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WHAT A COMPLIMENT CAN DO.

One Approving Word Made Her Forget Her Troubles.

"One of the most glaring faults of our age is the absence of spirituality," said the doctor of divinity as he stirred his cocoa and Java.

"Yes," agreed the professor, helping himself to lamb chops and mums, "people are growing more and more material in their views of life."

"It is not only spirituality, but intellectuality, that is on the wane," said the judge, eyeing appreciatively the Jersey cream that his noisiness was pouring over a saucer of strawberries.

"Look, for instance, at the thousands of people who never read anything but newspapers, who are really dead from a mental standpoint."

The doctor and the professor emphatically endorsed the noble sentiments of the judge, relates the Washington Star, and the symposium pursued its course, along with the course of the breakfast. It was a delicious breakfast to eat and a charming one to look at.

At the foot of the table sat a small, tired-looking woman, who took no part in the symposium. Calmly and industriously she poured the coffee and sugared the strawberries, furtively watching the children's table manners and her guests' needs.

"Intellectuality and spirituality, indeed! You look intellectual and spiritual, don't you? Maybe you are and if you never get so intellectual and spiritual, that you don't have to eat them, it will be some chance for women to cultivate their intellects and spirits."

"Madam," said the doctor in his most impressive tone.

The little woman turned to him with a deferential manner.

"Madam, this is the best breakfast I have eaten for many a day."

And then, if you will believe it, all the bitterness went out of the little woman's face in an instant and she brightened up as if the doctor had said to her, you have written the finest novel of the century."

"Such is the power of man's appreciation of such weak stuff as women make."

Pity and Beauty

The most beautiful thing in the world is the baby, all dimples and joy. The most pitiful thing is that same baby, thin and in pain. And the mother does not know that a little fat makes all the difference.

Dimples and joy have gone, and left hollows and fear; the fat, that was comfort and color and curve—all but pity and love—is gone.

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SPANISH WAR PENSIONERS.

Interesting Statistics Regarding the Soldiers in the Late War With Spain.

Many inquiries have been made recently at the pension office as to the status of claims filed for pensions by soldiers of the Spanish-American war. Commissioner Evans said recently that the bureau scarcely had time to respond to all the inquiries, but that the claims were being adjudicated as rapidly as possible.

"There have been filed 34,000 claims on account of the Spanish-American war, up to Monday morning, October 22," said the commissioner. "Calls have been had for evidence in 33,424 of these claims. Medical examinations have been ordered by this bureau in 28,224 claims. The difference between the number of claims filed and the number of medical examinations ordered practically represents the number of widows and dependents claims, 4,207 of these claims have been adjudicated already."

"When the division was organized having charge of these claims, all claims of widows and dependents of soldiers were given the right of way, practically making them special and they were promptly adjudicated. Twenty-five clerks were assigned to this work, and, like other divisions of the bureau the work is now practically current. All classes of claims are treated alike as provided by law, and the established practice."

The Diary of a King.

The diary of Louis XVI. is preserved in an iron chest in the French National archives. It extends from the beginning of the year 1776 to the end of July, 1792, ten days before the King's dethronement and his incarceration in the temple, which he never left until he walked to the scaffold. The entries for the most part are extremely laconic, and the majority of them refer to hunting parties, walks and drives. Often there is only the word "rain" (nothing), which must not be taken to mean that nothing of political importance occurred on that day. It merely means that the King did not hunt or drive.

Now and then we find a cross marked opposite the date, which signifies that His Majesty attended mass. Some of the entries relate to brief journeys. A special list of dates is indorsed: "Nuits que j'ai couche dehors ne Versailles depuis mon mariage jusqu'à la mort du Roy." (Nights passed away from Versailles after my marriage up to the time of the King's death.)

Two entries chronicle the birth of children, the Duchess d'Angoulême, in 1775, and the unfortunate Louis XVII. in 1781.

These are the only events, except hunting parties and the like, that Louis XIV. thought important enough to find a place in his diary.

It is like the record of the stable boy, and one is not surprised to find on July 14, 1792, the day of the storming of the Bastille, the simple entry: "Rain."—Philadelphia Times.

A Jamaica Experience.

Fore some years after my marriage I lived at Oak Harbor, a small place about twenty miles from Kingston. One day, when a visit to my Kingston dressmaker was a necessity, I ordered a young negro boy to get upon the rumble and drive me to the town.

I paid my visit to the dressmaker, and, receiving my frock, a light summer thing, from her, I placed it in the box beneath the buggy seat and drove on to my sister's where I went in to escape the heated part of the day, giving my boy sixpence and bidding him see the sights and return at 4 o'clock.

The turned up punctually with the grin still in place, and in due time we reached Oak Harbor once more.

When I went to take out my crumpled muslin I found to my consternation it was a wet, soppy mass! No rain had fallen, and even then—

I turned to the boy: "Solomon, what in the world does this mean? How—but the look of utter helpless amazement on his face stopped me.

"Lor, missis, it am queer, but not so queer as what done happen to me. Me bought a quantity (1½d) wort of dat pretty thing dey calls 'ice' to bring home an' show ma sister, an' I put him in dar wid your dress to keep him safe—an' now him gone for true—an' how him get out I dunno wid you sit kin' on him all de time!"—Harper's Magazine.

Hard to Please.

Wife—Tell me honestly, John, if I should die, would you marry again?

John (desiring to please)—Marry again! Of course I wouldn't. Such an idea would never enter my head.

Wife (angrily)—Oh, you wouldn't? You don't find marriage pleasant, I suppose? No doubt you are sorry you married me.

John (still desiring to please)—You don't understand me, dear, I was joking, of course. I meant I would marry again.

Wife (more angrily)—You would eh? You are in a great hurry to get married again. Perhaps you wish I was out of the way. I know you would be glad if I would die—ugh!—London Tid Bits.

His Indiscretion.

In one of Chauncey M. Depew's stories he tells of meeting a man as funny as himself.

"One day," said Mr. Depew, "I met a soldier who had been wounded in the face. He was a Union man, and I asked him in what battle he was wounded."

"In the last battle of Bull Run, sir," he replied.

"But how could you get hit in the face at Bull Run?" I asked.

"Well, sir," said the man half apologetically, "after I had run a mile or two I got careless and looked back."

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