

He Had Seen the Play.

While acting in Sir James Barrie's play, "The Little Minister," at a suburban theater Miss Grace Lane was told at the end of the first act that a gentleman, whose name she did not catch, would like to speak to her.

The Round Robin.

William Henry P. Fyfe in "Five Thousand Facts and Fancies" says that round robin is the name given to a remonstrance or petition signed by a number of persons, generally in a circular form, so as to avoid giving prominence to any single name. He continues:

Great Men and Doubles.

It is said that there is a French soldier who is the living image of Napoleon I. Other instances have been found of persons born many years apart bearing a striking likeness to one another.

Kinsale.

Kinsale keeps a modest place in the history of Ireland. It was here that Don Juan's fleet landed 3,000 men to join hands with O'Neill, out of which landing grew the story that the cottages at World's End are "still inhabited by the descendants of Spaniards."

A Woman's Way.

"Sir, we are starting a new railroad and want your daughter to drive the first spike."

Imagination.

"Robert," said the teacher to a small pupil, "can you tell me what imagination is?"

One Way.

Customer—But your competitors, the Skinnem Mining company, have offices twice as large as yours. Promoter—That only shows our superior business organization.

Deeply Hurt.

"Am I the first girl you ever kissed?" "Well," said he, "I knew I bungled it, but I didn't think I made that poor a job of it."

Deduction.

Letts—Dobson's peculiar; owns a car and owes me \$51. Potts—Only \$51? How little he drives it!—New York Globe.

It is always raining somewhere in the world.—Richard Heught Horns.

The Way to Conquer.

"To master it," said the ax, and his blows fell heavily on the iron. "But every blow made his edge more blunt till he ceased to strike."

Peru.

Peru in the abundance of her minerals is the real treasure chest of South America. The country has a territorial extension of upward of 600,000 square miles.

The Venerable Microbe.

Just to think, the microbe has been in this terrestrial sphere twenty millions of years! Disease germs that now afflict humanity have been discovered in the fossils of the earliest life on earth.

What Vinegar Will Do.

Vinegar works like magic in cleaning dirt and smoke from walls and woodwork. Put some in a basin, wet a flannel cloth in it and wipe the article that needs cleaning.

New England Pie.

Some poor dweller in the benighted beyond of Chicago asks what a New England pie is like. It probably will not help him to be told, but if he means apple it is like an essay by Emerson luscious with the music of Massenet and spiced with the cynicism of Shaw.

Encouragement.

"Why don't you offer your heart and hand?" "I fear she would turn me down."

Mining in the Sea.

Among the sights on the island of Martinique is the mining of material for the manufacture of lime from the bottom of the sea. The bulk of the lime used on the island is manufactured from marine stone or reef coral so mined.

Making Sure.

"I want an auto horn." "Yes, sir. Do you want something to warn 'em or something to scare 'em?"

Some Cyril.

Teacher—Waldo, name one of the best known characters of fiction. Waldo (aged five, superciliously)—Shakespeare.—Frank.

China's Great River.

The Yangtze kiang, or Yangtze river, is as long as the Mississippi and is far more important as a highway of commerce. From the great port of Shanghai as far inland as the important city of Hankow, a distance of 600 miles, the Yangtze is navigable for ocean going vessels.

The President's Title.

In spite of our traditions and our pretensions Americans dearly love a title. It's a fair guess that a larger part of the mail that goes to the White House is addressed to "His Excellency" or "His Eminence" or "His Honor."

Buffoonery in "Hamlet."

The buffoonery once tolerated in provincial theaters is illustrated in an anecdote set forth in the memoirs of Barry Sullivan. Wright, who was the first gravedigger, prepared himself to take the house by storm by having incased his person within a dozen or more waistcoats of all sorts of shapes and patterns.

His Best.

A small boy, who had been allowed to run much in the streets, had so improved his opportunities that before he was five years old it was commonly said by the neighbors that he swore like a little pirate.

Languages.

The French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese languages (known as the "romance" languages) are offshoots of the old Latin and are to a considerable extent founded upon it, while the German and English tongues grew up quite apart from the Latin.

Hops.

"Yes, she rejected me, but she did it in a most encouraging way."

China's Tea and Rice.

China has three crops of tea—the spring crop in April, the second in May and the "even flower" crop about the 1st of July. The export season is throughout the year. Three crops of rice are harvested. Export of this product is prohibited.

A Loving Couple.

"How many lumps of sugar, George?" asked the wife. "Oh, have your own sweet way, as usual, dear," replied the husband.—Tonkers Statesman.

Fountain of Youth.

She—Old Mrs. Butterbus seems to be a fountain of youth in spite of her years. She's—At any rate she's always gushing.—Chaparral.

Ask your friends for advice, women for pity, strangers for charity and your relatives for nothing.—Spanish Proverb.

Got Him Guessing.

An old miner, a bachelor, had a pretty niece, who kept his house, and at his death he bequeathed all his earnings to her on condition that she married Tom J., a young miner in whom he had always taken a deep interest.

His Fine Contract.

Giorgio Polacco's brilliancy as revealed in music does not extend to the domain of business if one may judge by a story told by Algernon St. John-Brenon.

Circles.

Circles are things in which people move and reason. Those who move in circles imagine that they make the world go round, and those who reason in circles are positive of it.

A Prose Poem on Mackerel.

I can't overemphasize the beauty of these fish. You must see them for yourself to grasp the reason for my enthusiasm.

A Warm Invitation.

The supreme court of Illinois in Auger versus the people of Illinois, 34 Ill. 488, held that the following was not a challenge to fight a duel, but seemed rather to invite one:

Juvenile Definitions.

Miracle—Something that happened that couldn't.

A Contented People.

Famous for its fish, the little island of Marken, on the Zuyder Zee, is inhabited by a sturdy folk who have no desire to travel.

Least's Advice.

Being asked one day what one should do in order to become an efficient piano player, Liszt replied laconically, "One must eat well and walk much."

The Secret of Success.

The secret of success is constancy of purpose.—Diernell.

Reminiscence of a Star.

My first experience with professional drama was at the Empire theater. The dressing rooms there were all on the right side of the stage, with the exception of one in a remote corner, which was given me.

New York's Volunteer Firemen.

Before the paid fire department system was installed in New York there were among the volunteers some of the most powerful politicians in the city. Richard Croker belonged to the "big six," of which William M. Tweed was the organizer and foreman.

Shooting Civilians.

According to the laws of war, any civilian who is found with arms in his possession is liable to be shot without mercy. Although this seems a very severe rule, it is absolutely necessary for the safeguarding of the whole civilian population.

Let Them Hunt For It.

A minister in a local church known for his absent mindedness by the members of his own family, but not to his congregation, saved himself from complete exposure at a recent service by his quick wit.

Titles of Victor Emmanuel.

The author of "Rejected Addresses" preserved the name of a certain Mr. Pole, as the longest imaginable in the well known lines:

The First Patent on Matches.

Before 1833, when wooden matches with phosphorus were made in Vienna, people were dependent upon flint and steel to secure a light.

Rainbow Currency.

The most striking paper currency in the world is the 100 ruble note of Russia, which is barred from top to bottom with all the colors of the rainbow.

Puzzled.

"I can't understand why they appointed Wombat on that banking board."

No Empty Compliment.

Miss Phores—I told Mr. Beach I was twenty-eight, and he said I didn't look it. Her Brother—Well, you don't; you haven't looked it for twelve years.

He'd Had Experience.

Her (reading)—And so they were married, and that was the last of their trouble. Him (otto voce)—Last, but not least.—Exchange.

Instinct Versus Reason.

There has been current in England of recent years a reaction against reason, an avowed worship of instinct and tradition and even prejudice. The doctrines of this reaction are in themselves fascinating, and they have been preached by fascinating writers.

Dangerous Nitroglycerin.

Nitroglycerin is a fearfully dangerous explosive and at a temperature of only 100 degrees—that is, very little more than the warmth of the human body—it begins to decompose.

Destroying Guns.

It may be necessary to destroy guns to prevent them falling into the hands of the enemy, or to make captured guns useless. If a small amount of dynamite or other explosive is available, of course this can be done very effectively.

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Little Children.

The influence of little children is to develop goodness in men and women. Their example teaches love, hope, faith, trust, contentment, joy, delight and cheerfulness, and quickly to forgive and forget unkindness, injustice and injury received from others.

Demonstrated.

"Here's where I show my class," said the professor as he demonstrated the problem on the blackboard.—Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern.

It is difficulties which show what men are.—Epictetus.