

OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR.

Golf.
You get yourself a uniform;
You buy a lot of sticks.
You have yourself a caddy.
At a quarter of nine
You go out in the
And you walk it your time.
But you're sure that you will like it.
When you've learned to play the game.
—Washington Star.

Man's Adaptability.
Jumble—"There's something wonderful about man."
Jumble—"So well adapted, for instance, to carry an umbrella."—Boston Transcript.

Had Proved It.
"A great deal may be said on the subject," said the proflix person.
"But," said the weary auditor, "is the one point on which you have convinced me?"—Washington Star.

Feminine Conversation.
Hobbs—"Women talk about nothing but their dress."
Slobbs—"Oh, I don't know. It seems to me I've heard some of them talk about their hats."—Philadelphia Record.

Who Could Have Placed Them There?



Landlady conversely—"Nora, I found three hairpins in the hash at breakfast. I hope—"

Nora—"Faith, now, an' who'd ever dream my lookin' fur 'em there! Of've been missin' 'em all mornin'." Thank you, ma'am, fur leavin' me know."—New York Sun.

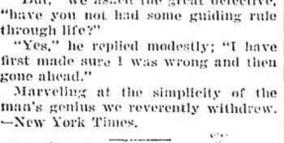
Human Nature.
"What are the respective ages of the father and the son?"
"Well, I judge that the former is over fifty, because I notice he likes to be called 'my boy,' and that the latter is under twenty-five, for the reason that it pleases him to be addressed as 'old man.'"—Smart Set.

Wish Mania.
"I don't like that young man's conventional way of speaking of wealth," said Mrs. Gantner.
"But that shows his generous and superior nature."
"Possibly, in his case. But it ordinarily indicates that a man hasn't any."—Washington Star.

Inseparable Words.
"Say," asked the red-faced man in the hotel writing room, "how do you spell 'unintelligible?'"
"Why," replied the stranger next to him, "it's un-intel-lig-ible, my friend. I wouldn't advise you to call a man a liar of any sort in a letter. You'll get yourself in trouble."—Philadelphia Press.

Simplicity of Genius.
"But," we asked the great detective, "have you not had some guiding rule through life?"
"Yes," he replied modestly, "I have first made sure I was wrong and then gone ahead."
"Marveling at the simplicity of the man's genius we reverently withdrew."—New York Times.

Teacher's Fault.



"See here, your teacher says you're at the foot of your class."
"But, ma, mebbe she counts from the wrong end."—New York Journal.

Balked!
Pocahontas was pleading with the Indians.
"What?" grunted the braves, "give him up after we've taken the trouble to pick him out from all the other Smiths in the directory?"
"Pleading, however, to injure themselves with Fenimore Cooper, the noble red men were persuaded to desist."—New York Times.

Only an Imitation.
The opposing eleven had struggled desperately for the mastery.
But the game was over.
Strange to say, nobody had been carried off the field senseless.
There were no broken bones.
Not a player had been disabled.
Not one bore the mark of the slightest injury.
"It is magnificent," said the spectators, "but it is not football."—Chicago Tribune.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

The United States Government and foreign governments as well have quite recently for the purpose of ascertaining the migratory habits of the cod released the fish with metal checks attached for the purpose of later identification.

The "freezing well" of Raoul Pietet is a far-lined steel cylinder about five feet deep. In this is placed the sufferer from lung, stomach or kidney disease, for five to fifteen minutes, and a liquefied mixture of sulphurous and carbonic acids, at 110 degrees below zero, is circulated by special pumps between the double walls of the cylinder. By eight applications of this treatment, which gives no sensation of cold, Pietet claims to have cured his own dyspepsia of fifteen years' standing.

At the power station of Vourey, Switzerland, 2500 horse-power turbines are to be supplied with water at the extraordinary "head" of 3117 feet. The water is conducted from Lake Tanay, a pond of 111 acres draining less than three square miles at a height of 4641 feet above sea-level, and the lower part of the conduit consists of two steel pipes about thirteen inches in diameter. The pressure on these pipes is estimated to reach 10,000 pounds to the square inch—scarcely less than that of a powder explosion in a cannon.

The fireball of July 13, 1902, was observed at 116 places in England and Wales and from these observations its orbit has just been worked out. The meteor radiated from a point near Zeta Sygni (316 degrees plus 30 degrees). At the beginning of its path it was eighty-six and one-half miles over a point eleven miles west of St. Omer in France; at the ending of its flight it was fifty-two and one-half miles over a point eleven miles west of Cape Gris Nez, France. Its path was forty-five miles long and it was traversed at the rate of twenty-two and one-half miles per second (duration of flight, two seconds). The apparent size of the meteor in motion approached that of the moon and after it had burst its apparent size was about twice that of the moon. Its brilliancy was also about that of the moon.

A Prussian meteorologist has invented a pen for automatic registering instruments that will operate without trouble in the intense cold of very great altitudes. In modern meteorological study balloons for "sounding" the upper air are sometimes sent to an elevation of forty or fifty thousand feet above sea-level, and they are furnished with various instruments that do their own registering. As they would freeze at such an elevation it cannot be used, and the invention referred to is intended as a substitute. The pen contains a solution of saltpetre, and makes its tracings on a disk coated with lampblack that has been treated with tinsel. A chemical reaction takes place that gives the tracings a red color, and neither handling or wetting will obliterate them.

Furnaces for metallurgical work in glass making usually have a smooth interior. M. P. Del Marmol, a French engineer, maintains honeycombing the inside walls with cavities sets up eddies that insure the thorough mixing of the combustible gases with the air steadily, greatly increasing the heat. An experimental furnace had a grate 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 feet, with a stack fifty feet high. With the ordinary smooth inner surfaces, a charge of glass could not be melted in less than nine to ten hours; but on rebuilding the furnace with rough walls, the cavities being half a brick in width and depth and one brick between centres, the time of melting was reduced to between two and one-half and three hours. The furnace walls soon reached a brilliant white heat.

Definitions of Bible Terms.
A gerald was a cent.
A cab was three pints.
An omer was six pints.
A shokol of gold was \$8.
A firkin was seven pints.
A farthing was seven cents.
A talent of gold was \$13,800.
A talent of silver was \$328.20.
Ezekiel's reed was nearly three feet.
A cubit was nearly twenty-two inches.
A bin was one gallon and two pints.
A mite was less than a quarter of a glass.
A shekel of silver was about fifty cents.
A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents.
A Sabbath day's journey was about an English mile.
An ephah, or bath, contains seven gallons and five pints.
A day's journey was about twenty-three and one-half miles.
A hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches. A finger's breadth is equal to one inch.—Hebrew Standard.

Reciprocity.
The simple principle that one man's opinion is as valuable as that of his neighbor, did not meet with the approval of the professional man in this story from the Chicago Tribune:
"These shoes, doctor," said the collier, after a brief examination, "aren't worth mending."
"Then, of course," said the doctor, turning away, "I don't want anything done to them."
"But I charge you fifty cents, just the same."
"What for?"
"Well, sir, you charged me \$5 the other day for telling me there wasn't anything the matter with me."

Assonan's Barrage.
The face of the country around Assonan, in the neighborhood of the great barrage, has undergone a complete metamorphosis during the past few months. All depots, dwellings and other buildings in connection with the construction of the great barrage are submerged, and the Cairo correspondent of the Yorkshire Observer states that the river flows in its new bed a mile wide, with the hills for its banks and only the tops of the palm trees just visible. Outside the barrage area the depth of the river is about thirteen feet, and inside about seventy feet. The water rushing through the barrage channels is a splendid spectacle.

Poultry Notes.

Strong, Healthy Chicks.
Success with poultry depends in large measure, on beginning, or, to be more exact, on the growth of the chicks up to the third month. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that we exercise care in hatching chicks that have vigor and health, for it is such that grow rapidly and seldom have any kind of sickness. Eggs that are used for hatching should be from hens that are kept in separate pens and especially cared for. No eggs should be set from flocks that run promiscuously together. When the time for hatching arrives the choicest hens should be penned and only eggs from them used. By this method the fowls can be improved and each year will find us with better birds.

Eggs For Hatching.
It is a mistake to sell off all the old hens and depend entirely on the pullets for the eggs used for hatching. Chicks hatched from eggs laid by hens one, two or even three years old, are stronger, and usually make better fowls than those from pullets.

Hens after the first year lay larger eggs, and the chicks from them are, as a rule, harder than from younger hens. The old hens are more patient setters and, as a rule, are better mothers. We think it better to mate the two or three-year-old hens with cockerets that have fully matured, and reserve the pullets, except those early hatched, for market eggs.

Gapes.
There is no doubt that gapes are caused by a small worm gathered from the filth of the yard—usually in an embryo state and being warmed in the crop of the chick develops the small worm which gradually interferes with breathing and produces that gaping which eventually ends in death.

Incubator chicks have never been known to have gapes, neither have those that were kept in clean, grassy places. Only those that have had runs on bare ground, where filth was allowed to accumulate, have ever had gapes, and all tests have shown conclusively that filth produced the disease. If the chicks are under the care of a hen, see that the yards are kept clean and change the location of the coops every few days. Keep lime scattered over the ground where there is no grass and do not let the chicks eat their food amid filth and mud.

Ducks' Nests.
The accompanying sketch represents an easy way of arranging plain nests for ducks. Make them out of inch boards, twelve inches high and sixteen inches long. Set boards fifteen inches apart and nail on a three-inch strip in front close to the floor to hold together. Never use a wide strip across the front, as the duck is liable to injure herself



by falling over the strip in front of nests. These nests for ducks are arranged against the wall. They are simply fastened to the wall by one wire nail driven in at top of each board, as shown in sketch.—Lewis Olsen, in The Epitomist.

Geese Are Profitable.
As advanced ideas in farming continue to spread and better grades of stock and poultry are kept, the raising of geese continues to be more popular, and as the demand increases the business becomes more profitable. The old-time goose that weighed four or five pounds has now almost entirely disappeared, and in its place we have the Toulouse and Embden, both grand fowls that will weigh from twelve to fifteen pounds each. They require no expensive houses, but will need a dry, warm shed during the cold months. They should never be kept in the horse or cow lot, as they invariably get crippled by being trampled under the feet of the animals. When being prepared for market they fatten very rapidly on corn or corn meal, and are ready to be dressed within two weeks after having been put on full feed. Geese are profitable and are always in demand, and the little attention required to raise them will justify the outlay in starting.

Food For Laying Hens.
A comparison of feeding a part of the ration in the form of ground grain with the entire ration composed of whole grain has been made by the West Virginia experiment station, and the result is published in bulletin eighty-three. One flock of fowls was fed a mash in the morning, a second flock the mash at night, and the third flock had only whole grain. Results showed very little difference between feeding the mash in the morning or at night, but a material gain in egg production in the use of a mash in comparison with whole grain. The pens which were fed mash at night laid 1100 eggs, the pens fed mash in the morning 1150 eggs, and the pens receiving whole grain 1000. Trials with yearling hens gave a less difference in favor of the mash.

Somewhat similar work has been carried on by the New York experiment station at Geneva, with White Leghorns and Buff Cochins. The Leghorns having their grain food only dry and whole, ate more food at greater cost per fowl and for the live weight than did two similar lots having about thirty-seven per cent. of their grain ground and moistened. With the Cochins better results were obtained where all the grain was fed whole. "This was probably due to the benefit derived from having to scratch in the litter for it. The Hatch experiment station has found but little difference in the number of eggs produced from feeding the mash in the morning or at night."—New England Homestead.

Medicine as a profession for women is constantly growing in popularity in London. Women now holding medical degrees in Great Britain number more than 500.

HOW A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN ESCAPED SPRING CATARRH BY USE OF PE-RU-NA.

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Jets and Flashes.
Maybe the early bird that caught the worm was going home after playing poker all night.
Women expect their husbands to live up to the heroes of their favorite novels and their sons to those of the Bible.

When a man forgets to find fault with the way the cook made the coffee his wife begins to suspect he has something on his conscience he is afraid she will discover.
There is no difference in the principle back of the new pack of cards in the parlor and the greasy pack in the penitentiary.

Floor Flatters.
There are now over 700 lady university graduates in Ireland.

Floors of rubber, claimed to be as durable as asphalt, and cheaper, are being tried in Germany.
Eyes started the deceptions of her sex when she began the custom of putting on clothes.
Hay is the most profitable crop in England.
The United Kingdom spends \$4,000,000 a year on raisins.
So, 15.

The Pious Mosquito.
It was in the dear old summer time. The mosquito that did business just over the line, but who was duly incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, as are all other pestiferous things, was trying for a touch down on the skating rink of a man who frequents front rows.
A vigorous slap sent him away.
Taking the full count before rising, he decided he would get out of too vicinity.
Then a thought struck him.
"Ah," said he, "I must do all I can to prove the truth of the Scriptures. All our tribe is 'tired on the water.'" So he promptly returned.

Singular Plurals.
A correspondent who keeps a watchful eye on our columns wants to know what are the correct plurals of "mongoose" and "phoenix." One is tempted to write "mongeese" as one is tempted to write "Muselmenn," though neither man nor goose has any claim to consideration in these words. "Mongoose" is quite a fancy spelling, and you may spell it "mungoon" or "mongons" or "mungoes," as you will. Therefore, we think "mongoose" is quite plural enough to cover all the specimens that are likely to come up for christening. As to the phoenix—its case may be dismissed with the swiftness of a justice court magistrate. There is never more than one on the active list at the same time, so the phoenix does not require a plural at all.—London Chronicle.

The total value of exports of animal products in 1902 was about \$2,000,000 greater than the like exports of the previous year, but there was a decrease of nearly \$8,000,000 in the value of cattle exported. This was due to the sharp demand for beef in this country.

Nervous Prostration.

Thousands of cases might be quoted in which Peruna has been used to rescue people from the perdition of degenerated nerves, and put them on the good, solid foundation of health. The County Auditor of Erie County, New York, Hon. John W. New York, in a recent letter written at Buffalo, New York, stated: "I was prostrated by a friend to try a bottle of your great nerve tonic, Peruna, and the results were so gratifying that I am more than pleased to recommend it."

A Spring Tonic.

Almost everybody needs a tonic in the spring. Something to brace the nerves, invigorate the brain and cleanse the blood. That Peruna will do this is beyond all question. Every one who has tried it has had the same experience as Mrs. D. W. Timberlake, of Lynchburg, Va., who, in a recent letter, made use of the following words: "I always take it as a great tonic for the nerves. There is no better spring tonic, and I have used about all of them."

Catarrh in Spring.

The spring is the best time to treat catarrh. Nature renews herself every spring. The system is rejuvenated by spring weather. This renders medicines more effective. A short course of Peruna, assisted by the balmy air of spring, will cure old, stubborn cases of catarrh that have resisted treatment for years. Everybody should have a copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book on catarrh. Address: The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Lulu Lerner, Stoughton, Wis., says:

"For two years I suffered with nervous trouble and stomach disorders until I was very miserable. I could not sleep, rest or compose myself, and was certainly unfit to take care of a household. I took nerve tonics and pills without benefit. When I began taking Peruna I grew steadily better, my nerves grew stronger, my rest was no longer broken, and today I consider myself in perfect health and strength. My recovery was slow but sure, but I persevered and was rewarded by perfect health."

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