

JUST A FEW ANECDOTES

Embarrassing. PRESIDENT ELLIOT of Harvard said the other day: "The last time I was abroad I met at a tea in London a well-known writer of children's books. "He was a quiet, modest gentleman. The hostess he underwent at the tea did not puff him up, and neither did the dreadful disaster that happened later on particularly unman him. "He was nearly ready to go when his hostess brought up to him her little daughter, a child of 7 or 8 years. She was a pretty child, and as soon as she had been presented to him she said in a loud, clear voice: "I think you're a very wonderful man. "The author smiled. "Why do you say that, my dear?" he asked. "Because," said the little girl, "mamma told me to."

New Idea in Photography. William Morley, Columbia's football coach, is a Sheriff in New Mexico during the football season. Mr. Morley posed with his football squad the other day before the camera of a newspaper photographer, and the artist discussed together photography in the West. "In New Mexico," said Mr. Morley, "the photographic art has not reached the high plane of excellence to which it has attained in New York. The photographs of New Mexico has, nevertheless, many quaint and original ideas. "A friend of mine was stopping in Weed for a few days. He had raised a beard since coming West, and a Weed barber had trimmed it in an unusually becoming way. My friend decided, therefore, that he would be photographed by a Weed camera, so that the folks at home might see how much his appearance had improved. "He found, after some little trouble, a photographic studio in Weed. The photographer had a handsome shop. He put my friend in a chair, clamped the back of his head into a special device, secured through an instrument and then, coming forth from under his black cloth, said: "By the way, will you have a drink?" "Why, I don't care," said my friend, with a pleased smile. "What have you got?" "Beer, whisky and ginger ale," said the photographer. "I'll take my friend began; but just then the other motioned him to be silent, inserted a plate holder, and took the picture. "After the operation was all over, the photographer handed my friend his hat, and started to escort him to the door. Had he forgotten about the drink? To remind him, my friend said: "But what about that little invitation?" "Oh," said the photographer, "that is just a little trade ruse of mine to give an interested and pleased expression to the face."

The Wage Question. The late ex-Senator Ransom of North Carolina was in early life a famous planter. His plantation was a model one, and from all over the State visitors came to inspect it. After the war he reduced his planting operations considerably, but he still kept up a handsome estate. He would often talk of the dissatisfaction of the reconstruction period, and he would often complain about salary that the freedmen of the time held. "In my stable, for instance," he once said, "I employed a skilled coachman and an unskilled groom. To the coachman, of course, I paid the larger wages. The groom as soon as he found this out complained to me about it. "What for," he said, "do you pay Henry more than me?" "Because," I answered, "Henry is a skilled, experienced hand." "But then," the groom said, "the groom should come to him a good deal easier than it does to me."

A Pricked Bubble. Sir Thomas Lipton entertained last month a number of American big game hunters in London at the Crystal Palace. During luncheon Sir Thomas addressed the callers in a pleasant speech. Among other things he said: "I counsel you to be plain and simple in your ways. Don't try to seem something you are not. Don't put on airs. "They who put on foolish airs often come to grief. A woman with her little daughter entered the Crystal Palace the other day—Lipton Limited, you know, is the name my ten shops all go under—and she made a purchase of a pound of tea. The clerk weighed up the tea and said: "Shall I send this for you, madame?" "No, I'll take it with me," the woman answered. "I'm driving." "Here her little girl began to jump up and down excitedly. "Oh, mamma, I said, 'are we going back in the yellow bus, too?'"

Mortifying. Count Henri de la Vaulx, the noted aeronaut, was talking about aeronauts in New York. "Our Aéro club in Paris," he said, "has 600 members. I am sure that there must be quite 600 aeronauts in America. Undoubtedly it won't be long before flying machines will be as common as motor cars. "The great trouble is the immense amount of time and money that aeronautical experiments require. Full of hope, you work two, three, four years, and spend, it may be, \$50,000 on a flying machine, and the first time you try it—crash! down it drops, a wreck of a junk. "Then you are indeed disappointed and disheartened. You feel as a dentist felt of whom I heard the other day. "A man went to a dentist to have a tooth pulled. He leaned back in the chair, and the dentist thrust into his mouth a pair of bright forceps, and said, "I'm driving." "Here her little girl began to jump up and down excitedly. "Oh, mamma, I said, 'are we going back in the yellow bus, too?'"

The Child Naturalist. Senator Frye is a hunter, an angler and a naturalist. All his life he has been fond of the woods and of wild creatures. He was born in Maine, in the town of Lewiston, and a Lewiston man said of him recently: "My father in his childhood played with the child Frye, and I have often heard him tell how his little friend would go out into the fields and take up fearfully in his hands beetles and spiders and all manner of fearsome bugs. "One day he took up a wasp. He was very small, you see, and ignorant of wasps' nature, and so took this wasp up in his hand, and of course, it stung him. "Instantly he dropped it, and set off homeward in an agony of pain and wrath. My father ran along with him, making sympathetic noises. Young Frye said, as he wrung the hand that had been wounded: "First it walked about all over my hand, and it was so nice! But oh—when it sat down!"

Cheek. Miss A. E. Matthews, the superintendent of the Imperial Hotel, home of New York, was talking about the servant question. "Never," she said, "was there such a demand for good servants as there is to-day. Our home tries to meet this demand, and in its efforts it has good success. Maids from it are so efficiently intelligent to be respectful—to know their place. They demand, however, humane and decent treatment. Give them that, and they work well. They do not make such errors as once were characteristic of a cook of mine. "She was a good cook, but she had not

his disappointment over the failure in this way. "My disappointment was as great as that of a young French poet of whom I heard during my vacation. "This poet was stopping at a Dinard pension, and extending remittances did not reach him. Hence he could not pay his bill. "Week after week ran on. The landlord would not let the poet leave till his account was squared, and, since he was penniless, to square his account was an impossibility. Hence he decided to flee secretly. "Late one night, when all was dark and still, the poet lowered his modest little trunk out of a rear window by a rope. He proceeded to descend the rope afterward himself. And at the prospect of freedom his heart beat high. "But imagine his disappointment, as the trunk touched the ground, to hear the landlord's voice call up to him: "All right, I've got the trunk. Now let go of the rope."

A Bad Pen. Senator Pettus of Alabama, was writing with a noisy, spluttering pen. Laying the pen down, he smiled and said: "As good a description of weak soup as I know." "As good a description of weak soup as I know," he said, "came from the lips of a poor woman in the East End of London. She had a certain last winter, and a parish visitor advised her to apply for soup at a neighboring soup kitchen. "She got some soup, but she did not like it. "This is what she said of it to the visitor when he called next day: "Do you call that stuff soup? Why, all they do is get a quart of water and boil it down to a pint to make it strong."

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Misses' and Children's Undergarments. Boys' and Girls' Ribbed Fleece Union Suits in gray only. Crocheted neck and front, 25c to 50c grades; in this sale, all sizes, at 25c per suit. Boys' Extra Heavy Fleece Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers all sizes, sell regularly 40c to 50c, according to size; in this sale, any size, at, per garment 20c. 75c grade of Fine Finished Swiss Ribbed Vests and Pants, two-thirds wool and non-shrinkable, all sizes, in this sale, per garment 50c.

Infants' Vests. Infants' Heavy Weight Fine Ribbed Vests, shell stitch down front and around neck, or the celebrated Ribbed vests without buttons, specially priced for this sale at 20c. Infants' Half Wool Vests, highly mercerized finish and silk shell stitched edges, open down front, 50c grade, all sizes, at 49c.

Unparalleled Values in the Cloak Department This Week. 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT On Entire Stock of New Silk and Lace WAISTS. These goods are made in this season's coat and blouse styles, satin and silk lined, in plain and fancy chevrons, Broadcloths, Venetians and mixtures; collarless, silk and broad trimmed, fitted and loose back styles with kilt flaring skirts to match coats; other special suit values as follows: \$19.50 tailor-made suits, \$10.75 25.00 tailor-made suits, 13.50 30.00 tailor-made suits, 16.50 TWO COAT SPECIALS. CHILDREN'S ZIBELINE COATS. In blue, brown, green and red, made with loose belted back, in long lengths, broad and lined velvet shoulder capes, cuffs trimmed to match regular \$5.00 values, specially priced for this week at \$3.35. LADIES' NOBBY COATS. Three-quarter Kersey Tourist belted back lined velvet trimming, collarless style, special at \$15.95.

POSITIVELY THE LAST WEEK. SKIRTS MADE FREE. Fit and Workmanship Guaranteed. This offer ends Saturday night, December 3, after which no more measurements will be taken, but all orders received up to that time will be filled with strictest accuracy and satisfaction guaranteed. A Handsome Skirt made of Materials Worth up to \$2.00 a Yard, Made to Your Measure Without Any Extra Charges for \$4.98. Read This Unprecedented Offer Through. For the final week we have selected 35 pieces of black and colored dress goods, including granites, chevrons, mannish mixtures, shibubies and novelty effects of all descriptions, goods that sold from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per yard; your choice of which will be made to your measure free of any additional cost at the above extraordinary price. DRESS GOODS SNAPS on the REMNANT COUNTER. After two of the most successful weeks of dress goods selling in our history, we can assure you that some of the choicest plums in wool dress fabrics are to be picked up in remnant lengths this week. All short lengths have been gathered up and marked for a quick clearance, thus enabling you to pick up dress, skirt and waist lengths in most desirable goods and colorings at less than HALF REGULAR PRICES.

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Read What Can Be Purchased This Week at 98c. Ladies' regular \$1.50 Flannellette Wrappers. Ladies' regular \$1.95 Electric Seal Fur Scarf. Misses' regular \$2.25 Dress Shirt. Assortment Waists, regular prices \$1.50 to \$2.25. Sateen Petticoats, regular prices \$1.50. Infants' Eiderdown Cloaks, prices up to \$2.50. Read What Can Be Purchased This Week at \$4.95. A regular \$8.50 Genuine Fox Scarf. A regular \$8.00 Ladies' Tourist Coat. A regular \$8.00 Taffeta Silk Petticoat. A regular \$3.00 Dress and Walking Skirt. A regular \$5.00 Child's Long Coat. A regular \$7.50 Eiderdown Robe.

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