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### The Old Constitution.

The Constitution originally carried forty-four guns. A particularly interesting history is connected with this ship. During the war with the Barbary powers in 1803 she was Commodore Preble's flagship in the Mediterranean and played a conspicuous part during the whole war. Lieutenant Wadsworth, who was blown up before Tripoli in the ill-fated Intrepid, was one of the officers of the Constitution. In the course of the war with England in 1812 the English papers laughed at the Constitution and spoke of her as "a bundle of pine boards sailing under a bit of striped bunting." But when under Captain Hull she captured the English frigate Guerriere, a vessel of nearly equal force, the people who had before ridiculed her called her "one of the staunchest vessels afloat." A few months after this victory the Constitution, then commanded by Captain Bainbridge, compelled one of the finest frigates in the British navy, the Java, to strike its colors.

### Glass Polishing.

Glass grinding is effected by the use of emery powder of various degrees of fineness. But it has been shown that this grinding cannot be carried beyond a certain point, however fine a powder may be used. In fact, a continuation of it undoes the work and breaks the surface up again. The most finely ground plate, if largely magnified, is shown to be covered with tiny bits which no grinding will remove. The work is therefore continued with rouge carried on a pad of rosin, which gradually smooths down the elevations between the pits. Hydrofluoric acid gas corrodes glass very rapidly, but a weak solution of it melts away the roughened surface and leaves a fine polish underneath. This method is used where very fine adjustments of the surface are required—as, for instance, in lenses for telescopes and microscopes.



"You don't look like a man who had fasted for three days." "Appearance is again me, lady; but ah, if you only knew how many pairs of pants I got on."—Philadelphia Press.

### Gladstone's Handshake.

An Aberdeen paper tells a Gladstone story of the memorable Midlothian tour. On one occasion there was a great handshaking ordeal at the window of the old gentleman's railway carriage, and he was rapidly getting the worst of it. A stalwart young policeman who accompanied Mr. Gladstone proved equal to the occasion. Crouching behind the great man and thrusting his hand under Mr. Gladstone's Inverness cape, the muscular "peeler" gave each comer in turn a grip that had no lack of cordiality.

"The old man's uncommon vigorous at his time of life," observed one unsuspecting Scot as he stroked his fingers.

"He is that," concurred another of the policeman's victims, "but did you notice his dirty nails?"

### When Ohio Failed.

In the midst of C. B. Galbreath's lecture on "Lafayette" the other night at the Young Men's Christian association he spent quite a little time on the incident of the princely sum of \$140,000 which he brought with him to this country and gave to congress.

"When Lafayette returned to the United States about forty-two years later congress voted him \$200,000 in return for the \$140,000 which he gave to us in that time of great need. When the vote was taken every state in the Union voted for it with—let us mention it softly—the exception of Ohio."—Columbus Dispatch.

### The Nutmeg Tree.

The nutmeg is the kernel of the fruit of several species of trees growing wild in Asia, Africa and America. The cultivated nutmeg tree is from fifty to seventy-five feet high and produces fruit for sixty years. The fruit is of the size and appearance of a roundish pear, yellow in color. The fleshy part of the fruit is rather hard and resembles candied citron. Within is the nut, enveloped in the curious yellowish red aril known to us as mace. Up to 1796 the Dutch, being in possession of the islands producing the only valuable variety of the nutmeg, jealously tried to prevent the carrying of the tree or a living seed of it into any territory independent of Dutch rule.

### His Latin Helped.

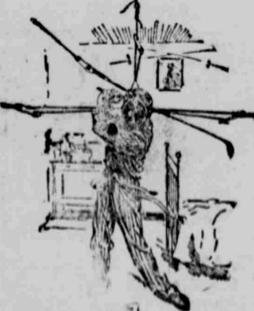
There was a famous British officer, Lieutenant General Sir George Murray, who served in the expedition to Egypt. When before Alexandria, the troops having suffered severely from want of water, his literary acquirements were of the greatest service, instructing him that Caesar's army had been in the same predicament. Referring to his recollection right—that water had been obtained by the Romans from wells dug at a certain spot in the sands. A trial was immediately made, and the result was a copious supply. The British troops braced up and conquered Egypt.—New York Press.

### Real Need For Hurry.



The Gentleman with the Bonnet Bow—Don't stop me, old chap! Don't stop me! I've got a new hat for my wife to wear, and if I'm not quick I'll be out of fashion before she's worn it!—Drawn by H. M. Bateman in Sketch.

### A Golf Rule.



"Keep your head still" is the first rule in golf. A caddy means to do so.



The Social Reformer—Is your mother at home, little girl? The Little Girl—No, my mother's gone to fight some body.—Tadpole.

### A Dilemma's Horns.

The young lady sighed deeply and was almost affected to tears. "Harold," she said, "declares that if I don't marry him he will end his life, and I am afraid he will." She stifled a sob, then continued: "And Randolph declares that if I don't marry him he will go into politics and become great and famous, and then he says I shall see what I have missed, and I am afraid he will keep his word too."

Overcome by emotion, she buried her face in her hands, not knowing whether to save a life or to spare the country another politician.

### The First Census.

The idea of the census originated among the Romans, when a group of the many functions performed by the high officer called censor received the name of census. It was taken every five years and indicated not only the number of the respective classes of the people, but their domestic positions as husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sons and daughters. The first modern nation to take up the census was the United States of America in 1790. The first British census was in 1801, but this did not include Ireland.



"There is one thing I never realized until I began to eat my bread upon the water." "And that is?" "How many people are out for the dough."—Philadelphia Press.

### Forks and the Coin.

Place two forks with their prongs one set over the other and slip a coin between the middle prongs of the forks. Then place the coin flat on the rim of a wineglass or



tumbler, pushing it outward until the two circumferences are touching externally. In this position, as shown in the illustration, the fork will remain in equilibrium, and the water may be poured steadily from the glass into another without disturbing the coin or the two forks.



Sergeant Brown ("holding up" a burglar until the police arrive)—Ah, my man, you didn't know I'd been a volunteer for fifteen years, did you? Sikes—Oh, don't say that, my man. It might go on to be mistaken.—Sketch.

### As to Courage.



Trainer's Wife (to her husband)—Coward! Come out of there and meet me face to face, if you have a drop of blood in your veins.

### Nearly a Hero.

"Hands up!" The passengers on the Pullman car took in the situation at a glance and did exactly what the train robber told them to do.

At the points of his guns he believed them of their valuables. But at the sight of one woman he paused with a start.

"Who are you, woman?" he demanded. "I," she quavered, "am Miss Fay de Fluffie, the well known actress. Here are my jewels. Take them all!"

The holdup held up his head proudly. "No," he replied; "I may be a robber, but I am no press agent. Keep your wealth!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Kinglake Stories.

Kinglake, the author of "Eothen," was afflicted with gout, and he had a fancy to try a lady doctor and wrote to one to ask if gout was beyond her scope. She replied, "Dear sir, gout is not beyond my scope, but men are."

It was Kinglake who uttered one of the neatest of mots on the peculiar character of the Times. He had little fondness for that journal, in spite of personal friendships which might have been expected to soften his views of the question. The paper was still to him a sort of juggernaut, irresistible and fateful. On seeing the announcement of the new editor's marriage he exclaimed: "Heavens! That brings the Times into relations with humanity!"

### What Foods Weigh.

It may be convenient to know that one quart of flour weighs one pound; a quart of cornmeal, one pound and two ounces; a quart of best sugar, one pound; a quart of powdered white sugar, one pound and one ounce; a quart of best brown sugar, one pound and two ounces; that ten eggs weigh one pound, though this depends somewhat on the size; sixteen large tablespoonsful make half a pint; a quart of butter, one pound and one ounce.

### To Wash Chamois Leather.

Make a weak solution of soap and warm water. Rub plenty of soft soap into the leather and let it soak for two hours, then rub it till quite clean. Afterward rinse it well in a weak solution of warm water, soda and yellow soap. After rinsing wring it well in a rough towel, dry quickly and pull about till quite soft. It will then be better than most new leathers.



Cholly—What do you think of the engagement ring I gave your sister? Willie—Geo, it's great! She lets me wear it when her other feller is out!—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

"Are all your boys making money?" "No; only three. Two were shot by the baron while he was hunting, and one was run over by an automobile. They all received pensions, but my other boy is good for nothing."—Philadelphia Blatter.

### Telegrapher's Cramp.

An interesting feature of telegrapher's cramp is that certain letters are nearly always the stumbling block. The most frequent are C and Y—that is, the code signals used for these letters. When a sender begins to be "conscious" about so common a letter as C his case soon becomes hopeless. Another form of cramp attacks the receiver of the message. It takes the form of inability to write fast enough to take down a message quickly transmitted. This is easily understood when it is remembered that a receiver often has to write continuously to code dictation, so to speak, for hours at a time. The strain involved is enormous and leads fairly commonly to what is practically a form of nervous breakdown.—Dundee Advertiser.

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