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When Kinglake was writing his history of the Crimean war he received letters from all sorts of people concerned in the war. One day a letter with a deep black border came from two people in the colonies, husband and wife, describing their grief. Their only child had been killed in the Crimea. They wanted to have him mentioned in the "History of the Crimean War." Kinglake was touched and replied by post that he would do his best if they would send him the necessary particulars. Again a letter, also black bordered, full of thanks, but with the following conclusion: "We have no particulars whatever to give you. He was killed on the spot, like many others, but anything you may kindly invent will be welcome. We leave it entirely to your imagination."—London Chronicle.

Taken Unawares.

Sir William Grantham was engaged as a political speaker in the days before he took his place on the bench and when he was plain Mr. Grantham. On one occasion, while he was delivering an address, a man got up in the audience and shouted out excitedly, "It's a lie!" "Thanks," said the future judge. "It's a lie!" shouted the excited one again. "You're a gentleman," said Mr. Grantham sarcastically. "It's a lie!" burst out his opponent again, carried away by his wrath, but the general laughter which arose at his answer recalled him to himself again, and he sat down discomfited.—London M. A. P.

To the Point.

A little boy hurriedly entered a drug store and asked the clerk for a bottle of liniment and a bottle of china cement.

"Why," said the clerk, "that's a funny combination. What do you want with those things?"

"Ma hit dad with a teacup and broke it!" exclaimed the boy.

Knocking Hubby.

"My husband thinks he is very economical," said the blue eyed woman. "He saves everything. One drawer of his desk is devoted to time tables, and he has some that are three years old."—Exchange.

A Matter of Taste.

"Mister, you're wasting time sketching that old ruined bridge."

"Indeed?"

"Yes; there's a fine new steel bridge just a mile farther on."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Our opinion of ourselves, like our shadow, makes us either too big or too little.—Bryce.

The Joke on the Jockey.

A few years ago a famous jockey was engaged to ride the favorite in an important race. On the way to the post he found himself cantering alongside a rank outsider, the mount of a stable boy who had only just commenced riding.

"You'll have to be careful with that brute, B.," he remarked. "I've ridden him before, and you'll never be able to hold him."

B. thanked the crack for the hint and said that he would "do his best."

Halfway through the race the outsider and another were in front, with the favorite close behind. Fancying that the others were in difficulties, the rider of the favorite shouted:

"Pull out, B., and let me through! I've got the race in hand."

The crack was mistaken, however. Looking back, the stable boy replied, with a grin:

"I would, but I can't hold him!"

With which the novice let his horse have his head and shot away, the easiest of winners, to the chagrin of the crack, who finished second.

Happiness and Joy.

Happiness, according to the original use of the term, is that which happens or comes to one by a hap—that is, by an outward befalling or favorable condition. It is what money yields or will buy—dress, equipage, fashion, luxuries of the table—or it is settlement in life, independence, love, applause, admiration, honor, glory, or the more conventional and public benefits of rank, political standing, victory, power—all these stir a delight in the soul, which is not of the soul or its quality, but from without; hence they are looked upon as happening to the soul and, in that sense, create happiness. Joy differs from this as being of the soul itself, originating in its quality. And this appears in the original form of the word, which instead of suggesting a hap literally denotes a leap or spring. . . . The motion is outward and not toward, as we conceive it to be in happiness. It is not the bliss of condition, but of character.—Dr. Horace Bushnell.

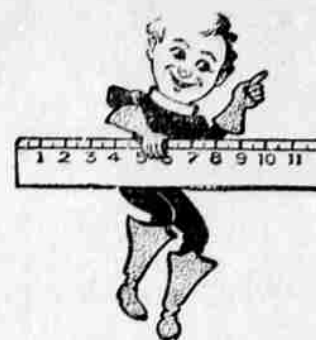
A Dreadful Analogy.

The hypothetical question had just been asked, and the prisoner fell forward in a faint. All was confusion in the courtroom.

"What is the matter with the prisoner?" demanded the judge, hammering his desk madly.

"Nothing, your honor," groaned the unhappy man as he came to. "I was only thinking how long I should have to serve if my sentence was as long as that!"—Harper's Weekly.

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Official weather statistics show average annual precipitation in many cities not commonly accounted rainy, to be much above that in Portland. The annual precipitation in inches in some of these cities follows:

Birmingham, Ala., 49; Mobile, Ala., 62; Montgomery, Ala., 51; Little Rock, Ark., 49; Jacksonville, Fla., 53; Jupiter, Fla., 60; Pensacola, Fla., 56; Tampa, Fla., 53; Atlanta, Ga., 49; Augusta, Ga., 47; Savannah, Ga., 50; Louisville, Ky., 44; New Orleans, La., 57; Shreveport, La., 43; Eastport, Me., 42; Baltimore, 43; Boston, 43; Portland, Me., 42; Vicksburg, Miss., 53; Springfield, Mo., 44; Charlotte, N. C., 49; Hatteras, N. C., 60; Wilmington, N. C., 51; Charleston, S. C., 52; Chattanooga, Tenn., 50; Memphis, Tenn., 50; Nashville, Tenn., 48; Galveston, Tex., 47; Norfolk, Va., 49; New York, N. Y., 44.

The figures show that the average rainfall for Portland and the Willamette valley to be about 40 inches since 1904, while the temperature throughout western Oregon has been found to be the most agreeable in the Union.

60,000 ACRES MAY BE WATERED IN UMATILLA

PENDLETON, Or., July 14.—Official confirmation of the investigation of the large government irrigation project to reclaim 60,000 acres of arid land in western Umatilla county has come from Chief Engineer of the Reclamation Service A. P. Davis and D. C. Henry, supervising engineer of the northwest. These men were seen as they were passing through this city this morning and both admitted that the government had ordered tests and complete investigation of the prospective project.

The project, they said, was one of about a dozen now under investigation in Oregon by the reclamation service. The most feasible will be undertaken as soon as money is available. While they would not say that the Umatilla project was most feasible, there are known to be many conditions in its favor. The new project would be practically an extension of the Umatilla project centering about Hermiston.

The water for the new project would be secured by building a giant reservoir to collect the surplus waters of Butter creek and Umatilla river. It is estimated that 60,000 acres would be reclaimed.

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