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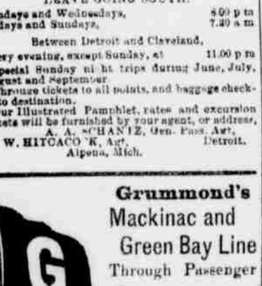

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HUMOROUS.

Don't expect to cure political diseases by employing ward heelers.—Lowell Courier.

Some men give a train of thought too light a load for smooth running.—Columbus Post.

Chicago now feeds her guests on mule beef and her hospitality is unbridled.—Dallas News.

"Are any of the colors discernible to the touch?" asked the school teacher. "I have often felt blue," replied the boy at the head of the class.

George—Ah, dear, how can I leave you and go to my lonely abode! Clara (with a glance at the clock)—If you make haste, George, you can go by the last car.—Ex.

The old, old story before marriage has three words in it: "I love you." The old, old story after marriage has the same number, to-wit: "Wanted—A cook."—Atchison Globe.

Haughty Lady (who has purchased a stamp)—"Must I put it on myself?" Stamp Clerk—"Not necessarily. It will accomplish more if you put it on the letter."—N. Y. Herald.

She: Will you write to me on your return to college? He: Why—er—you know I can't write—She: Oh, I don't expect you to write brilliant or amusingly; just write as you talk.—Princeton Tiger.

The Voice of Experience—"People shouldn't marry," said the bachelor, "until they know each other." "If they didn't," said the married man, "they wouldn't marry at all."—New York Press.

Too True. It is really astonishing what immence progress the art of photography has made these last years. Why, you really don't know your friends' pictures when you see them.—Fliegende Blatter.

A Tired Man.—"Is he so lazy?" "Lazy! Lazy is no name for it. He is so confounded lazy that it tires him to keep up with the earth when it turns on its axis."—Texas Siftings.

He—"Another piece of sugar! I do not think I would like to be the sweetest girl in the world." She—"Why not?" He—"I prefer being next to the sweetest."—Boston Budget.

"They say you have an excellent memory, Mr. Dukane," observed Miss Wallflower. "Yes, indeed," replied the brute. "I can remember distinctly events that occured in 1849, the year you were born!"

"Oh, ma! I nearly had a horse!" "Why, what do you mean?" "There was a man out here with a horse and I asked him if I could have it and he said no; if he'd said yes I'd had it!"—Life.

"Mabel," said her mother, "unless you have pressing business this evening—" "I haven't mamma," interrupted Mabel. "This is George's evening; Harry doesn't come till to-morrow night."—New York Herald.

Johnny—"I was looking through the keyhole at Sally and Mr. Featherly and ma came and stopped me." Ethel—"What did she do then? Spank you?" Johnney—"No; she took a peep."—Harvard Lampoon.

Said one shopper—"Oh, I saw just the loveliest, sweetest, prettiest baby a minute ago." Said the other shopper—"What! Do you mean to tell me that stupid nurse has dared to bring my little darling out such a day as this?"—Indianapolis Journal.

Bibbs—"How do do, Bob? Where's sis?" Bob (sis's husband)—"Gone shopping." "What did she want?" "Nothing." "Then why did she go shopping?" "To see if she could find anything that would make her want something."—New York Weekly.

Not if He Knew it. Photographer—"How do you want your picture taken, sir—full view or——" Subject—"Full nothing! I want to look sober. Why, I am going to send the picture to a young woman who advertised for a husband."—Cloak Journal.

Amelia: "Swear not by the moon, the inconstant moon." Augustus: "What shall I swear by?" "Swear by that which you hold invaluable; something which is dearer to you than all things else; something that you cannot live without." "Then, Amelia, I love you! I swear it by my salary."

Fog that is Lifted with Jack Screws.

James Thompson, the horseman, sat toasting his soles at the Yosemite house office stove the other night and talking horse to Senator Boggs, of Colusa, when the old senator asked:

"Mr. Thompson, do you expect to see a horse go in two minutes?"

"That depends altogether on the climate, senator," responded Mr. Thompson, hitching one leg over the other. "I've already seen a horse go in 57 seconds."

"You mean 2:57?"

"No, sir."

"What! Not 1:57?"

"No."

"Then what do you mean?"

"I mean 57 seconds flat—less than a minute. That's what I mean."

"Oh, pshaw!"

"It's a fact, senator. But, as I said, it all depends on the climate. This happened away up in Dakota, near the British-American line, and I drove the trotter. It was in midwinter and the ground was frozen solid. The track was a down hill straightaway—"

"And the horse slid, I suppose?"

"No, siree! He trotted every inch, and he trotted honestly, too. I held the watch while driving, and stated it just as I went under the wire. The horse—by the way, she was a filly, senator—went at a pretty good lick, but I didn't realize how fast she was going until I got up to the finish and looked at my watch, and blame me, if it did not show 57 seconds for the mile—57 seconds flat, senator."

"Oh, bosh!"

"It's a fact, senator. You see, it was so cold the watch hands got numb and couldn't keep up. As I said before, senator, it all depends on the climate how fast a horse can go. Now, here in California the watches are all limbered up by the hot sun, and run along at a rattling rate, so I didn't expect to see a two minute horse here. But in Dakota—"

"Oh, confound Dakota!" exclaimed Senator Boggs.

"You needn't do anything of the kind," responded Mr. Thompson indignantly. "Dakota's a fine country and in some respects it beats California. For instance, take vegetation there in winter. Here in California all the elm trees drop their leaves in the fall, and their limbs are bare until spring. But up in Dakota I've seen elm trees green the year through."

"How's that when it's so cold up there?"

"That's just it, senator. Everything'll be growing nicely when all of a sudden a blizzard strikes the country. It freezes the elms up so solid the leaves can't fall, and the consequence is they're green the winter through."

"Mr. Thompson," said the senator solemnly, "will you answer one question?"

"Certainly."

"I want an honest answer, now, mind you!"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you ever have fogs up in Dakota?"

"Lots of 'em."

"Well, now, is it true that they cut the fog with hatchets there, so as to make their way through it?—honestly, now, Thompson; you said you'd answer honestly."

"And so I will."

"Well, is it true?"

"No, it's not so. It's a lie.—Don't you believe a word of it, senator. The man who told you that yarn was giving you a fill. I've been in the northern part of Dakota a good deal, and I can truthfully say that I've never yet seen them resort to the expedient of cutting their way through a fog. That may be the customary practice in countries to the south of Dakota, where it ain't so cold, but it would not work in Dakota. The fogs there freeze so solid that an ax wouldn't have any effect on them; its edge would turn up, just as if striking on steel. No, senator, the man who told you the people of Dakota chopped their way through fogs is a liar of the first water. They have a better plan than that. They work it this way. You see, senator, there is always more or less warmth in the earth—in other words, the earth is not so cold as the air, just as ice is not so cold as frozen mercury. Consequently, the lower portion of the fog, being near the ground, is not frozen so hard as the upper portion. See?"

"Yes."

"Well, when a fog settled down on the country the Dakotans fall to work and burrow their way along the ground with picks, making holes in the fog big enough to set jackscrews in. See? Then they raise the fog up with jackscrews high enough to walk around under it. See?"

The Senator took a hot Scotch and retired to bed.—Ex.

Little Curious Things.

The delvers among the wonderful in nature have discovered an ice cave in Kilckitat county, Washington. It it said to be of enormous size, but prevaded by an atmosphere so intensely cold as to prevent thorough exploration.

A Portland (Me.) man has invented a bicycle engine which he claims will propel the 'cycle at a speed far greater than that of our fastest passenger trains.

A stream near Tucson, Ariz., petrifies all soft substances thrown into it. It is in the great Colorado potato beetle belt, and at the time of their migrations thousands of them strike the water and are converted into solid stone.

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In the year 1886 the Kentucky Legislature was petitioned to change the name of a man who thought that "Mr. Schlafenhasenrichstichstafer" was an undignified cognomen.

The Chinese, Japanese, Malays, Siamese, New Zealanders and North American Indians are all but beardless.

In the time of Henry VIII. Parliament passed a law which declared that on and after that date pins should not be sold for more than 6 shillings 8 pence per 1,000.

Two Gentlemen.

There are no distinctions of rank when people are in need. Here is one instance of many which pleasantly illustrates this:

An old Scotchman was taking his grist to mill in sacks thrown across the back of his horse, when the animal stumbled, and the grain fell to the ground. He had not strength to raise it, being an aged man, but he saw a horseman riding along and thought he would appeal to him for help. But the horseman proved to be the nobleman who lived in the castle hard by, and the farmer could not muster courage to ask a favor of him. But the nobleman was a gentleman, also, and, not waiting to be asked, he quickly dismounted, and between them they lifted the grain to the horse's back. John—for he was a gentleman too—lifted his Kilmarnock bonnet, and said:

"My lord, how shall I ever thank you for your kindness?"

"Very easily, John," replied the nobleman. "Whenever you see another man in the same plight you were in just now, help him, and that will be thanking me."

Planting Nails for Iron.

Before the arrival of Europeans in the South Sea Islands, the inhabitants, or Polynesians, as they are called, were not acquainted with metal. All their weapons and implements of husbandry were made of flint and stone, or even of hard wood. Though only savages, they ornamented their war-club, canoes, household utensils, and the outside of their houses, with beautiful carving, all of which was executed with tools made either of jade or shark's teeth, and must have cost them immense labor.

When Captain Cook visited Tahiti and the various islands in the South Sea, he found that the native would give anything for nails or pieces of old iron, so when he set out in A. D. 1772 on his second voyage round the world, he took with him, besides other articles, a quantity of spike nails to exchange with the natives for provisions. A spike nail of superior size was the most highly prized present he could make to a chief; and as he cruised among the Polynesian Islands, his supply of nails running short, he set his smiths to work to make more.

Now, as the natives knew nothing of metal, they at first imagined that iron must be some kind of very hard wood, and as the nails resembled in shape the seeds of one of their fruit-trees, they thought that these nails, brought by the wonderful white people, were the seeds of the iron-tree which grew in their far-off country. So they carefully planted some in their gardens; but, after waiting for the nails to sprout, they were disappointed to find that it was only a nail still, and that there was no hope of its ever growing into a tree and producing iron. However, they soon found that they could kill each other more easily with iron than with flint or stone, so instead of planting them they turned their nails into weapons of destruction. A metal needle, also, was better for puncturing the figures of cocoanut-trees and other objects, with which they delighted to adorn their persons, than one made from a fish bone; and a steel chisel took the place of the blunt instrument of jade formerly used in tattooing geometrical lines on the skins of New Zealanders.—Ex.

The Dignity of Journalism.

"I want to see the editor of the Squedunk Bugle."

"I am he."

"Then I wish to ask you, sir-er-the fact is-I was unfortunate enough to be arrested yesterday afternoon."

"Ah! What might your name be?"

"Jacob Sassafras. I live four miles out of town, and your paper circulates in our neighborhood. I am engaged to a nice girl out that way, and I don't want her to know anything about my little misfortune. You understand?"

"O, yes, of course. Here is the copy about it. Jacob Sassafras—drunk and disorderly—fighting on Main Street—ten dollars fine and costs."

"Yes, Mr. Editor; now, I'd like that kept out of the paper."

"O, I couldn't think of it."

"If a dollar would be any inducement—"

"But it wouldn't. The Bugle's readers expect the news, and that is news you know."

"Say a dollar and a quarter."

"No, sir. Why, sir, the true journalist, who feels the responsible position in which he stands toward the public, will not sell himself for gold. Do you happen to know, sir, that George Jones was offered five million dollars to withold the publication in the Times of the Tweed steals?"

"I might make it a dollar and a half."

"Never, sir? George Jones won undying fame by his manly course in the Tweed matter, and do you think that I, the editor of the Bugle—"

"Here's a dollar seventy-five."

"Why, sir, George Jones—"

"I'll make it an even two dollars."

"Well, I'll take that; but it is for the girl's sake solely that journalism makes an exception in your case. Good morning.—The Epoch.

"This geyser," said the guide in the Yellowstone region, "is called the Political Geyser." "Ah!" replied the tourist. "And why?" "Because it throws mud."—Puck.

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