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#### Clock Made of Slate.

Perhaps the most unique timepiece in existence is owned by Humphrey O. Pritchard, a slate quarryman of Delta, Pa. The varieties he used include the Peach Bottom blue slate and the red, green and purple slate of Vermont. One hundred and sixty-four separate pieces of this material were used in the construction and are held together by twenty-three dozen small metal screws. Many of the slate sheets are as thin as paper, and scores were broken before the timepiece was finished.

The clock is four feet high, two feet wide and one foot deep. It has a cathedral gong and is lighted by nine incandescent bulbs. The work, which is really artistic, was done by Pritchard during idle moments at the quarry, and eight months' time was required in its completion.

There has been much discussion as to the origin of the term "O. K." It seems that in the Choctaw language there is a word, "okeh," which means "It is correct," or "I agree to approve." It is often used alone to give assent or approval to a suggestion or proposal. "Okeh" was in common use among whites who had dealings with the Choctaws more than thirty years before the Van Buren campaign. It was a convenient expression whose parties understood each other's language imperfectly and was used to mean "understand you and approve what you say," or "I understand your statement and vouch for its correctness."

#### Queer Ceremony.

Residents of Valle Magglo, Lombardy, go through an odd ceremony in September every year. The region is infested with vipers. The celebrants form a procession, every man, woman and child carrying a huge figure of a snake stuffed with cotton. As they pass along they weep and lament, believing that by this explanation they make themselves proof against snake bite during the grape harvest.

#### Unique Present.

Seven quarts of liquor in a glass bottle three feet high was started from New York recently on its way to Nicaragua as a gift to President Zelaya from a syndicate that has obtained mining and railroad concessions from the Nicaraguan government. The bottle contains claret, bourbon, rye and Scotch whisky and three cordials. It was shipped to Mobile, whence it will finish its journey by steamer.

#### Painful Reminder.

Ruffon Wratz—No, I didn't git a cent out o' the counsel. He didn't give me no chance. As soon as I'd said "Say, loss," he kicked me down the steps.

Saymond Storey—Sarved ye right, ye durn fool. Ef you'd been readin' the election returns you'd a' knowed he ain't no boss no more.—Chicago Tribune.

#### LOW AIM IS CRIME.

Greatly begin! Though thou have time  
Greatly begin! Though thou have time  
But for a line, be that sublime;—  
Not failure, but low aim is crime.  
—James Russell Lowell.

Hurry & Worry attract lots of attention, but Slow & Sure do the bulk of the business.

The devil knew his business when he invented the furnace.

The man who makes nothing but money goes out of the world destitute.

Some people put so much trust in God that they get too lazy to help themselves.

Cheeropathy is a school of medicine that requires no entrance fee or examinations.

Some people are always willing to tell the truth when it is disagreeable to somebody else.

This is the season when the rocking chair on the veranda resigns in favor of the parlor sofa.

#### Tea a Perfect Invigorant.

Tea when properly made and used before the tannin is extracted is one of the most grateful beverages known to man. It acts as a refreshing agent to the whole system, specifically acting on the brain, palliating at least, if not curing, nervous headaches. It stimulates thought and helps mental labor.—Exchange.

#### Great Author's Literary Output.

It has been claimed for the older Dumas, though it is open to doubt, that he wrote twenty-three novels in a single year. This meant a steady output of more than 1,250,000 words, a feat of authorship all the more remarkable when the high literary quality of the stories is taken into account.

#### Effect of Pest Bounty.

Some years ago the government of Java offered a reward for all crocodiles killed or captured. For a time enormous numbers of them were brought to the authorities. Then it was discovered that nearly all the natives had gone to raising crocodiles, so the reward was withdrawn.

#### Good Example of Self-Denial.

A convict member of the Utah State Prison Christian Endeavor society is saving his monthly tobacco allowance of 25 cents, and sending it to aid in raising the quarter-centennial memorial fund. He contracted the tobacco habit when eight years old, and has just abandoned it.

#### Chinese Studying in Japan.

Nearly 2,450 Chinese students, the greater part of whom are supported by the government and the viceroys of various provinces, are now studying in Japan, while a very great number of Japanese teachers are engaged in educational work in China.

#### German Military Penalty.

From picking up an apple while on a march and not dropping it immediately when ordered to do so by a sergeant, a soldier of the Sixty-ninth (German) Infantry has been sentenced to eight months' imprisonment at Treves.

#### May Make Good Diamonds.

Experiments lately made in France and England strengthen the belief that it may be possible, some day, to produce in the laboratory of the chemist diamonds of sufficient size and perfection to compete with natural diamonds.

#### Guards Drill on Boulevard.

In Van Ness avenue, San Francisco, a long avenue, 125 feet wide, asphalted and without car tracks, the city has placed an extra number of electric lights, so as to make it better for the night drills of the National Guard.

#### A Horse on Richard.

"A horse! a horse!" murmured the Shakespearean commentator. "Ah! in this exclamation we see Richard's grimly humorous acceptance of the fact that Richard had at last got the laugh on him."—Boston Transcript.

#### Some Commercial Ambiguity.

From a window in the city: "Buy our boots. Every pair will bring the customer back." This is not clear. Will the customer be inside the boots or outside them?—Punch.

#### Murder Case Operators.

The Pall Mall Gazette, citing some cases, says: "It is remarkable now the operator in a murder case seems to affect a suit of gray."

#### The Philosopher of Folly.

They tell me that young Noycount has gone to the dogs. Very sad—but my sympathy is all with the dogs.—Cleveland Leader.

#### Dry Fish Packing House.

The largest dry-fish packing house in the world is at Halifax. It has 45,000 square feet of floor space.

Removing Verdigris from Brass. Salt and vinegar will remove verdigris from brass.

#### LEXINGTON NEWS.

Rev. A. A. Gilbert started protracted meetings at the A. M. E. Church Sunday night.

Rev. Clark, pastor of the M. E. Church has been quite ill with La-grip. Is now some better.

Mr. Gus Hurley was in Kansas City Tuesday and we suppose making arrangements to commence the bridge across the river, as he is the only man that can build it and we hope the work will commence soon.

Mrs. T. B. Nix, the G. W. C. of E. W. and H. K. of P. and Mrs. Mattie Anderson of Kansas City were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Coney way this week.

Mr. Wm. Hunter is still in the grocery business.

Mr. Eugene Conaway is still in the barber business.

Mr. Ad Ray is in the restaurant business and we wish them all a happy new year and that they may be successful in their business and continue to take the Rising Sun.

Mr. Jake Pagett will be a candidate for the same office and we hope he will be elected.

Mrs. Henry Elem, one of our oldest and best citizens was buried last week by the Knights of Tabor. He always took an active part in politics, was a strong Republican and a lover of his race. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss. We extend our heart felt sympathy to the family.

#### LINCOLN INSTITUTE.

Dr. B. F. Allen has just returned from a lecture trip to Boston, where he was invited to address the Boston Literary Association, the oldest and most influential organization of its kind in the "Hub."

The address, the subject of which was "The American Negro and Modern Education," was received as was the speaker, with rounds of applause, from a large and appreciative audience and was widely commented upon by the press. The "Guardian Devotes" gives considerable time to its discussion and among other good things says: "The subject was particularly well chosen and was treated in a truly scholarly style."

Tracing the tendencies of education from the beginning, the speaker gradually led up to the broader spirit which characterizes the present day education, including a full and comprehensive account of the methods and results of learning.

"Modern education," said the speaker, "inspires self-confidence, enables us to have the courage of our convictions and places us at the happy medium between self-reliance and modesty." Referring to the negro said he, "The success of the negro and the spirit of modern education are school teachers and the home training and the responsibilities resting on the latter cannot be over-estimated. If it is necessary to send the white boy to college to teach him to cope with life, then it is necessary to send the negro to college. If he is the equal of the white man, he needs training, if he is inferior, he needs better training, if he is superior he needs not less."

Dr. Allen entered Boston by way of Niagara Falls and Canada, and returning stopped in New York and Washington too. Both faculty and students heartily enjoyed the vivid description of the winter scenery at the Falls, in Canada, and other points of interest of which he talked entertainingly.

Professor Elliff, Inspector of High Schools that articulate with Columbia University, was the honored guest of the institution a few days since. The entire day was spent in the various classrooms, and on leaving, Professor Elliff stated that although he had spent twenty-five years in Missouri

officially connected with the schools, he had no idea that such high class and thorough work as he found was being done in the institution.

#### WHEN IS A MAN WISE?

At forty man is wise, 'tis said, or never;

At forty he must know the ways of men,

And speak in sounding praise or toil with pen

In some broad sphere of humanly endeavor,

To prove himself efficient, bright or clever,

Or own himself a failure. If by then Success is far, 'tis vain to try again;

Halt, cease to hope, and toil no more forever.

What sophistry! What bogus sage propounded

So devilish a doctrine? Who is wise

At forty—nay at fifty? Truth is bounded

Only by the eternal verities.

At sixty only is true wisdom sound-ed,

And then by few. Old saws are mostly lies.

Three-score is the age of wisdom and discretion;

If then a man display a judgment keen,

Nor fall in line with Polly's sad procession,

He may be called discreet—"of age," I mean—

But not till then. Truth forces this confession:

Four-score is nearer to it than four-teen.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

His Fair Companion—flippantly—

Force of Science.

Acetylith is calcium carbide surrounded with an envelope of sugar.

It is claimed to be of advantage in acetylene lighting on a small scale,

as, unlike the pure carbide, it stops generating gas when the water is turned off, and begins again when more water is supplied. This avoids the generation of an excess of gas, which is wasted if no gasometer is at hand for storage.

A novel means of propelling boats has been devised in Europe by A. Farcot of the Buchet factory. It consists of a framework of steel tubing, supporting a Buchet vertical motor of 3½ horse-power, with electric ignition, the motor driving two paddle wheels with vertical blades. The paddle wheels and motor are fixed at the stern of the boat. They are mounted on a pivot, making it practicable to steer the boat in any direction, and giving facilities for getting at the machinery for oiling and repairs.

She Had a "Cinch on Him.

A prominent railroad man repeats with great enjoyment a story that he heard from a conductor on one of the limited expresses between New York and the West.

It appears that a dapper chap in the first chair car had managed to become unusually friendly with an attractive young man in an adjoining seat.

When the train pulled into Buffalo, the masher, in taking leave of the fair one, remarked:

"Do you know, I must thank you for an awfully awfully pleasant time, but I'm afraid you wouldn't have been so nice to me had you known that I am a married man."

"Oh, as to that," quickly and pleasantly responded the charming young woman, "you haven't the least advantage of me. I am an escaped lunatic."

—New York Tribune.

Advanced.

A naval officer, according to the Buffalo Commercial, told of the trials of a colleague in marrying off his many daughters. In the same family was a son, an observant lad of ten years. Toward the close of the winter the officer informed his son that he was going to lose his sister Ethel, who was engaged to wed a young lieutenant.

"I'm sorry to hear that, dad," said the youngster, "because I'm awfully fond of Ethel. Still, we'll have Alice and Eva and Maud and Susie, won't we?" Then, after a moment's reflection, he added: "By the way, dad, this arrangement will advance Alice a number, won't it?"

#### Documentary Proof of Idiocy.

"Look here, old chap, I'll give you a valuable tip," said the experienced married man to the prospective bridegroom. "Don't let your wife keep a diary on the honeymoon. My wife did that, and now whenever we quarrel she brings it out and reads some of the idiotic things I said to her then."—London Tit-Bits.

#### All Around Athlete.

Ald. W. Anker Simmons, of Henley-on-Thames town council, has just accomplished a remarkable feat near the famous reach of the Thames at Henley. He walked, ran, cycled, rowed and then swam 200 yards all under eight minutes. As Mr. Simmons is 48 years of age, the feat is all the more noteworthy.

#### Find Wealth in Bag

Discovering a bag in the streets of Sydney, Australia, a man took it to the police station, where it was found to contain gold and banknotes to the value of £850, and subsequently a hatless old man, a lunatic, who was wandering aimlessly through the streets, was found to be the owner.

#### Eighteenth Century Earrings.

The eighteenth century saw the glorification of the earring, fashionable beauties outvying each other with the rarest and most beautiful jewels. There is no doubt that the earring is one of the prettiest feminine adornments and as such well deserves its present popularity.

#### Worth More Than a Smile.

A generous stork visited a certain home uptown and left a pair of babies. A few days afterward the father and a friend who congratulated him and said: "I hear the Lord has smiled upon you." "Smiled!" exclaimed the proud parent; "He laughed aloud sir!"

#### A Lost Opportunity.

"Woman just dropped dead in the bargain crush at the ribbon counter!" cried the floorwalker excitedly. "How inopportune!" exclaimed the head of the firm. "Our undertaking department won't be open until next Monday!"—Catholic Standard.

#### A Language Lesson.

Hans Hansen called to see how his friend Ole Olsen was making out with his fine new job—street sweeping. Says Olsen: "Call, I tank I like the shob all right." At which angrily retorted Hansen: "Shob? Doan say 'shob,' say 'job.'"

#### Easy to Identify Sisters.

It is an easy matter to pick out sisters in a group of children on the continent, for girls of the same family are dressed just alike. In the Breton provinces, where the gala dress is quaint, the effect is fantastic on fete days.

#### Benefit of Iron in Water.

Bits of iron will prevent water from becoming putrid. Sheet iron or iron trimmings are the best. The offensive smell of water in vases of flowers would be avoided by putting a few small nails in the bottom of the vases.

#### No Use for Beef.

In Uruguay, until within a few years, the sales of hides was the only part of the cattle industry that yielded any cash, the meat being mostly discarded as of no value.

#### Must Keep Shoes Shined.

In Paris even the poor man stops on his way to work to have his shoes shined. It costs him only 2 cents, and he might lose his job if he did not.

#### Nosering as Aid to Beauty.

In New Guinea the ladies wear noserings, piercing the nose in the same way that civilized women pierce the ears.

#### And Still Most People Do.

Boys would get very little satisfaction out of being bad if people expected them to be.—New York Press.

#### Pears and Apples.

The pear and apple are from Europe.

#### "I'LL PAY YOU FOR THAT."

This title parable by an unknown author teaches its own lesson:

A hen trod on a duck's foot. She did not mean to do it, and it did not hurt the duck much; but the duck said, "I'll pay you for that!" So the duck flew at the old hen, but as she did so her wings struck an old goose, who stood close by.

"I'll pay you for that!" cried the goose, and she flew at the duck; but as she did so her foot tore the fur of a cat who was just then in the yard.

"I'll pay you for that!" cried the cat, and she started for the goose; but as she did so her claw caught it, the wool of a sheep.

"I'll pay you for that!" cried the sheep, and she ran at the cat, but as she did so her foot hit the foot of a dog who lay in the sun.

"I'll pay you for that!" cried he and jumped at the sheep; but as he did so his leg struck an old cow who stood by the gate.

"I'll pay you for that!" cried she, and she ran at the dog; but as she did so her horn grazed the skin of a horse who stood by a tree.

"I'll pay you for that!" cried he, and he rushed at the cow.

What a noise there was! The horse flew at the cow, and the cow at the dog, and the dog at the sheep, and the sheep at the cat, and the cat at the goose, and the goose at the duck, and the duck at the hen. What a fuss there was! And all because the hen accidentally stepped on the ducks' toes.

"Hi! Hi! What's all this?" cried the man who had the care of them. "You may stay here," he said to the hen; but he drove the duck to the pond, the goose to the field, the cat to the barn, the sheep to her fold, the dog to the house, the cow to her yard, and the horse to his stall. And so all their good times were over because the duck would not overlook a little hurt which was not intended.

#### Famous Russian Poets.

The poets' corner in the cemetery of the Alexander Newski cloister in St. Petersburg has been augmented by the grave of Myrrha Lochwizkaya (Ybert), one of the few Russian women who have attained eminence for their poetry. She was the daughter of a prominent lawyer in St. Petersburg, where she was born in 1859. In 1896 her first volume of poems was issued, three other volumes followed. Her verse is characterized by Oriental touches, and her favorite theme is love.

Don't try to be anybody but yourself.

#### Few British Whalers.

Dundee is the only port in the British Isles that owns whudships. Toward the end of the century before last nearly all the east coast ports had whalers of their own. London had thirty-four ships. The falling off of the industry is due chiefly to the scarcity of "right" whales; but the turning point of the decay was taken when coal gas was discovered, and there was a fall in the importance of oils as illuminants. But each season Dundee sends her whaling fleet to the Arctic. So few are "right" whales within the circle now that the Dundee experts know them all, it is said. Wags aver that the Dundee harpooners have names for each of them.

#### Poor Little Babylonians.

Eminent Babylonian explorers say that the multiplication table which the Babylonian child had to commit to memory extended to 30 times 30, and that he was easily conversant with two languages besides his own. The school rooms have been discovered and today it is possible to examine the school books, the tables with the arithmetic lessons still legible upon them.—Baltimore American.

A low corsage never seems so modest to a stout as to a thin woman.