

Chicago news.

Discouraging. "Did you make any impression on the young professor?" "Goodness, no! Three of his sisters, his sister and a cousin were there listening to every word I said to him."—Detroit Free Press.

Satisfactory Division. The old farmer and his wife had agreed to separate. They had only one child.

"Everything friendly?" inquired a neighbor. "Oh, yes," replied the old man carelessly.

"No trouble about making a fair division of the property?" "Oh, no. She gets the kid and the canned fruit, and I get the pig and the apples. That's even enough, ain't it?"—Chicago Post.

The Temperature. "Why do you watch the thermometer on the wall so closely?" queried the invalid.

"Because," replied the untrained nurse, "the doctor said if the temperature got any higher I was to give you another dose of quinine."

Bewildered. "John Henry, I'll thank you soundly if I ever catch you telling another story that isn't true."

"And yet, ma, I heard you say to the minister that I had great imagination."

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Like my wife... "I know she doesn't, but she looks like she thinks she looks like me."—Judge.

Trying Times. "It must be very trying for a modest girl," he remarked.

"Why?" she asked.

"She cannot turn from the naked truth without running into a bare lie."

How It Goes. "This is an extravagant age. My father had a much better income than I have, yet I spend dollars where he spent dimes."

"Ah, yes; you mean at the saloon."

Close Enough. First Cat—Willie Pussy and Tommy Kittle had a milk-drinking contest last night.

Second Cat—Which best? First Cat—Tommy Kittle, by a lap.

Piso's Cure is a good cough medicine. It has cured coughs and colds for forty years. At druggists, 25 cents.

Testing a New Excuse. "Say, old man, let's go out and have a time tonight."

"What are you celebrating?"

"I've just thought out a new excuse to mention to my wife."—Harper's Bazaar.

Quite True. "Ef some young men," said Uncle Eben, "was as industrious addin' up figures in columns as dey is gettin' 'em in rows on polly slips, I reckons dey'd be savin' money."—Washington Star.

President Diaz's Costly Saddle. Col. Cortina of the Mexican army has presented President Diaz with a saddle that cost \$20,000. The colonel has spent seven years superintending its production.

Lover is Dumb. Nell—So the engagement is broken off?

Belle—Yes. It seems she told him one evening that she wasn't half beautiful even as she is, and he didn't know how to answer her. Philadelphia Press.

During a recent debate in the house of commons the Irish land bill an opponent of that measure referred to Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, who is very handsome, as a charming highwayman who was robbing the British taxpayer. His critic applied to the chief secretary the epithet on Cland Duval in Covent Garden church: "Here lies Duval. Reader, if male thou art, look on thy purse; if female, to thy heart."

Comes to America to Learn. Dr. Bellario Sasa, a prominent surgeon of Lima, Peru, has started for New York to study the latest advances in medicine and surgery and then report his observations.

The Difference. Miss Languish—Mercy! You don't mean to say you destroy all your love letters? I save mine religiously. Miss Pertly—Of course; but, then, you know it makes a difference where one has only a few.—Boston Transcript.

Slide an' skate... "An Aberdeen?"

James M. Barrie, the novelist, has no patience with reporters who try to pry into his private affairs. On one occasion he was asked to pen a short autobiography. At first he refused, and then, when the reporter began to coax him, he stopped him, took up his pen, and wrote as follows: "On arrival in London it was Mr. Barrie's first object to make a collection of choice cigars. Though the author of 'My Lady Nicotine' does not himself smoke, his grocer's message-boy does. Mr. Barrie's pet animal is the whale. He feeds it on ripe chestnuts."

Andrew Carnegie is only a few inches above six feet in height. Henry W. Phipps, his old partner, is not an inch taller, and John Walker, the other member of the trio who revolutionized the manufacture of steel, has perhaps a little the better of both Carnegie and Phipps. As for Henry O. Frick, his head would just about reach to the shoulder of a man of ordinary height. It is said that one day, when these four steel masters were walking together on the streets of Pittsburgh, a boot-black called out to his business rival further down the block, as the millionaires passed: "Eb, Jimmy, git outo der truts!"

Walking home from school, the other day, some children were discussing the perfection and usefulness of their respective fathers. "My father's the best man in the world," said one little girl; "he is a minister. He makes 'people go to church.'" "Mine is the best," piped up another; "he's a doctor. He makes sick people well so they can go to church." Three or four more enlarged upon the benefit the world derived from their fathers, when finally a sweet, blue-eyed little girl said: "My papa's the best of all. He's a poet." "A poet," said another, in sympathetic surprise; "why, a poet isn't a profession! It's a disease!"

Some curious anecdotes are related of Hermann Zumppe, the Wagnerian conductor at Munich, who died suddenly a few weeks ago. He was well known to be a spiritualist, and believed that the ghosts of dead composers inspired his conducting of their works. One day Zumppe told another conductor of note how Beethoven's spirit was present during the performance of one of the symphonies, and so pleased was the ghost that, after the end of the first movement, he exclaimed: "At last!" "Ah, my dear fellow," exclaimed the other conductor, "surely Beethoven made a mistake. He thought it was the end of the last movement!"

Knew the Voice. Like many other blind people, the late Mr. Milburn, chaplain of Congress, could identify people by their voices even when he did not know them well, or had not seen them for years. This is not strange when we remember that Helen Keller, who is deaf and blind, can meet ten people at once whom she has never "seen" before, and when they shake hands with her to say good-by, can call them all by their right names, identifying them by the feeling of their hands. The Boston Transcript tells a story which illustrates the power among the blind to recognize voices.

Once, when Mr. Milburn was out driving, a man stopped the carriage and beckoned Mr. Milburn's friend to come across the street. He went, and the stranger said: "What is your name?" "My name is Doctor Milburn," replied the man. "What is your name?" "My name is Doctor Milburn," replied the man. "What is your name?" "My name is Doctor Milburn," replied the man.

Those Picture Puzzles. "Oh, I know what the matter with you!" cried Mrs. Tankley. "Zat sho?" gurgled Mr. Tankley, behind his paper. "Wat's matter wis me?" "Oh, it's plain enough! You're holding that paper upside down."

Slaughter of the Innocents. Odessa, a city of 400,000 inhabitants, has an orphan asylum at which since 1897 from 63 to 68 per cent of the infants received each year have died. Official investigation showed that this frightful rate of mortality was due to unsanitary arrangements and the use of poor milk.

What Steamships Can Carry. The railroad car will carry as much as twenty tons of horses could haul, and the great ocean steamers will transport as much as 400 railroad cars can carry.

Marriages may be made in heaven, but a lot of them end in the other place.

been... "As to that," replied, haughtily, "I am not sure when I get there it will be some else."—Detroit Free Press.

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