

He Would Know More. An exceedingly well dressed woman sat in an elevated railway car...

Madam, you have left your veil! As she took no notice of him he dashed down the aisle after her...

It was a frown, frayed, torn piece of black cotton net. "It is not mine, sir," she snapped out...

"Why was she so mad about it?" he asked in a dazed way as he laid the homely little rag on the window sill.

"You would that," said the other feelingly. -New York Tribune.

Resting the Muscles. When a man is tired, he stretches his arms and legs and yawns. Birds and animals, so far as possible, follow his example.

Birds spread their feathers and also yawn, or gape. Fowls open their mouths slowly until they are round, and the bones of the head seem to loosen, and the gills open.

Horses stretch violently when and after indulging in a roll, but not, as a rule, on all fours.

A stag when stretching sticks out his hind stretches his fore feet out and hollows his back neck as though trying to creep under a bar.

Most ruminant animals stretch when they rise up after lying down. Deer do it regularly; so do cows. This fact is so well known that if a cow, when arising from lying down, does not stretch herself it is a sign she is ill.

The reason for this is plain—the stretch moves every muscle of the body, and if there be any injury anywhere it hurts. -Pittsburg Dispatch.

Measuring a Tree. In the Maine forest is told to get out a mast for a yacht. He knows that he must find a tree which is straight for 60 feet below the branches. It would be very troublesome to climb trees and measure them with a tape measure.

So be, without knowing it, uses practical trigonometry. He measures off 60 feet in a straight line from the tree, and then he cuts a pole, which, when upright in the ground, is exactly as tall as himself. This he plants in the earth his own length from the end of his 60 feet.

For example, if he is six feet tall, he plants his six foot pole 54 feet from the tree. Then he lies down on his back, with his head at the end of the pole and his feet touching the pole, and sights over the top of it. He knows that where his eyes touch the tree is almost exactly 60 feet from the ground. -Weekly Bonquet.

Filial Love. That's a pathetic story of the Gordon fishing boat crew. No class of men face death more frequently than the hardy fisher toilers of the sea, and among none is a genuine heroism more frequently displayed.

The Gordon boat was manned by a father and his four sons. When the boat sank, three of the latter went with her. The old man got an oar, and soon the fourth son appeared by his side. But the oar could only support one, and the lad, taking in the situation at once, bade his parent farewell in the words, "Weel, weel, father, I man't sit awa'!" and sank.

Only readers familiar with the northern dialect will fully appreciate the depth of kindly resignation and true feeling which the words denote. But the father endured terrible sufferings, but was ultimately picked up. "Greater love hath no man than this." -Westminster Gazette.

A Natural Cross. One of the most beautiful natural rock carvings in the world is the Southern Cross, on the island of Grand Manan, in the bay of Fundy. It stands at the head of a ledge of rocks jutting into the bay from the foot of one of the immense cliffs at the southern end of the Grand Manan. Its shape is that of an almost perfect cross.

Professional Jealousy. "You are nothing but an imitator," said the bluejay, full of wrath at hearing its cry so accurately mimicked. "All that tells you," airily retorted the mocking bird, "is that you are envious because I can sing your song so much better than you can." -Chicago Tribune.

Did Not Dispute It. "Your honor," protested the burglar, "I am as honest as the day is long." "I don't doubt," replied the magistrate, "I understand you follow the practice of all your business at night." -Philadelphia Record.

Among every 1,000 bachelors there are 38 criminals. Among married men the ratio is only 18 per cent.

Forcement is a corruption of forcement, from the French force, stuffing, i. e., meat for stuffing.

Son of An Ohio Merchant Cured of Chronic Diarrhoea. My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometimes ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited. -Thomas C. Bower, Glenwood, Pa. For sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

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