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Help the Poor!

The weather is cold—not so biting, freezing cold as on Sunday, but severe. You have known it, have you not, as you hurried to office or home?

A Small but Important Item.

A minor item in one of the appropriation bills pending before Congress is of more importance than appears on the surface. It provides for the purchase of two narrow strips of ground on the east and west sides of Zoological Park

Birth Shrinkage in France.

Paris writers find a prolific subject for discussion in the mortality statistics of the nation. The strange part of the matter is that while all concede the condition to be an alarming one, the more it is brought to the public attention, the greater would result in a change.

race suicide without terror. Statistics show that in this country the number of children to each family is kept to a normal average by the immigrants, and not by the families which have been in this country for several generations.

The Soft Pedal on Suffragette.

The suffragette, having tasted blood, has decided that she wishes no more of it. Henceforth she will be less aggressive along militant lines and tend more to persuasiveness and those blandishments so often used with telling effect by womankind in the past.

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this kind that are so upsetting to complacency," says the Boston Herald.

A captain in the Salvation Army has been named as co-respondent in a New York divorce case.

And now a Danish scholar accuses Mark Twain of having plagiarized "Tom Sawyer, Detective."

Kermit Roosevelt may be a better shot than his father, as has been said, but the impression prevails that his father's shooting ability is sufficient under the demands of all probable occasions.

One of the articles in the Jeffries-Johnson agreement should stipulate that Prof. Johnson keep out of jail.

It may yet become necessary to take the Elktons-Alldrich dispute to The Hague.

Ohio Republicans are said to be determined to beat Harmon at any cost next time, in order to sidetrack him as a Presidential possibility.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

PRONUNCIATION. My friends were all grinning. I felt in disgrace.

Much time they expended in changing my ways. They claimed 'twas intended To be pronounced "vase."

But I've stopped their chatter And that is because I've settled the matter By calling it "vava."

"Why don't you get an automobile?" "I don't know whether I could manage one or not."

"A poor argument. You took the same chance, didn't you, when you acquired a wife?"

"They say that music pleases the cows. Makes them give more milk."

"I wonder if literature wouldn't interest the hens? I think I'll read mine the market report."

Verse is a Cinch. "Which is the harder to write, verse or jokes?"

"Verse comes easier," replied the press humorist. "You have to have an idea for a joke."

Go Slow. I do not care to pompous seem For that is a mistake.

All the Essentials. "You might get a college degree by enrolling some university with a million dollars."

"Too high," said the magnate, "too high. I'd rather wear my pants turned up and buy a clam-shell cap for 50 cents."

Often the Way. "I never saw him at church before."

"I know him. He is displeased with the hearty welcome he is getting."

Easy Going. "Study history, my son," advised old Mr. Polentius.

"Then you can say that Hannibal was the Turenne of his times, and that Turenne was the Hannibal of his times."

Restriction of Conversation to Matter in Hand Not Pleasant, but—

It is most difficult to accustom oneself to business brevity. There is something so meager, almost poverty-stricken, about restricting the conversation to the business in hand.

Even men in swivel chairs must have a human side, and although one scowls and barks while business is under discussion, it being well understood that this is the way to give the impressions that one is clear-headed, hurried, and either, when business has been pushed aside it is so against all a woman's instincts to leave abruptly.

Shark Fins. Shark fins are not appreciated by us at their real value.

Got Even with Her. Miss Sweet-It is just the sort of engagement ring I preferred.

Called Down? "We are spending too much money," says William Allen White.

Supply and Demand. If the price of Bibles was advanced, it is hoped that the law of supply and demand has something to do with it.

Today in History

Mary Queen of Scots Beheaded—February 8

The life of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scotland from 1542 to 1567, was so full of incident and dramatic, that it has never ceased to interest poets and historians.

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PEOPLE AND THINGS.

The Bongo. Since Col. Roosevelt went on his mission into Africa and secured several very choice specimens of this animal, the name Bongo, which has been handed almost daily to the newspaper and magazine reading public of the world in connection with the blood-stirring exploits of our strenuous ex-President, has had a hitherto unknown prominence.

One of the lots put up for sale was a basket full of shells, eggs and other objects which had attracted the attention of an old lady who happened to be present.

As soon as I had washed off the grime which covered them I discovered that they were eggs of no less a bird than the great auk, and as the result of their sale a few weeks later I handed the astute young bargainer a check for \$2,000, which was sufficient to set him up in business.

Another sale which I conducted there was an old picture so covered with dirt and grime that it was almost impossible to see what it was like.

As he did not want the picture he asked the auctioneer whether he would mind trying to get a bid for it if he cut it out of the frame; and being answered in the affirmative, he took out his knife and neatly cut through the canvas all round the edges.

I should quote as very interesting a sale at Rutland Gate, where there were only the remains of the furniture, a firm having been allowed to take what they chose to their rooms.

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ROMANCE OF AUCTIONS.

Small Fortunes Which Have Fallen to Astonished Bidders. Henry Stevens, in the Strand.

Of course I have met with a good many interesting experiences during my career as an auctioneer, but the most striking of them all occurred, I think, in connection with a great auk's egg.

Some years ago a young fellow rode over to an obscure furniture sale at the country village in the hope of securing a bargain to help in furnishing a home in view of his intended marriage.

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AT THE HOTELS.

"The annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina was not a question between Austria and Serbia," said Bruno Charles Mueller, a young business man of Vienna, who is on a tour