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The Olympia's telephone buzzed frantically.

"Hello!" cried Dewey.

"That you, Admiral?"

"Yes. Who are you?"

"I'm the editor of the Bungtown Bazaar?"

"Well?"

"Are you going to eat all those dinners?"

"I expect to."

"Well, you'd better do what we do with our paper."

"What's that?"

"We have patent insides."—Harper's Bazar.

**FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.**

Strassburg has raised 12,000 marks for a statue to Goethe.

The State of Texas is about 75,000 square miles larger in area than Spain.

The London papers are speaking of the Vicerine of India as the "The Letter of Asia."

They say in Pembrokeshire, England, when it snows while the sun is shining, that "the devil is beating his wife."

The Bride—"I don't want to have any trouble with you, Bridget." The Cook—"Then, bedad, ma'am, let me hear no complaints."—Life.

The French Automobile Club has printed a map on which are noted all electric stations in France at which the accumulators can be loaded.

Last year's output of coal was the greatest in the history of the United States, amounting to 159,000,000 net tons of soft coal and 46,800,000 tons of anthracite.

Golf has gained such a foothold among lovers of outdoor sports in New York that the park board has placed professional instructors on the public links.

Of the 3,000,000 gallons of brandy produced in the United States last year, California alone contributed 2,387,886, Virginia yielded 105,115, Kentucky 66,174.

The latest horror in the hairdressing line is the follow-up, which appears on a shop front in Newport: "Hair cut and brushed by gas engine."—London Morning Leader.

Claus Spreckels, the sugar magnate, has spent many years in scientific study and has become an expert electrician. He will himself superintend the erection of the great electric plant he is to put up in San Francisco.

Considerable alarm has been occasioned in Constantinople among the native Christians by the receipt of many telegrams from friends and relatives in Smyrna, signed "Are Safe." Such telegrams in 1895 were often the forerunners of a massacre.

"Yes, Eddie was slightly wounded in the first fight. We have a letter from the regimental surgeon." "Where was he wounded?" "We are not quite sure. The surgeon mentioned the place, but we don't know whether it is an anatomical phrase or a Filipino town."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**IN SPARE MOMENTS.**

He—"I know a girl who doesn't care for ice cream." She—"What asylum is she in?"

Jacksey—"Yus, my poor brother had no eddication, an 'it wur h's ruin!" Ricksey—"How was that?" Jacksey—"He forged a name on a check, an' the spellin' were bad."

Emily—"I am so unhappy. I begin to see that Arthur married me for my money." Her Dearest Friend—"Well, you have the comfort of knowing that he is not so simple as he looks."

"You don't think you will make anyone think you are younger by dyeing your beard, do you?" "No, but they will realize how old I am and treat me with a little more consideration."

Mrs. Green—"I hear that Sarah Junson is going to get a divorce from her husband." Mrs. Brown—"Yes, and I don't blame her one mite. He's a monster! Would you believe it, he actually used her curling tongs for a poker the other morning?"

Fair Friend—"So you have really decided not to sell that house of yours?" Fair Hostess—"Yes; you see, we placed the matter in the hands of an estate agent, but after reading h's lovely advertisement of our property neither John nor myself could think of parting with such a wonderful and perfect home."

**Fish with a Royal Name.**

There is a fish in Japanese water called "the emperor of Japan." It is curiously angular in form, being almost a true rectangle. It is resplendent in color, with odd brownie-like face, and it is notable for its savory flesh.

**SOLDIER BOYS LOSE FILLINGS.**

Teeth Are Strangely Affected by the Climate in Cuba and Porto Rico.

The soldiers who went down into the fever-infected island of Cuba discovered many strange things about the climate and its effect upon them. The terrific downpours of rain, like nothing to which they were accustomed, followed so shortly by blistering heat for a few hours, were a decided novelty, especially to the Chicago soldiers, accustomed though they are to the variable weather of this city. But perhaps the oddest manifestation of the climate was in the fact that nearly all the men who had gold fillings in their teeth discovered before they left Cuba or soon after their return home that the fillings had either loosened or dropped out altogether. Whether the gold shrunk or the teeth expanded under the influence of the peculiar climatic conditions is something that returned warriors have not determined, but certain they are that some strange thing happened which made the fillings loosen and drop out, and the dentists who performed the original operations have been busy ever since trying to explain the whys. A correspondent returned from Porto Rico, who spent several months on a dispatch boat cruising between Cuba and Jamaica and the other islands of those seas, reports another odd circumstance. The bunch of keys he carried in his pocket from the time he left Chicago was not only badly corroded, but an aluminum tag attached to the key ring was as badly rusted and corroded as if it were tin. And these keys and the tag never fell into the water or were exposed to the dew by an accident. They corroded while presumably safe in their owner's pocket.

**Speed of an Earthquake.**

The course which an earthquake runs is usually very rapid. From the instant when the first shock was felt at Lisbon to the period when all was over, and many thousands of people killed, not more than two minutes had elapsed. Usually from ten to thirty seconds elapse between the first and last shocks of severe earthquake. But this lightning speed is not always the earthquake's mode of traveling. While Caracas, in Venezuela, was almost totally destroyed and 12,000 people were killed in less than twenty seconds by the great shocks there many years back, there are cases in which constantly recurring shocks have lasted for weeks. No matter how brief the span, the most frightful havoc can be wrought, and the wave of destruction propagated from the most distant regions. The rumbling earth sound travels at the rate of about 10,000 to 11,000 feet per second, and the earth wave, on an average, about 1,200 feet in the same space of time.

**He Knew His Gait.**

At 10 o'clock the other night a dainty young man, with a step as mincing as a rabbit's, was sailing down Lexington avenue with an umbrella over his head when a policeman growled at him:

"You don't expect a thunder-shower, do you?"

"No, thir, I don't expect no thunder, shower," replied the young man.

"Didn't know but you were carrying that umbrella to keep off the rain."

"No, thir, I am carrying thith umbrella to keep the dew off my ears, thir. The dew makes a fellah's ears look red, you know, and red ears ith not the style, you thir, and good-night to you, old man!"—Ex.

**Johnny's Great Head.**

Miss Billy—"You must be very fond of reading, Johnny; I never seen you without a book."

Johnny—"Yes'm."

Miss Billy—"What are you reading?"

Johnny—"I don't know, mum."

Miss Billy—"You don't know?"

Johnny—"No'm; I just hold the book, 'cause when ma sees me with a book she says to pa, 'Now, don't disturb that boy; don't you see how he studies? He'll make a great professor or somethin'; let him alone and go and split the wood yourself.'"

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**TOLD BY WINDOW CURTAINS.**

Character Reading by Observing Their Arrangement Becomes a Fad.

Who says that the outside of a house does not tell the story of its interior? If one only looks at the shades on the window he can say whether the feminine owner is a neatly particular woman, or a woman with slovenly ways, whether she be quietly self-possessed or nervously active. Telling character by window curtains is a new fad. If the shades of a house are invariably in the center of the glass panes and always hang in an even line, then it is safe to pronounce the housekeeper a quiet, orderly woman whose nerves never get sharpened into edges. If, on the contrary, one curtain is up and one down, or one string missing and the other tied into tangled knots, or one stick broken and the other lying on the bias, then the reader of character promptly chronicles the woman resident as possessor of a nervous, irritable temperament or as one too indifferent to care for the little things of life that combine to make the great things.

**A Sure Sign.**

Charlie Youngpop's baby is beginning to talk now. "Has Charlie been boring you with stories about it?" "No. But I sat near him at the lunch counter today, and I heard him say, absent-mindedly, to the waiter girl: 'Dimme a jinky watter, please.'—Catholic Standard and Times.

**Tallow Trees.**

There are three kinds of trees from which tallow candles can be made, and each is named the tallow tree. One is the *Stillingia sebifera*, the latter word signifying "tallow-bearing." It is a native of China. Each of its fruits is about half an inch in diameter and has three seeds, which are covered by a kind of wax, used there for making candles. They are boiled in large caldrons, and then sufficiently bruised to enable the fat to be removed, without breaking the seeds, and pressed. The candles made from this wax are coated with insect wax to prevent them from melting in hot weather. Another tallow tree is the *Vateria indica*. It grows in the Western Ghats of India, up to 4,000 feet above the sea. It is a large evergreen tree sixty feet high, with whitish bark. The seed yields a white, or pale yellow, solid and concrete fat, burnt in lamps and sold and used in the manufacture of candles and soap, obtained by boiling the fruit. It has a faint, agreeable odor; melts at 37.5 degrees, and is soluble in alcohol. A third tree from which tallow candles can be made is the African butter tree, or Shea tree, named also *Bassia Parkii*, after Mungo Park. The fruit yields, when cut, a yellow, greasy juice extracted from the seeds by boiling them in water.

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