

The Odious English Poet.

They showed me into the drawing-room, And then in an easy chair, Sat a low-legged beetle that aimed at me With an insolent stare...

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A FRIENDLY REVENGE.

Yes, revenge was my motive. I acted in obedience to that noble instinct of retaliation which helps to distinguish our species from the lower animals.

HOW SHE TREATS.

When men go together they generally shake for the cost of the dinner. Girls generally pay their shares.

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He bought a steam launch. There were days when the fish were shy, and the task of the provider was a very hard one indeed.

On other days the haul would be so large that a place to store the superfluous fish became a necessity.

An army of Italian laborers are now at work digging a system of canals to extend over the entire grounds.

The two kingfishers are doing as well as could be expected.

Sometimes, lately, I have had a foolish notion to avenger for an act of friendly revenge, and I have begun to speculate as to whether or not the birds will die of overfeeding in time to save Hornbeam from ruin.

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forehead between his trembling palms. There were days when the room.

"What in the name of goodness is the matter with the fellow?" Inquired of the superintendent of the department after he had detailed another clerk to attend to the fat customer.

"On the positive quiet," he replied, "I don't follow you. The young man is a rejected suitor of the lady. She is going to be married to another."

She is purchasing a bridal outfit. To take up the ground in the making up of her trousseau was more than he could stand. See?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

PRETTY ENGLISH GIRLS.

One gets, I fancy, a fair view of the upper if not the top grade of London society in the picture galleries, where crowds are found daily, writes a correspondent of the Boston Transcript.

And here one notes two things in particular—the superb blooming beauty of the young English girls, the complexion and her lack of taste in the matter of dress. A girl of the middle class was at the theater last night, and perhaps I can cite her as an extreme illustration of the inopportune manner in which many of her sisters—many of them station, too—dress. Lot of it was understood, then, that the thermometer marked 62 degrees and that the evening was pleasant. Unlike the average girl that one meets, she was a brunette, with an olive complexion, big brown eyes, and hair cut short—altogether, pretty, well-shaped face and head. She wore a straight-brimmed, square-crowned, white straw hat, with a white, ribbed band around it, and with a cluster of wild flowers at the front; long seakink saucer, loose, lisle-thread gloves of a dark terra-cotta color, and a gown of some light, thin figured stuff. Altogether was the most incongruous costume, the most absurd blending of mid-summer and midwinter that I have ever seen. But she seemed early unconscious of the bad taste of this unique combination. I shall look for her six weeks hence and see if she still clings to her seakink saque.

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Summer Diversions in Boston.

In a small company of ladies and gentlemen, some of whom are before had met each other, the host is suddenly called upon by one of his guests, in a voice distinctly audible throughout the room.

Courtesy at Home.

If a child is brought up in the constant exercise of courtesy toward brothers and sisters and playmates as well as toward parents and uncles and aunts, it will have little to learn as it grows older.

A Time for All Things.

It became the solid duty of Judge Wylie, of the Austin district court, to pass sentence on an aged man, named George Bliss, for stealing a hog.

The Peruvians are a peculiar people. The roofs of the dwellings are always perfectly flat, and among the common people are used as barn yards and hen-roosts.

Teaching a Horse Language.

It is a mistaken idea that the horse must be kept in fear with the whip. He must be first taken in hand to learn the voice, and gradually made to understand by example the meaning of what is said to him.

A FLEA FOR THE DOG.

The dog, writes "Quid," to the London Times, is the only animal which is habitually treated as a criminal; the only animal which is condemned on a charge of isolated incidents of incontinence. Cats are not all murderers and chained in the pastures because a bull goes mad occasionally. Cats are not all tied up because a rabbit cat occasionally swears itself. Horses are not forbidden the streets because a runaway horse is an occasional feature of street life.

FOE THE FARMER.

Incalculable Neglect of Animals and Waste During the Summer Season—The Case of Farm Machinery.

Quid Attacks the Habitual and Inhuman Law for Slaughtering and Introducing Blue Grass.

CASE OF STOCK IN SUMMER.

On many farms all kinds of animals except work-horses are sadly neglected during the summer. Their owners think they have enough to do in the field at that season of the year to devote too much time to their stock.

The greatest neglect of animals and fowls is shown during the summer season. The farmer is generally turned out to grass and allowed to roam without care or attention. It is presumed that they will do well enough by themselves.

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DOG OF ALLOWED UNMANNED OR LOOSE ABOUT ANYWHERE.

It is a well-known fact that the dog is a very intelligent animal, and it is impossible for the poor man to be guarded by his dog, deprives children of a charming playmate, brings all kinds of disease on the animal himself, and is a violation of the law in the aggregate.

The municipal corporations and the men with licenses who are out casting dogs in all directions, on behalf of the municipalities of Europe, day and night, use only other means for deterring the sale of dogs, and are the most unscrupulous and individual rights.

And when the municipalities of Europe treat such an animal as this as though he were pestilential vermin, have him strangled in the streets, hunted down for his fur, and started in imprisonment, and flayed alive for the sake of the coin his skin will fetch to their exchequer, I humbly submit that they have proved themselves wholly incapable of legislating for or of educating their people.

INTRODUCING BLUE GRASS. In answer to an inquiry as to the correspondence of the Country Gentleman writes: My experience shows that the seed will catch if sown in the fall, as the rains and snow will beat it into the soil, and the timely will produce it from the soil. As far as the blue grass is concerned, I do not think harrowing is necessary, for it is not desirable to have it come up before the rains, and the freezing and thawing, will cover it sufficiently.

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