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## A USEFUL CIGAR.

Its Lighting Was the Means of Averting a Serious Panic.

A good story is told of a sea captain who died a number of years ago and who was formerly in command of a ship in which passengers were carried from London to Lisbon. On one occasion the ship caught fire, and the passengers and crew were compelled to take hurriedly to the boats. The captain remained perfectly cool throughout all the confusion and fright of the debarkation, and at last every one except himself was got safely into the boats.

By the time he was ready to follow the passengers were almost wild with fear and excitement. Instead of hurrying down the ladder the captain called out to the sailors to hold on a minute and, taking a cigar from his pocket, coolly lighted it with a bit of burning rope which had fallen from the rigging at his feet. Then he descended with deliberation and gave the order to push off.

"How could you stop to light a cigar at such a moment?" he was asked afterward when some of the passengers were talking over their escape.

"Because," he answered, "I saw that if I did not do something to divert the minds of those in the boat there was likely to be a panic, and, overcrowded as it was, there was danger of the boat being upset. The act took but a moment, but it attracted the attention of everybody. I was not nearly so unconcerned as I seemed to be, but was in reality in a fever of excitement. My little plan succeeded. You all forgot yourselves because you were thinking about my curious behavior, and we got off safely."—London Standard.

## A Mrs. Malaprop.

The mistress of a certain boarding house is noted among her boarders as much for her entertaining conversational powers as for the fine table she sets. Nevertheless she is something of a Mrs. Malaprop, and occasionally severely tries the politeness of her listeners by the peculiar "breaks" she makes. They had women under discussion at the table the other night, some of the boarders expressing a preference for slender figures and some favoring ebullient. "I like a good, plump woman," said the boarding house mistress. "None of these thin emaciated women for me."—Philadelphia Record.

## Hopeless.

Sergeant Sayer once went the circuit for some judge who was prevented by indisposition going in his turn. He was afterward imprudent enough to move as counsel for a new trial in one of the causes heard by himself on the ground of his misdirecting the jury as judge. Lord Mansfield said, "Brother Sayer, there is an act of parliament which in such a matter as was before you gave you discretion to act as you thought right." "No, my lord," said the sergeant, "that is just it. I had no discretion in the matter." "Very true, you may be quite right as to that," said Lord Mansfield, "for I am afraid even an act of parliament could not give you discretion."

## Origin of Lias.

Both name and tree are of Persian origin, but came to us through Turkey. The name means "bluish" (see Skeat) and indicates the color of the flower. The tree is said to have been brought to Vienna by Busbecq late in the sixteenth century. The first mention of the name I have seen in English is in Gerard, where it is given as "Ilich or Ilich" and is said to have been applied by "the later physicians" to Syringa cerulea, or "blew pipe," by which evidently Gerard means the lily.

"These trees," he says, "grow not wild in England, but I have seen them growing in my garden in great plenty." There are, as is well known, different varieties, some white, some different shades of purple.

The lily, says some punster slyly, is named from smelling like a lily! He must have thought us wondrous silly. We know the sound of a lily.

## A Sum in Oriental Division.

An oriental died, leaving seventeen camels. He willed one-half to his eldest son, one-third to the second and one-ninth to the third son. While disputing about the division a camel driver came along and offered to settle the question. This he did by loaning them one of his own camels, thus making eighteen in all, when the division was easy. No. 1 took nine camels, No. 2 six camels, No. 3 two camels—seventeen in all—and the borrowed camel was then restored to its owner. How can we explain the fact that each son got his share and something over?

## A Bitter Amendment.

"The man who marries me must have great firmness of mind."  
"Yes, dear, and great courage."  
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Only One Obstacle.

Old Gentleman—So you'd like to become my son-in-law?  
Mr. Hardup—Yes, sir, if you can afford it.—The Bits.

## The Cow Tree.

A Vegetable Freak Found in Mountain Regions of Venezuela.

The mountain region of Venezuela is the home of one of the most remarkable botanical freaks known to grow upon the American continent. It is a tree which flourishes only upon the mountain sides and always at the height of about 8,000 feet above sea level. It is lofty and slender for its height and has broad, stiff leaves of a dusty white color, which give it the appearance of being almost dead. What is queer about this tree with the tall, slender trunk and dead looking leaves and branches? It is odd enough, sure, for, although it is a very stupid looking forest growth, it is known the world over as the "milk" or "cow tree"—the famous "palo de vaca," which Humboldt so glowingly describes. It is an evergreen variety, and those who have used its "milk" pronounce it "perfectly delicious." When the traveler, hunter or native of the Venezuelan mountains is tired, hungry or thirsty he needs but to cut the bark of the cow tree in order to be rewarded with a copious flow of this milky sap, which is said to be even sweeter and richer than the milk of the best high grade Jersey. If collected in vessels and allowed to stand for some little time, say from eight to twelve hours, it grows thick and yellow, and the "cream" goes through the process of "rising to the top," just as it does in ordinary milk.

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On the Honeymoon.

She said something that rubbed him the wrong way.  
Seeing the look of pique on his face, she cried:  
"Oh, my darling, my darling! I have hurt you!"  
"No, my dearest," he replied gravely. "The hurt I feel is due to the fact that I know it hurts you to feel that you have hurt me!"  
"Ah, no! Do not let that hurt you for an instant. My hurt is because I know it hurts you to feel that I have hurt myself by hurting you."  
"No, my precious. My hurt is because you are hurt over feeling that I am hurt because you feel that you have hurt me and are therefore hurt yourself and—"  
Let us leave them, dear reader. They will get over it in time.—London Answers.

Disastrous.

"Maria says she'll never get off a street car the right way again."  
"Why not?"  
"The other day she stepped off the way George told her, and at the same moment a fat woman in the seat ahead stepped off the wrong way and the car started, and Maria and the fat woman met face to face and Maria bumped squarely up against the fat woman, and the fat woman fell against Maria, and Maria clutched the fat woman around the neck, and the fat woman placed her fat hands on Maria's shoulder as if she meant to waltz with her, and then they both went down in a struggling heap."—Indianapolis News.

## Gems In Verse

Late Flowers.  
What simple sights give comfort  
On a bare, brown winter day!  
A little bird by our window,  
A little child over the way,  
A lift of blue twilight and roof,  
Where the sunshine flashes clear,  
A rose that blooms serenely  
Despite the time of year.

What little things give pleasure  
When sorrow hath her way  
And life bereft of gladness  
Is but a winter day!  
A word with accent tender,  
A softly dropping tear,  
Love's roses blooming brightly  
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—Mary Frances Butts in New York Tribune.

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## She Won.

She was corpulent and on her way to Chicago from New York and was traveling with her two children, aged respectively three and four years. As far as Buffalo she had not been asked to pay for the children, but at that point the train crew changed, and the new conductor, a gruff, surly looking individual, looked askance at the children and asked for their tickets.

"Why, I have none," said the mother.

"How old are they?" snapped the man in blue.

"The girl is three, and the boy is four, sir."

"They look pretty big for that," was the gruff rejoinder.

"Well," said she of the avoirdupois, "if you're collecting fares according to size you'd better get another ticket for me."

Needless to say, she did not pay for the children.

## Napoleon's Ideal Woman.

In response to a question asked by a lady the great Napoleon replied: "My ideal woman is not the beautiful featured society belle, whose physician tries in vain to keep her in repair, nor the fragile butterfly of fashion, who glides the tortures of disease with a forced smile. No. My ideal is a woman who has accepted her being as a sacred trust and who obeys the laws of nature for the preservation of her body and soul. Do you know, my knee involuntarily bends in homage when I meet the matron who reaches middle age in complete preservation? That woman is rendered beautiful by perfect health, and the stalwart children by her side are her reward. That's my ideal woman."

## Wind Superstitions.

The Fins of Norway long entertained a traditional belief in the power of controlling the winds by a small rope with three knots tied in it. This popular superstition gave rise to the curious industry of making and selling these wind controlling ropes with magical knots to mariners and fishermen. It was believed that by unloosing the first knot a favorable breeze was secured, the second raised a strong gale, and if the third was untied it would prove the prelude to a tempest. According to Rantolph Higden, the witches of the Isle of Man had a similar practice of selling winds to sailors.

## Strange Story of a Book Agent.

One morning last week a cadaverous young man with a valise called at the office of a busy lawyer.

"Mr. Rangle," he said, "can I sell you a history of Menard county?"

"Why, that happens to be the county I was born and grew up in," said the lawyer. "What is the book worth?"

"Four dollars a copy."

"I'll take one."

To Mr. Rangle's intense surprise the caller burst into tears.

"What's the matter, young man?" he asked. "Was the shock too great for you?"

"It isn't what I expected!" sobbed the book agent. "I had made a bet of \$5 you'd kick me out!"

## The Viewpoint of Experience.

Newlywed—Does your wife ever threaten to go home to her mother?  
Oldboy—Why, my boy, I wouldn't consider that a threat.—Smart Set.

## FIRED IN THE RAIN.

A French Duel That Was Fought From Under an Umbrella.

Why certain encounters have become celebrated and others are suffered to be almost forgotten would make a curious study. Such is a fact, however. Sometimes the duel is connected with a joke, as that of Sainte-Beuve and Dubois, when the popularity becomes more understandable.

It was at the time when Sainte-Beuve was writing in the Globe and Dubois was one of the stockholders. The latter took offense at the political tendencies which the celebrated writer was giving to the paper. "Vivacious injuries" were exchanged by pen and word of mouth, and a meeting was judged necessary.

On arriving at the meeting place Sainte-Beuve was seen to be carrying a pair of flintlock pistols of the sixteenth century, while sheltering himself under an umbrella. It was raining steadily. Sainte-Beuve continued to hold up his umbrella even to the moment when the word "Fire" was to be given. The witnesses protested. Sainte-Beuve insisted.

"I am willing to be killed," he said, "but I am not willing to catch a cold in the head."

They were forced to accept the condition, and the great writer shot from under his umbrella. Four balls were exchanged without result. Later on, when Sainte-Beuve had rallied to the empire of Napoleon III, while remaining faithful to "liberty of thought," he did not hesitate to defend his beliefs in the French senate. One of his colleagues, Lacaze, considered himself offended and provoked a duel. But the friend of the Princess Mathilde wittily refused to fight, except with the arm with which he was most familiar—the pen.

In recent times Paul de Cassagne, the sharp tongued editor of the Bonapartist l'Autorite, after having proved his courage in seventeen encounters, made use of the same joke when provoked by a fellow journalist who was a notoriously bad spell-caster. He had the choice of weapons, and he chose orthography.

## THE LUCKY BIRTH.

Nothing so Valuable as to Be Born in Poverty

"There is nothing so valuable as to be born in poverty and to be compelled to go forth and battle for yourself."

So says Andrew Carnegie. Many will applaud the saying.

But is it true? asks the Richmond Evening Journal.

Zoologists tell us it is not struggle that develops race and species, but the favoring environment that permits them to struggle successfully.

Were it otherwise, the Esquimo would be the "superman."

Very many—Carnegie among them—have developed from poverty to eminent success. But these are men of unusual talent or genius. They are the men with whom environment counts the least.

The exceptional man of inherited wealth also conquers environment and attacks his task with the energy of educated ambition.

The difference between poverty and wealth, in the effect upon real character, is largely a matter of imagination. We cannot grasp it because it is thin air.

The youth marked for success creates his own atmosphere. Whether he dwells in a hovel or in a mansion, wears jeans or broadcloth, eats the toughest meat or the tenderest, his ideals are the same, above the clouds and unobscured by daily commonplace.

It is a common error that as we eat and drink and sleep we live. These things have the least to do with our real lives. Socrates, with his coarse fare and hard bed, lived an infinitely higher life than does the modern millionaire whose every bodily want is anticipated by a troop of trained servants.

The main question is not how well we subsist, but what we live for?

The poor have no monopoly of virtue or intelligence. Extreme poverty besieges the one and dulls the other. Poverty has its handicaps as well as wealth.

It is easy to say that the rapid and vicious young man of fortune would have been a decent fellow if born to poverty. But it is hard to prove. With his temperament he might still have been a burden upon society.

Wherever it grows a weed is still a weed. But the rose, no matter what ground it grows in, opens its beautiful buds and flings out its sweet odor.

He who does not rise above his environment and become master of it, whatever his environment be, has not in him the stuff that success is made of.

It is character, not condition, that counts.

The question is an old one. It can never be settled except as each man settles it for himself. And whatever the truth may be, the essential fact is that no man can change the conditions of his own birth, and the most he can do is make the best he can of his own condition.

## Eskimo Tradition as to Origin of Human Family

The Arctic Eskimos have their tradition of the origin of man, much the same as the Caucasian, and their tales of the prowess in battle, their sagas relating the past glories of what is now an almost extinct race, areas thrilling as some of those that tell of the wondrous deeds of Odin and Thor or of those Grecian ancients whose deeds are yet preserved in prose and poetry, says the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

According to Eskimo tradition, the first man was made not from the dust of the earth, but from a piece of chewing gum, for he is known that the Indian is the original gum chewer as well as tobacco smoker. But woman was first. The first woman was lying one day on her couch of furs chewing gum. Growing weary, she took it from her mouth and fashioned it into the form of a man. Tired then, she fell asleep, to find upon her awakening that the breath of life had been breathed into the figure of gum of which she had been the architect, and, lo, man was there! And so the world began to be peopled.

It is related as a fact that high upon a mountain to the north and east of Point Hope are the skeleton of three comiaks, or boats, in good condition. They have been well preserved during 20,000 years or more by climate conditions and may have been the original Noah's arks. They at one time in all probability rested upon the beach.

## Their Goal

Despite the fact that Northern New England is a stronghold of temperance, if not of prohibition, temperance lecturers sometimes go there and encourage the faithful. One such speaking in Keene, N.H., reminded his hearers of the story of Dives and Lazarus. The lecturer pointed out how when Dives was in hales he did not ask for beer or wine or liquor, but for one drop of water.

"Now, my friends," said the lecturer, "what does that show?"

A voice from the back of the hall instantly replied: "It shows where you temperance people go to."

## CONDENSED NEWS

Brief Items of Interest for the Busy Reader

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Major S. M. Yost, the incumbent, and Mr. R. A. Fulwiler, of the U. S. Marshall's office, are circulating petitions for appointment as postmaster at Staunton.

Marguis Ito of Japan, says that although Korea has transferred the conduct of her foreign relations to Tokio, she retains control of her internal administration.

There have been so many suicides in Cleveland, Ohio, that the mayor, who is the well known Tom Johnson, has appointed a commission to devise some plan to stop it.

Reports show that 19 vessels were wrecked in the storm which swept over the Great Lakes Monday night and Tuesday. Scores of lives lost. Livesavers were at work all night in a raging snowstorm.

The military authorities at St. Petersburg at last admit that no reliance can be placed on the line regiments, nor even those stationed at the capital. The entire army is likely to go over to the revolutionists.

Americans on the Isle of Pines Saturday ratified the election of a delegate to Congress and territorial officers. It was understood, however, that there will be no assumption of any office except by the United States' authority.

The Russian authorities hope to starve into submission the mutinous sailors at Sebastopol, realizing that the troops, if ordered to do so, would not fire upon the men. The mutiny is spreading among the crews of the Black Sea fleet.

The Rooseveltian creed is being conspicuously exemplified in the household of Mr. and Mrs. George Horner, of Lindend Hall, Pa. The eighteenth child, a son, has just been born to them, though the mother is but 41 and twins have come but once.

The line of the Tidewater Railway now under construction is from Sewell's Point via Suffolk and Jarrett to Brookneal. It will be continued from the latter point via Roanoke and Glenlyon to a connection with the Deepwater Railway in West Virginia.

The rescindment of martial law and the restrictions placed upon the liberties of the press have been passed by the privy council and will be promulgated within a few days. The vital items of the negotiations between China and Japan have been amicably settled.

Governor-elect Swanson has filed with the county clerk of Chatham an account of expenses incurred during the campaign; Postage, \$250; printing, \$37; stationery, \$36; express, telephone, and telegrams, \$30; railroad fare, hotel bills and incidentals, \$304; expenses of primary \$9,840; total \$10,494.

The theft of six hundred dollars in money and diamonds valued at three thousand dollars, which valuables were shipped from Hot Springs by a guest at the hotel has been traced to Harry McGuffin, a policeman at Covington. Pretty nearly all the missing money was found under the carpet in the McGuffin home. McGuffin has been married just a month.

Senator Burton of Kansas, whose second trial on the charge of practicing before the postoffice department at Washington, while a U. S. senator for the Rialto Grain and Securities Co., and prevented a fraud order from being issued against said company was again found guilty in all six counts. The maximum sentence is two years in the penitentiary and \$10,000 fine. He will appeal the case. The first trial resulted in the same verdict.

Several deaths in Virginia recently from mad dog bites and the biting of six persons last week in Newport News by a mad dog has turned public attention to this great danger as never before. Virginia is the third State in the Union for furnishing the largest number of cases of rabies. New York is first, Pennsylvania second and Virginia third. Norfolk and Newport News furnish the largest number of cases in Virginia.

The most touching event in the history of Blackburg occurred last Wednesday afternoon, when the gray haired boys of '61, gallant defenders of the Southland, robed in their war-worn tattered uniforms of the days of civil strife, marched in military array and marched to the Harvey Black Memorial Chapel in the College Young Men's Christian Association building, where the ladies of the Harvey Black Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, presented them crosses of honor.

Major Holmes Conrad, the eminent Winchester lawyer, who has for the last year been engaged in prosecuting the postal fraud cases, is said to be preparing the bill to be filed in the United States Supreme Court by Brown Bros., the American and English banking firms, and the State of Virginia against the Commonwealth of West Virginia to force the latter to pay its alleged share of the Virginia debt, which was incurred before the State of West Virginia was out off from the Old Dominion.

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