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HE HELPED HIS WIFE

MR. AND MRS. BLIMBERS PASS A PLEASANT EVENING.

The lady got her Braly Lord and Master... Mrs. Blimbers... "Oh, Fred," said Mrs. Blimbers, "I do wish you would ever help me as some men help their wives..."

"Have you got 'em on your list?" Mr. Blimbers interrupted. "Let me see," his wife replied as she unfolded a mass of paper and began looking up and down the columns...

"What is it?" Mrs. Blimbers called back. "Have you got 'em?" hawled Mr. Blimbers. "Yes," his wife replied. "Confound those fool women, anyway!"

"You were too quick for him, I suppose," suggested the one in pink. "That really I think you made a mistake. It is better to let the man initiate anything of that sort."

A Bona Matheonist. "Dickie doesn't know his letters well," explained his mother to the new teacher...

A WISE OLD HEN.

Feed the Geese on a Boat and Watched Her Adopted Babies.

The following remarkable instance of the communication of ideas among the fowls is narrated by Rev. C. O. Wray: "At the four mills of Tubboraken, near Clonmel, while in the possession of Mr. Newbold, there was a goose, which by some means was left solitary, without mate or offspring, garden or goslings."

CHANCES OF LIFE.

What a Man May Expect After He Reaches Various Ages. In the English Illustrated Magazine, J. Holt Schoelling works out some interesting results as regards the chances of males at ages 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90, living for 10 years more, 20 years more, 30 years more, etc.

THE MURDEROUS KEA.

Scientists have been some time studying the habits of the bird known as the kea, or the mountain parrot, of New Zealand, which has acquired the remarkable habit of attacking sheep and carrying them off back by means of its sharp and powerful beak for the purpose of abstracting the kidney fat, which appears to be esteemed as a luxurious diet. It has been suggested that this peculiar habit or instinct was developed by the bird getting the fat from the skins of sheep that had been slaughtered, but this solution is not very satisfactory, as there appears nothing to connect the fat on the skins of sheep with live animals.

Lemon Juice.

Lemons taken externally, or rather used, will aid in beautifying any one. There is nothing more valuable for the toilet table than a solution of lemon juice. A little rubbed on the hands, face and neck at night will not only whiten, but soften the skin. A paste made of muscadine and lemon juice applied to the face and hands upon lying down for a 15 minutes' rest will bleach the skin beautifully.

A Great Scheme.

"You appear to be making considerable money, square," ventured an eastern visitor to Justice of the Peace Nickerson of Pea Soup. "Yes, the boys are treating me pretty well."

This Gold Leaves.

Gold leaves so thin that 250,000 measure one inch in thickness, are produced in the Swan process by placing thin sheets of polished copper in an electrolytic gold plating solution until a continuous gold film has formed, then dissolving away the copper by chemical means.



FALL STYLES FOR MISSES.

REMINISCENCE. He in my hammock and idly dream While the moon looks down through the alder trees. Mid the sweet perfume, this night in June. Of the honeysuckle upon the breeze.

SHE FLAGGED THE TRAIN.

The Engineer Was Mad, but the Woman Accomplished Her Purpose. "Patsy, you are 30 minutes off today, and besides you look as grim as if you had hit a squaw up the road. What made you late? I inquired the other day, as you climbed into the cab of old 135, which had just pulled into the Buffalo station with No. 93 of the West Shore road.

Costly Lanching.

The total cost of launching a modern battleship often amounts to over \$10,000. About five tons of Russian tallow and over a ton of oil and soft soap are used in greasing the ways—that is, the slip down which the cradle in which the vessel is placed glides into the sea.

SORE THROAT.

Quincy, or tonsillitis, is an acute inflammation of one or both tonsils. The inflammation is commonly very "active," causing great pain and ending in the formation of matter. Children, and especially young adults, are most subject to the disease, for it is in them that the tonsils are most fully developed and most prone to take on inflammation.

Pigs in a Spanish Town.

It is the pigs that give Puebla de Sanabria its individuality. The town's main street terraces upward, a thoroughfare of supreme unevenness, and from the valley to the castle door you meet placid recumbent pigs almost at every yard. They lie out like the cats in the Lisbon streets, in Puebla do Sanabria they sit on their haunches at the thresholds of the houses, and when the whim seizes them stroll into the dwellings with curious little spasmodic twistings of the tail. They even climb the stairs like the two legged inmates, and again, when urged by the whim, take the air on the agreeable old balconies above. Thence from amid the hammer, crows and household croaker, their long, slate blue snouts peer down upon the passerby with a critical air that is notoriously offensive.

THE DAYS THAT USED TO BE.

Let me sing you a song of the rollicking days. The days that used to be, When the years were veiled in a misty haze, To which we would gladly fly. When all was bright to our youthful gaze.

FATE OF THE FRENCH EXILES.

Napoleon Followers Who Came to This Country After Waterloo.

In passing through Alabama the attention of the traveler is diverted to the remains of a deserted village of rotted wooden huts in the suburbs of the present town of Demopolis, about midway between Selma and Meridian, Miss. Only a few of the log cabins remain; others have been razed to their foundations, but there are enough to show the traces of a village where lived aristocratic French nobles who sought safety in this wilderness after the restoration. After Waterloo and the hundred days a number of the followers of Napoleon fled to Philadelphia and subsequently obtained a grant of land in the Alabama wilderness. They located a village and called it Demopolis, signifying "city of the people." They named the district Marquette, and the county still bears that name; also the new American town near the "French village" still bears the name of Demopolis. Some of these exiles were of the most distinguished names in France at that period.

BRITISH CONSUL.

The Origin and History of This Feature of English Securities. Almost all the debt of England consists of the funded debt, so called, and the greater part of this is made up of "consols," which is an abbreviation of "consolidated stocks," of which we read every day in the papers, and the price of consols is the financial price of England.

Sagan and the Kaiser.

It is related of the late Duke de Sagan, who was almost as much German as French, though he despised the name of "German," that on more than one occasion he was referred to by the young emperor in regard to points of etiquette. On one occasion when William wished to introduce certain French manners into his court, he consulted the duke and asked him to superintend the new reforms. "I would rather be excused," replied the duke. "If your majesty will look at the shape of my head and at that of this worthy general of yours, for instance, you will see that they cannot contain the same ideas. Who would think of putting soup in a tureen and flowers in an earthenware tureen?" The emperor turned his back on his duke, looking furious, but in a few weeks he came round, when at a grand dinner he said loud enough to be heard by the guests, who looked in amazement: "No, no, duke, it is useless. Do not try to convert me into a monarch, but in my earthenware tureen."—Baltimore Herald.

Fainting.

Syncope, or fainting, results from an inadequate supply of blood to the brain. The patient's head should therefore be lowered and all tight bands loosened in order to promote free circulation. Let there be a generous supply of fresh air, being careful at the same time to avoid drafts. Friction may be applied to the extremities, always remembering to rub to the bone, not from the bone. Cold water dashed over the face will often assist in restoring the patient, and smelling salts are often used as a restorative.

Costly Bluff.

"Madam," said the officer, "I have a warrant for searching these premises for a valuable article of jewelry believed to be stolen by you." "You have, have you?" she answered defiantly. "Well, you may begin by searching me." The bluff was a costly one. The officer was a woman in disguise and found the pocket at the first try.—Chicago Tribune.

New Postoffice Law.

As the colonel viciously tore up the bulk of his mail and threw it into the wastebasket he remarked: "There is one commonplace interdict that I would like to see inscribed on the walls of our postoffice." "What is that?" inquired a friend. "Post no bills!" was the reply.—Richmond Dispatch.

Embarrassing For Him.

An unusual incident occurred at a recent Allegheny wedding. The bride and groom were both well known to the officiating minister, the former especially being almost as close to him as a daughter. After the ceremony was over the best man handed the bridegroom an envelope in which was inclosed the fee for his services. The minister's back was toward the other guests in the room, and the incident would have probably passed unnoticed but for what followed. Turning to the happy and blushing bride, he said: "Here, my dear, is your present," and handed her the envelope without having opened it. The bride, of course, was delighted, while the feelings of the groom would probably have been a little more difficult to analyze.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Two Views of a Sed Case.

Her Father—'I am afraid, sir, that my daughter can never be happy with a man who can be so quick in learning figures.' What this, dear? asked the teacher pointing to the letter 'B'. 'That's a B, I'm afraid, sir, that my daughter can never be happy with a man who will not induce jewelers to trust me!—Jewelers' Weekly.