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No charge to florists for this advice: If you would have your plants start early put them in spring beds.—Lowell Courier.

Roosters are a good deal like men. A rooster never gives notice of finding a worm until after he has swallowed it.—Atchison Globe.

He—"If you were not so tall I'd propose to you." She—"If you did, you would see how short I could be."—Harper's Bazar.

Buckton—"I have noticed a funny thing about men who have been taken in." Nendick—"What is it?" Buckton—"They are usually very much put out."—Truth.

"Ah! you flatter me," lisped a masher to a pretty girl with whom he was conversing. "No, I don't," was the reply; "you couldn't be any flatter than you are."—Tid-Bits.

Kate—"I really couldn't have refused Jack—he proposed so gracefully!" May—"No wonder! He has had lots of practice, you know."—Smith, Gray & Co's. Monthly.

There was one lover who once told the truth. Reference is made to Adam. When he told Eve "You are the first woman I ever loved," he was not dissembling.—Boston Transcript.

Tommy Figg—"Sister's beau kicked my dog yesterday, but I got even with him, you bet." Johnny Briggs—"How?" "I mixed quinine with her face powder."—Indianapolis Journal.

A delightful text—Ethel—I just adore that young Dr. Muttonchop. His sermon to-night was perfectly lovely. George—What was the text? Ethel—"Behold! the Bridegroom Cometh."—Ex.

At the ball—"What do you mean, sir, by your insolence?" "What insolence are you talking about?" "Your insolence, sir, in permitting my daughter to cast loving glances at you."—Texas Siftings.

Minister—"So you go to school, do you, Bobby?" Bobby—"Yes, sir." Minister—"Let me hear you spell kitten." Bobby—"I'm getting to be too big a boy to spell kitten, sir. Try me on cat."—Tid-Bits.

The admiring young reporter tried to say "Miss Blynkins looked lovely at the ball last evening," but the three o'clock-in-the-morning compositor set it up "lonely," and dashed the young reporter's hopes forever.—New York Press.

Visitor (in Chicago)—"And are you lost, little man?" Small boy—"Yes, ma'am." Visitor—"What is your mamma's name?" Small boy—"I dunno. I've been away from home since 10 o'clock this morning."—Judge.

"What's Bilker's grudge against his son-in-law?" "The boy got down to the bank and cashed the check Bilker gave his daughter for a wedding present before Bilker had time to stop payment."—Harper's Bazar.

Visiting Jeweler—"I haven't seen an open-faced watch since I came to Asbury Park." Patrolman—"Yis, sor. It's ag'in ordhers. Figgers is not allowed to be ixposed on this bache."—Jeweler's Weekly.

"You have omitted one item," said the departing guest to the landlord. What's that?" asked mine host. "The bookkeeper said good morning to me to-day, and you've forgotten to charge for it."—Harper's Bazar.

Feminine Amenities—Ethel—"You jilted him and he proposed to me. It was your own fault, and I don't see what you have to be sorry about." Clarissa—"I'm not sorry for myself, dear, but for him."—New York Press.

Mistress—"Pat, where is the whisky I gave you to clean the windows with?" Pat—"Sure, I just drank it, ma'am! An' I thought if I just breathed on the glass it would be all the same."—Brandon Bucksaw.

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A Practical Judge.

"When Senator Sanders of Montana first settled in the wilds of the then half-civilized West," said an Ohio delegate to a Chicago reporter, "he was about the only well-educated man in that State. The miners and cowboys recognized that fact and elected him judge. In that capacity he soon became a terror to evil-doers, as he invariably imposed the heaviest sentence prescribed by law. On one occasion a border ruffian was brought before him on a charge of assault and battery, entered a plea of guilty, and was fined twenty dollars. The fellow had a dangerous gleam in his eye as he shambled forward, pulled a bag from his pocket, took from it two double-eagles, and laid them on the bar before Judge Sanders. The judge pushed one of the coins across the counter, remarking:

"'You've made a mistake. Your fine is twenty dollars.'

"'I know what my fine is,' growled the man, 'and I understand what I'm doing. See? If it costs twenty dollars to whip a man in this court, it's cheap enough, and I'm willing to pay for the fun. Just keep the other twenty, judge; I'm going to thrash another man.'

"'Very well, sir,' quietly said Sanders, putting the coins into a drawer and turning the key.

"'And your the man I'm going to lick,' continued the pugilistic prisoner, addressing the court.

"'As you please, sir,' was the calm response as Sanders stepped from the bench.

"The fellow made a most savage onslaught upon the judge, but Sanders ducked, and before his antagonist could recover his equilibrium he received a blow which sent him spinning half-way across the room, where he fell as limp as a rag. Two minutes later the erstwhile terror scrambled to his feet, looked about the room in a dazed manner and slowly staggered towards the door.

"'Here, sir!' thundered Sanders, who had resumed his place upon the bench. 'Come here!'

"The man obeyed.

"Sanders slowly counted his nineteen dollars and a half, and pushed them across the bar. 'There's your change,' he remarked gravely. 'You didn't commit assault and battery. Under the circumstances I do not feel justified in asking you to pay anything for your part of the performance. Of course I am compelled to charge you for the actual time I have lost. Good afternoon! Call the next case.'"

Booth and Barrett.

"I saw both Booth and Barrett badly rattled one night," said Fred J. Tomlinson, an old theatrical man, now stopping at the Laclede. "They were playing at Cleveland, O., and the bill was Othello. In the scene where the crafty ancient goads the dusky Moor to madness, a big tabby tomcat entered L. U. E., and began rubbing himself up against Othello's ankles. Booth glanced off L. and then R., and his eyes plainly said: 'Get that d—d cat off.' The scene shifters began to call 'kitty, kitty, kitty' and 'puss, puss, puss,' but Tom appeared well satisfied where he was and paid no attention, although the gallery responded liberally. In the scene where Othello and Iago kneel, Tom came directly between them, his eyes showing in the gas light like two great green emeralds. He looked up, first at one, then at the other, and gave vent to an inquiring 'meow' that was audible in every part of the house. The line that separates the sublime and the ridiculous is a very narrow one, and Tom's meow completely obliterated it. The house roared. Booth flushed scarlet, and in an aside to the crowd in the wings, fairly hissed: 'Somebody come and get this d—d cat.' A 'supe' sneaked on, caught Tom up gingerly, received a scratch and dropped him. He turned to again pick him up, but Tom had his back arched and showed fight. Booth was furious, and Barrett's embarrassment was painful to contemplate as the 'supe' hesitated. Another 'supe' darted in, gave Tom a kick that sent him off the stage in hot haste, and the play proceeded, but the effect was irretrievably spoiled."—Globe-Democrat.

"The Jerks."

The most remarkable manifestation of the great religious movement which swept over this country just before the war of 1812 was the physical and nervous disorder known as "the jerks." The jerks took their name from the fact that the whole body was affected, and that in a singular fashion. The arms and legs would be thrown about, apparently by a force beyond the control of the individual; sometimes the head would be thrown backward and forward with great apparent violence, while occasionally the muscles of the entire body would be affected, and the individual would fall upon the ground and flounce about like a fish.

The disorder was epidemic, frequently affecting great numbers at a time, and attacked alike the irreligious and the pious, those who believed in it and those who did not. A case is on record as occurring in Tennessee, where a slave owner, a man of great wealth and prominence, and irreligious, called his slaves together one Sunday morning when a camp-meeting was in progress near by, and announced his deliberate intention of horsewhipping any one of their number who took the jerks.

"It is all imagination," he said, "and I'll horsewhip any one of you that takes it, within an inch of his life."

He went to the camp-meeting, and while conversing with a friend in the outskirts of the ground, was told that one of his negroes had the jerks.

Seizing his horsewhip he hastened toward the spot, and when halfway was himself seized by the jerks. The only relief obtainable from the attack was to seize a sapling or tree and hold on with both hands till the fit had passed away. The jerks usually left their victims much prostrated, and in many instances death ensued during an attack, from a dislocation produced by the violence of the convulsions. The jerks lasted from 1810 until about 1816 or 1819, and then gradually disappeared; though in remote country districts an occasional instance, though rarely, occurs.

The Weight of the Rope.

The great scientist Agassiz was wont to relate, with telling effect, a thrilling experience of his own while conducting some explorations among the Alps. He desired to study the interior of a glacier, and for this purpose he had his companions lower him into a fissure of unknown depth, where he spent an hour or more examining the stratification of the ice, and other phenomena. Having stayed as long as he thought advisable, he signaled to be drawn up again. But when his companions heaved upon the rope they were dismayed to find their united strength was not equal to the task. Before lowering Mr. Agassiz they had duly estimated his weight and their own strength, but they had omitted to take into account the weight of the rope, of which several hundred feet had been paid out, and all too late they discovered they could not draw up both the scientist and the rope. He was therefore compelled to remain suspended in the heart of the glacier until additional help could be obtained, and he be relieved from his uncomfortable if not perilous plight.

There is something very suggestive in this incident in connection with the power of habit. There are many people who flatter themselves upon their ability to break off a bad habit who all the time do not realize their signal failure to take into consideration the weight of the rope, duration of habit. They may estimate very accurately the particular fascination that the pipe, the glass—whatever the thing is—exercise over them and their power to put it aside on any given occasion, but they have no clear conception of the tremendous resistence offered by the mere force of the habit when the long pull comes that is necessary for complete deliverance. Bear in mind, then, please, the weight of the rope, and perhaps the best way of doing this is never to let out any rope at all if it is to lower you to dangerous places.

Why Men are Bald.

"Fifty years ago it was an uncommon thing to see a young man with a skating rink on his head," said a physician. "Now most men begin to grow bald before reaching 40, and many have little hair left at 30. This is due chiefly to the heavy head coverings now worn. Did you ever see a bald-headed Indian? The ancient Greeks and Romans went much with their heads uncovered, and, if we can depend upon the counterfeit presentments of them left to us, baldness was very rare among them. The hat most injurious to the head is the soft felt. The heavy cap worn by many Northern people is also a great promotor of baldness. The high silk, or 'plug' hat is, perhaps, least injurious of any head gear now worn. I do not believe that it was intended that the head should have any covering but the hair. Baldness is the penalty we pay for persistent violation of the laws of nature."

Running Yet.

"When I was fishing in the West Indies some years ago," said the man with the cigarette, "a whirlwind came along and carried off my vest that was hanging on a limb just over my head. It had a watch in it—and a tailor's account. Well, the whole outfit sailed out of sight in less than a minute.

"Seven years after a party of us were camped on the same river, only a hundred yards further up. It was my turn to do the cooking, so I started out for some dry wood, stepped on a log which caved in, and there lay my watch, with that same old tailor's bill twisted around the ring. It was still running."

"Oh, come off! You want us to ask how such a thing could be, and then you'll explain that the whirlwind wound your watch up so tight that it ran for seven years."

"I didn't say the watch was still running," said the story-teller, as he lighted another bacillus exterminator. "I had reference to the tailor's bill. It is running yet, in fact."

A Difference.

There had been a homicide in a saloon and one man was telling all about it, even to the minutest detail.

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"Nothin', yer honor," he replied, so promptly as to startle those who had heard his story.

"Didn't you," asked the surprised judge, "tell a number of people you had seen it all?"

"Yes, yer honor."

"Then how does it happen that you say here that you don't know anything about it?"

"Well, it's this way, yer honor," he said, with a redeeming blush. "I was only a talkin' then, an' now I'm a swearin'."

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An Enemy Baffled.
There is an enemy with whom thousands are familiar all their lives, because they are born with a tendency to biliousness. With this enemy they constantly battling with ineffectual weapons. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will baffle it. Mere purgatives will not reform a disordered condition of the liver indicated, not by constipation alone, but also by sick headaches, yellowness of the skin and eye balls, nausea, furred tongue and uneasiness, more particularly upon pressure on the right side, upon and below the short ribs. Avoid drastic purgatives which gripe and weaken the intestines, and substitute this world-famous anti-bilious cordial, which likewise removes malarial, stomachic and kidney complaints, rheumatism and nervousness. As a laxative of the bowels, painless but effectual, it improves appetite, sleep and the ability to digest, and possesses the additional advantage of a standard tonic.