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Grip Troubles. When mother had the grip we thought Our lot was hard to bear. We thought when state got it, too, She was a trying care.

The Huntsman's Mass. "Once every year, on St. Hubert's day, one may see hundreds of dogs in the Cathedral of Notre Dame at Brussels. At the huntsman's mass on that day the owners of hunting dogs take the animals to church with them, and for a short time the sacred edifice becomes a dog show place."

Social Occasions. There can be but little done in the outer world, during the month of February and March, but the dark months are full of opportunities for social gatherings and the bringing together of the people of the neighborhood. It will be but a few weeks until the call to spring work becomes insistent, and we can work all the better if we had a season of relaxation and enjoyment.

World's Finest Fruits. An interesting discussion in the British Royal Horticultural society a few years ago as to what was the finest fruit in the world ended by giving the palm to a certain yellow nectarine raised from a peach by the late Francis Rivers. Next to this perhaps comes a properly ripened greengage, one of the best varieties of the plum.

Humany seems to be ever grasping for something beyond the reach. All men and women are prone to go to extremes of industry or idleness. The pendulum does not balance halfway across its swinging place. Temperance in business would be an excellent text on which to preach.

Suicide Without Pain. "Yes," admitted the man who had his feet on the table, "it is true that I did once attempt to commit suicide."

Lockjaw. The fearful tetanus, or lockjaw, was described in all the books when I was a student to puncture or irritation of a nerve, and both hands and feet were sometimes cut off to stop the irritation going up the nerve to the spine.

Phenomenon Explained. A comparatively young man whose mustache remained jet black while the hair on his head turned white explained the phenomenon by saying it was because his lips enjoyed all the good things of life and his head had to suffer for all the troubles.—New York Sun.

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Only Changing the Tune. "The man escaped us," said the detective. "He had invented a new dodge. That you see, is the trouble about the sciences of the minute, the key when you want him to draw you a something new springs up."

Letter Writing in Ancient Babylon. It can easily be understood that the reading and writing of cuneiform was not an accomplishment in the possession of every one. Nevertheless there were plenty of scribes everywhere, especially in the cities, where they sat in the temple gates to be at the service of the public.

Champagne From Sponges. "The champagne makers of Reims buy a lot of our sponges," said a wholesaler. "They squeeze champagne into them. They must squeeze in the year's course 1,000,000 bottles of champagne out of sponges. Mystified, aren't you? But there is no mystery about the matter. Champagne, as it ferments, is powerful stuff. It breaks the necks of bottles, and in the past all champagne that broke its bottles and escaped was lost. Now, though, they pack the champagne bottles in clean sponge, and every day or two they go over the plant, and if any of the bottles have broken they squeeze into casks the wine that the sponges have retained. This wine, reclarified, refined and bottled again, makes a very good second quality drink."

Blank cartridge? "Toy pistol?" "Had chain armor on?" "Bullet hit it and glanced off?" "No," said the man, looking scornfully at the scoffers about him. "The bullet hit the looking glass in front of which I was standing and broke it into a thousand pieces."

Could Make Allowances. The young mother, who was trying to put the baby to sleep, had darkened the room. Somebody tried to enter the side door, and she went and opened it. "I beg your pardon," said the elderly matron who had come up on the porch, "but is this house for rent?" "Not at all."

His Dance. An organ grinder had been playing before the house of an irascible old gentleman, who furiously and amid wild gesticulations ordered him to move on. The Italian stolidly stood his ground and played on and at last was arrested for causing a disturbance. At the court the magistrate asked him why he did not leave when he was requested.

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One cannot be and have been—French Proverb.

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