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Colored Maid Confides to Employer the Only Way to Get Rid of the Blemishes.

Mrs. Newlywed is learning all sorts of things from Gussie, her colored maid of all work. Soft of voice, comfortable, slow and addicted to strange mutterings and self-communings is Gussie, observes the New York Sun.

This time it was peach stains. Mrs. Newlywed looked with distress at her lovely napkins, marred in their first using by large, assertive, and, it seemed, evergrowing peach stains.

Gussie regarded the beautiful blemished linen wisely.

"What can I do about it, Gussie?" asked Mrs. Newlywed. "How can I take the peach stains out?"

Gussie shook her head.

"Ma'am," she finally admonished, "you can't get peach stains out, not now, you can't; got to wait ma'am, twell the peach season's over. When they ain't no more peaches then stains'll go 'way all be theirselves; you don't have to do nothin'. When the peach season is over the stains disappear jes as quick!"

"That's very strange, Gussie," commented Mrs. Newlywed. "I can't understand that, quite."

"Yes, ma'am," insisted Gussie, "yes, ma'am, you wouldn't think them peach stains got so much sense, but they has."

**GOT HIS METAPHORS MIXED**

Editor Probably Knew What He Meant to Say, but Readers May Have Gaped.

"When I was teaching in an Iowa town," says an eastern man, "I used every week to read a little country paper published there, whose editor's metaphors were an unfailing joy to me. Once, I remember, this editor wrote of a contemporary: 'Thus the black lie issuing from his base throat becomes a boomerang in his hand, and, hoisting him by his own petard, leaves him a marked man for life.'"

"He said, in an article on home life: 'The faithful watchdog or his good wife, standing at the door, welcomes the master home with an honest bark.' In an obituary of a farmer he wrote: 'The race was run at last. Like a tired steed, he crossed the harbor bar and, casting aside whip and spur, lay down upon that bourne from which no traveler ever returns.'"

**LEARNING ENGLISH.**

When little Mitzi Hajos first starred in musical comedy "on this side," she could speak but a few words of English, but she was a willing student.

One night, in a dancing number, Tom McNaughton, the story goes, happened to tramp on Mitzi's toes, and the fiery little singer went up into the air like a skyrocket.

When the curtain fell Mitzi pitched into McNaughton with an avalanche of American slang that amazed the comedian. Finally, McNaughton replied:

"Well, I must say, Mitzi, you are getting on in your English. Where'd you learn all of that stuff?"

With a show of pride Mitzi retorted: "I pick him opp from ze stage hands."—Youngstown Telegram.

**BLIND MAN WINS SUCCESS.**

A striking example of perseverance against the physical disability of blindness is furnished by James H. Rawlinson, ex-Canadian soldier, who has just left Ottawa on the first part of his journey to London, England, where he is to assume the duties of clerk-stenographer in the London office of the department of immigration and colonization. Rawlinson was trained at St. Dunstan's school, in England, and for some time has been working at the Toronto office of the department.

**FRANCE GETS VALUABLE TREE.**

The trees producing the sap from which lacquer, a special varnish, is made, were introduced into France from the Orient during the war, supplementing to some extent the markets of India, China and Japan. Lacquer has been found to be of extreme value in airplane manufacture, combining, as it does, durability and toughness with the characteristic of bending without cracking. It takes a high polish, and is used especially for coating propeller blades.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

**MORE LIGHT ON STONEHENGE**

"Restoration" is Revealing Many of the Secrets of Famous Structures on Salisbury Plain.

The first stage in the "restoration" of Stonehenge is now completed, and the lonely landmark on Salisbury plain is now free from scaffolding and cranes. A report on the work has been published by the Society of Antiquaries, whose experts have been in charge of the excavations, and the report states that many relics at the base of the monoliths, including roughly worked flint instruments, and fragments of pottery of the bronze age and the Romano-British period, were discovered. At the base of the slaughter stone they found a bottle of port, left there apparently by a previous investigator, Mr. Cunningham, who examined the stone in 1901. The latest discoveries appear to bear out the theory that Stonehenge was built in the latter part of the Stone age, between 1600 and 1800 B. C. This theory of the date was advanced by Professor Gowland, who was in charge of the restoration of Stonehenge in 1901. He based his assumption on the fact that a large number of crude flint tools were found at the base of the stones, as if left there by workmen. No bronze implements were discovered at the time. The absence of any tools other than those of flint is again noted by the later investigators.—Brooklyn Eagle.

**WATER POWER SAVES ITALY**

In the Absence of Coal, It Is Being Used for All Kinds of Industrial Work.

Italian water-power stations soon will be developing 1,500,000 horsepower. One-half of these stations have been erected during the last five years, while present plans anticipate the construction of 57 more stations which will generate 359,000 horsepower.

Before the war Italy had 328 water-power plants which produced 835,000 horsepower. During the war 58 stations were constructed and these were able to develop 217,000 horsepower. This immense amount of power has been used in all kinds of industrial work. Some is used for the electric power needed on the electrified railroads.

The biggest plant now in course of construction is situated in Sardinia. A colossal water basin with a capacity of 400,000,000 cubic meters will serve to supply the station with power.

**SHE WAS NOT JANET.**

One day while shopping I chanced to run across a gentleman and two ladies who had been our neighbors for many years but whom I had lost track of. After our greetings were over she introduced me to her fiancé, and, warmly enthusiastic, I exclaimed: "You haven't changed a bit in all these five years! You certainly look as young as when I last saw you, Janet!" Her gratified smile suddenly evaporated, and, staring coldly at me, she stiffly remarked: "Thank you, but I don't happen to be Janet; I'm little sister May." Janet is the mother of four children now.—Exchange.

**TOO MUCH TO ASK.**

"In the old days a campaigner would invite everybody to have refreshments."

"Politics have changed," replied Miss Cayenne. "You couldn't expect a candidate to have enough funds to treat the crowd to ice cream soda."

**DANGERS OF THE DEEP.**

"Does it require courage to swim beyond the breakers?"

"It does. The chance of drowning is not great. But the quarrel you're liable to have with the husky lifeguard involves considerable peril."

**FASCINATING SPORT.**

"What is your favorite game?" "Tennis," answered Miss Cayenne. "It always enables a girl to be photographed in an effective pose, whether she's a good player or not."

**VACATION FOR HIM.**

"Going to get any vacation this year, old man?" "Well, my wife is going away for a couple of weeks."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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