowed any daughter of his to bind her feet, admitting, however, that he had no daughters. To be sure, his wife had small feet, but he confided to his hearers that he deferred marriage three years, hoping for a wife of suitable rank with natural feet, but when his parents could find none he had to marry one with bound feet or remain single. His wife now thinks as he does about the folly of ancient customs. "But it is very difficult to unloosen feet once bound, though I can tell you sub rosa my wife is trying to unloosen her feet. When she heard of this meeting she urged me to come, and she has authorized me to say she will give a small contribution of \$100 to the society."—New York Tribune.

### Then All Laughed.

He was a drummer of the more flashy type and had just finished telling a startling story to his newly made acquaintance in the railway car. "That reminds me of one of Munchausen's yarns," remarked the victim for want of something better to say. "Munchausen? Who is he?"

"Why, don't you know about him? He is the most colossal example of mendacity that civilization has produced."

A brief, painful silence ensued, which was broken by the drummer, in a tone that was almost timid.

"Excuse me, my friend," he said, "if I seem inquisitive, but would you mind telling me what house he travels for?"

### "Omit the Third Stanza."

Mabelle had been unusually quiet at church one Sunday. She was generally a very restless listener. Her mother noticing it asked her:

"What made you so good during service this morning, daughter?"

"I was thinking," answered the child, "why the people who write the hymns always put something bad in them that the minister can't let the people sing. He always says 'omit the third,' or some other stanza, and he says it over twice, so they'll be sure not to sing it; so it must be something wicked."

### Believes Sea Serpent Exists!

The naturalist of the Belgica expedition lately told the Zoological Society of France that he believes the sea serpent to exist, and that it is not at all an imaginary creature of song and story. He says it is not a reptile, but a mammal of the order of the pinipeds, to which family the seals belong. In form it resembles somewhat the extinct plesiosaurus, attaining a length of 200 feet, the head and neck being one-fourth of the length, the trunk one-fourth and the tail one-half. It never approaches the coast except in pursuit of the fish on which it lives.

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