

Humor and Philosophy

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PERT PARAGRAPHS.



When people don't take the trouble to flatter you, you at least have the consolation that they have no immediate or prospective use for you.

A good guess is quite as efficient and as sufficient as accurate knowledge as long as it keeps its identity hidden.

It makes a woman just as mad to have her new hat set up and get unbecoming as it does her husband to have it cost real money.

Avoid entrance to a quarrel. Many there be who are crowding to sit on the fence and see discomfited contestants and participants come flying back through the door.

You never can tell by the dimension of a woman's sleeve how big a thing she may have up it.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they can generally see the finish of their enemies.



It is almost impossible to endure the disapproval of a community unless a very high fee is attached.

The woman who marries a man to reform him may be depended upon to see to it that he gets his anyway.



It really seems that the world has to be amused, whether it is fed and clothed or not.

Don't blame your relations-in-law if they don't like you. They are not responsible for you.

Scorched Milk. When milk has turned and is in a basin of cold water until it is cool when it will be found to be quite fresh from the burned smell and taste; also when anything has burned in the double boiler instead of reboiling the steamer part with hot water, use cold for the same effect.

Oatmeal Lotion for the Skin. An excellent oatmeal lotion for the skin is made as follows: Boil two tablespoonfuls of fine oatmeal and then strain. When cold add one dessert-spoonful of wine and the juice of one lemon. Fluff over the face before going to bed, not wiping it all away. This lotion is especially good for salt low complexions.

Grease Spots on Wall Paper. To remove grease spots from wall paper sprinkle baking soda over blotting paper, place over the spot and press a moderately warm iron against it for a few minutes. The blotting paper will absorb the grease and the paper on the wall be free from spots.

About Brittle Icing. A teaspoonful of vinegar beaten into boiled frosting when the frosting is being added will keep it from being brittle and breaking when the cake is cut. It will be as moist and nice in a week as the day it was made.

Orange Straws. After removing all the white membrane from orange skins cut into narrow strips. Soak in cold water for two hours, then wipe dry. Boil two cups of sugar with one of water until the sirup threads, dip the straws in this and lay on an oiled paper in the warming oven until quite dry.

London Fagots. One pound of liver, one-half pound of suet and one onion, all chopped fine, one quart of stale bread crumbs, one teaspoonful of poultry dressing, salt and pepper to suit taste, one egg or a little milk to moisten it. Mold with four into cakes or balls and fry in deep fat.

Carrot Marmalade. Take three pounds of carrots, steam until tender, add four pounds of sugar, the grated rind and juice of six lemons and 10 cents' worth of shelled almonds, chopped fine. Cook from thirty to forty minutes. This will make a delicious preserve, equal to orange marmalade.

The native arts of the Indian and the methods and results of training them in government schools will be shown by pictures, specimens and other exhibits at the Alaska Yukon Pacific exposition next year. This exhibit was collected by the bureau of Indian affairs.

FOR THE CHILDREN

I Suspect—A Card Game. This game is played by any number with one or more full packs of cards, according to the number playing. The cards are dealt one by one, so as to be as evenly distributed as possible. The first player leads a card, face downward, calling out at the same time the number or name of a card, which may or may not be the one he laid down. The next player on the left now plays in like manner and must call the name of the card next higher than the one named by the first player. The others in turn do the same. Thus if A leads, calling "six," the others in turn as they play say "seven," "eight," "nine," "ten," "knave," etc. When the king is reached the next player begins at "one" again. This goes on till some one suspects that the card played is not true to the name called, when he must say, "I suspect." The suspected person then shows the card he played. If the suspicion is correct the offender must take into his hand all the cards on the table. If it was unfounded the accuser must take the cards. He who first gets rid of all his cards is the winner.

The last card should always be suspected, since there is only one chance in thirteen of its being right. If a player has all four cards of the same number in his hand he is sure to suspect rightly any one whose turn it is to play one of those cards. A skillful player rarely plays the right card unless he thinks some one is watching him and saves as many kinds of cards as he can, getting rid of duplicates. These are the rules of the game: 1. No player can be "suspected" after the next in order has played. 2. A player may conceal his hand as he pleases to hide the fact that it is small, but must always show it on demand of any in the company. 3. The game may be continued after one player's cards are gone till all the cards are in one hand. In this case any one out of the game may suspect and if he suspects wrongly must take the cards on the table and enter the game again.

Think of a Number. Tell some one to think of any number he pleases, but not to tell you what it is. Tell him then to double it. When he has done that let him add to the result an even number which you yourself must give him. After doing this he must halve the whole, then from what is left take away the number he first thought of. When he shall arrive this far, if his calculations have all been made correctly, you can give him the exact remainder, which will simply be the half of the even number you told him to add to his own. For instance: Number thought of..... 25 Doubled..... 50 Even number added..... 10 Halved..... 30 Subtract original number..... 5 Leaves half of even number..... 3

Caterpillar Lace. It is said that a man in Munich has devised an ingenious plan by which caterpillars are made to spin lace veils from the leaves of plants. He makes a paste of the plant that is the usual food of the caterpillar and spreads it thinly over a stone or other flat surface. Then with a camel's hair pencil dipped in olive oil he draws on the coating of paste the pattern that he wishes the caterpillar to leave open. The stone being placed in an inclined position, the caterpillars are put at the bottom, and they eat and spin their way to the top, carefully avoiding every part touched by the oil, but devouring the rest of the plant. The result is a lace pattern of rare beauty.

The Vision of City Children. A well known English surgeon called attention some time ago to the inability of city children to see well at a great distance, caused, he said, by their restricted line of vision. The other side of the street is about as far as they have an opportunity of using their sight. It is different with country children, who have an expanse of landscape to look at and can practice their sight on a great variety of objects at a distance. He suggests that city children should be given every possible chance to do the same and thus train the sight and strengthen the eyes at the same time.—Chicago News.

Conundrums. Which is the heavier, a full or half moon? The half moon is the heavier, for a full moon is as light again. When is a lady's arm not a lady's arm? When it is half bare (dear). Why are ripe potatoes in the ground like thieves? Because they ought to be taken up. Why is the north pole like an illicit whisky manufactory? Because it is a secret still. In what ways do women ruin their husbands? In buy ways. Why is a short negro like a white man? Because he is not a tall fat (at) black.

Christmas Morning. Just look in there and see my tree! It's blazing with light candles And covered with big shiny things. Me says, that no one handles, I'm mighty glad I ain't a girl, A-gittin' doll and bragsin' That there's the best of all the things. Why, I got a red wagon! I got a horse that rocks like this And has a tall and spots on, I'm glad I got a big one, 'cause It's that'll ride just lots on I'm happier 'en I ever was! Old Santa brought me gladness, 'Cause after all the talk I got He quite forgot my badness.

ALBANY WILL HAVE NEW \$50,000 SCHOOL BUILDING. ALBANY, Or., Feb. 1.—The school board at a meeting this afternoon decided to erect a \$50,000 high school. The new building will accommodate about 500 students and will occupy the grounds located at Third and Jackson streets, owned by Peter Riley. The block was just purchased at a price of \$7500.



WIDOW AND LITTLE DAUGHTER OF EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON.

Miss Elizabeth Harrison, the little daughter of the late Benjamin Harrison, is now eleven years of age, the youngest living daughter of an American ex-president. It was in 1896 that General Harrison married Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmock, a niece of his first wife. The marriage for a time caused an estrangement between the ex-president and his son and daughter. Little Elizabeth was about four years old when her illustrious father died.

GARFIELD IS TO RETURN TO OHIO; PRACTICE LAW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The definite statement can be made that James H. Garfield, secretary of the interior, will not be a member of the cabinet of the next administration. Neither will he be an ambassador to a foreign country. He will return to his home in Ohio and take up the practice of law. There is almost as good authority for saying that there will be a clean sweep of the present cabinet members unless it should be Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Postmaster General Meyer. There is said to be much doubt as to Mr. Wilson. Mr. Garfield admitted today that he would not be in the next cabinet.

BERKELEY STUDENTS ATTACK AND BEAT UP JAPANESE

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 1.—Following the removal of agitation for anti-Japanese legislation by the state legislature Kent Kaneko, a graduate of the Imperial university of Tokyo and a student at the University of California, was attacked by eight white students this afternoon and after a scuffle the university campus. As a result of the incident, the Berkeley Japanese association, numbering about 1500 members, has declared its intent to demand that the Japanese consul general at San Francisco make representations to the American government through Ambassador Takahira in Washington.

WILL PROVIDE \$10,000 FOR STATE ARMORIES

SALEM, Or., Feb. 1.—Forty thousand dollars will be provided by the state for the construction of armories for the use of the Oregon national guard if a bill passed by the senate Saturday becomes a law. As the bill requires that localities where armories are built shall stand half the expense of buildings and grounds, the purpose of the bill is to make \$80,000 available for armories. The locations are placed under direction of the state military board by the provisions of the measure.

TAFT SAYS HE WANTS THE NICEST INAUGURATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—I want the very nicest inauguration in his history! That's what W. H. Taft said to half a dozen headlines in the house of representatives on the occasion of his last visit to Washington, and it goes to show that folks don't know what they are talking about when they say that the president elect is trying to dodge all the frills and fuss and feathers attending his induction into office.

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