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John Camden Neild, whose magnificent bequest to Queen Victoria supplied the funds out of which the prince consort built the present Balmoral castle, deserves a place among the great misers and was as remarkable a man as any of them. He was educated at Eton and Trinity college, Cambridge, and was a barrister at Lincoln's Inn. At the age of thirty-four his father's death placed him in possession of a fortune of £250,000, and from that moment he became a confirmed miser. Neild lived at 5 Cheyne walk, Chelsea. His big house was so meantly furnished that it did not even boast of a bed. Two old women, who did his chores, and a black cat were his sole companions. When he visited his large estates in the Midlands, which he did frequently, he generally walked unless he could get a lift for nothing, and he was not even above taking a gratuitous seat on a dung cart. Sometimes he was compelled by the weather to take a seat on the stagecoach, and there he would sit outside, shivering and dripping, for he never wore a greatcoat, an object of commiseration to his fellow passengers.

### Lincoln's Rebuke.

The saying that there are few honest lawyers did not hold true in the case of Lincoln. A man once called to retain him on a suit. "State your case," said honest Abe. The man did, and then Lincoln said: "I cannot represent you, for you are wrong, and the other party is right." "That is none of your business if I employ you," said the client. "Pardon me," said the man who afterward became president; "my business is never to defend wrong. I never take a case that is manifestly wrong." "Well, but you can make trouble for the other fellow." "Yes," said Lincoln. "I can set a whole community at loggerheads, I can make trouble for this widow and her fatherless children and by so doing get you \$500 that rightfully belongs to her, but I won't do it." "Not if I pay you well?" "Not for all the money you are worth," was the reply.

### A Warrior Too.

The wooden boards that had marked the graves in a certain rural cemetery rotted off and were raked up in the spring cleaning. Consequently on Memorial day when the delegation from the G. A. R. arrived with flags and appropriate floral decorations for their departed comrades the decorating committee found itself somewhat in doubt as to which grave belonged to Captain Blodgett and which to Hannah Ericson. The mistaken delegates heaped their offerings upon Hannah's last resting place and departed. That afternoon Ericson, the widower, drifted, with the rest of his world, to the cemetery. When he saw the flag and the flowers above Hannah the astonished Swede fell to chuckling joyously. "Well," he exclaimed delightedly, "dese faller bane pooty smart too! Ay tank dat vor all right and som gude yoke on Hannah—he vor pooty gude fighter herself."—Youth's Companion.

### Devonshire Terrace.

Dickens was twenty-seven years old when, in 1839, he moved from Doughty street to Devonshire terrace. George du Maurier lived for some years in 1 Devonshire terrace. In this celebrated house Dickens wrote no fewer than ten of his books—"The Old Curiosity Shop," "Barnaby Rudge," "The Christmas Carol," "American Notes," "Martin Chuzzlewit," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "The Battle of Life," "Dombey and Son," "The Cricket on the Hearth" and "David Copperfield." Devonshire terrace was situated at the corner of the Marylebone road and used to be called the smallest terrace in London.

### It Varied.

The late Judge Saunders of North Carolina was noted as an angler, but he had a poor memory as to the weight of the fish he had taken. On one occasion a friend, trying to entrap him, said, "Say, judge, what was the weight of that big catfish you caught the other day?"

The judge turned to his waiter and said, "Bob, what did I say that catfish weighed?"

"What time yesterday, boss—in de maw'nin', at dinner or after supper?"

### The Moon.

Astronomers long since came to the conclusion that the moon's surface is very hot during the height of the lunar day, which, as will be remembered, lasts two weeks, and very cold during the lunar night, which is equally long. These extremes of temperature reach their height at the lunar noon and midnight and are greater than any natural temperatures on the earth.

### The Gaffer.

Bertie (to caddy, searching for lost ball)—What are you looking there for? Why, I must have driven it fifty yards farther! Diplomatic Caddy—But sometimes they hit a stone, sir, and bounce back a terrible distance.

### Willing to See.

Mrs. Enpeck—The philosophers tell us that blessings often come to us in disguise. Mr. Enpeck (with a sudden show of spirit)—Maria, when are you going to unmask?

### The Pale.

Little Margie (reading)—What is the "pale of civilization," Tommy? Small Tommy—Oh, some new brand of face powder, I suppose.

The root of all discontent is self love.—Clarke.

### French Economy.

France in her system of finance and in her whole scheme of economy aids and encourages saving among the people. The government conducts a vast banking institution whereby every postoffice has its savings bank department—its "caisse d'epargne." Here any one may make a deposit as low as 1 franc (20 cents), which deposit is recorded in one's "livret de la caisse d'epargne" (savings bank book). A convenient feature of this system tending to make saving easy is that one may make his deposits in any postoffice anywhere in France and may withdraw any part or all his savings at any postoffice, without regard to where the deposits have been made. I have never had a servant in France who had not her "livret de la caisse d'epargne," and yet the girl or woman, if she had no family of her own to support, almost invariably contributed to the support of her father's family. I have had one middle aged "femme de chambre" on whose face each day I could read pretty well how the bourse was going.—Flora McDonald Thompson in Harper's Bazar.

### Shopping.

Shopping is a form of cruelty indulged by married ladies toward their husbands. It is incipient in young girls, reaches an active condition in brides and arrives at its most virulent stage between the tenth and the twenty-fifth year of married life. A small, delicate, slight, nervous, sensitive woman who would faint away at an empty mouse trap will go through the shopping district in from two to seven hours and come out refreshed and sustained by an unflinching trust in her husband's credit is good, while that gentleman at the end of forty-five minutes has to be carried home on a stretcher. Some women are born shoppers, others achieve it, but not one of them has it thrust upon her. Shopping is extensively practiced on week days, beginning on Monday with a rush and ending on Saturday in time for the opera. It promotes industry. Without it married men would have time to rest.—Delineator.

### Shooting a Rabbit.

In Sullivan county there is a man who spent a whole day hunting, and at nightfall he was returning homeward empty handed when he found a rabbit in a snare and still kicking. He released it and was about to dispatch it with the back of his hand when it occurred to him that he could not say he shot it, as no shot marks would be found to corroborate his story. So he tied a string to one of the hind legs of the rabbit, tied the other end to the fence, backed away twenty yards and fired. The shot cut the string and bunny ran away. Such a good joke on himself was too good to keep, and he told it at the village grocery, little thinking that it would be handed about, until now if you want to anger him the mere mention of the yarn opens the old sore.—Forest and Stream.

### Practising by Ear.

When Grover Cleveland was practicing law at Buffalo among his associates was a young lawyer who, though a bright fellow, was rather inclined to laziness. He was forever bothering Cleveland about points of law rather than look them up himself. At last Cleveland became tired of it, and the next time the young man sauntered in Cleveland knew what he wanted and, getting up, pointed to his bookcase and said: "There are my books. You are welcome to them. You can read up your own case." The fellow was caught, but he rose to the occasion. "See here, Grover Cleveland," he said, "I want you to understand I don't read law. I practice entirely by ear, and you and your books can go to thunder!"

### Women Rule as Babies Do.

The ordinary man would still much rather glorify women and set them on a mock throne, whence he can depose them at will, than have to acknowledge in them a real title to regard. It is difficult for a man to overcome his essential self importance. Most of us perhaps prefer to have inferiors round us—an abject trait of character, but natural. And only very slowly have we men been getting to prefer our womankind as friends and equals rather than as queens and pets, ruling us as a baby or a spoiled dog does.—London Saturday Review.

### A Clever Hint.

"You are so popular," sighs the swain. "You have so many suitors!" "The idea!" smiles the fair young thing. "Why, I can count them all on the fingers of my left hand. See. The index finger is Mr. Stangforth, the second finger is Mr. Bakler, and the third finger—the third finger of my left hand—the third finger is you." Next day he got the ring for it.—Chicago Post.

### News to Him.

"The beauty of this great and glorious republic," said the American proudly, "is that any boy born here may become president." "Fawncy!" exclaimed the British tourist. "I was under the impression that the president had to be at least forty years of age."—Catholic Standard and Times.

### A Philosopher.

A philosopher is a man who when he has had luck due to his own carelessness and idleness and other shortcomings, can blame it all on fate.—Somerville Journal.

### Nobody Else to Look Like.

She—Mr. Dudleigh is looking more like himself, don't you think? Chappie—Ya-as. His twin brother is dead.—Fust.

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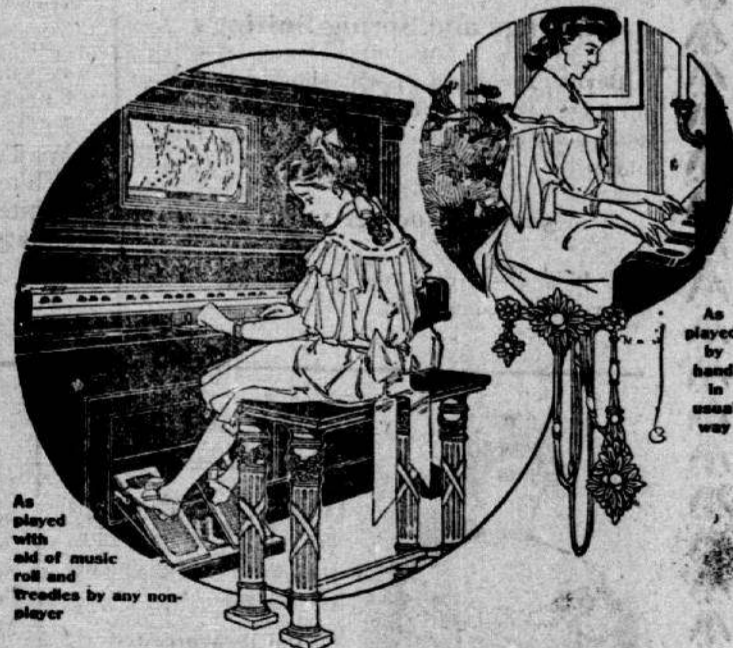
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