

Literary feather—nom de plume.
How to mark table linen—upset the gravy.

The difference between a pocket measure and a vegetarian is, one is a foot rule and the other a root fool.

An umbrella that keeps Lent all the year round is altogether too religious for us.

How gallant a man can be when he is seated near a colored woman in a horse car, who is perspiring and eating peppermint drops. He will resign his seat at once.

An exchange says women never think. Spud Thingamajig, at our elbow, says he don't believe it. Spring bonnets and fall dresses don't plan themselves.

An exchange advertises for a missing man who has a Roman nose. It is of no use to waste printer's ink on this subject, he won't be found. Such a nose will never turn up.

An English paper says that our ancestors were satisfied with washing only their hands and their faces, that Louis XIV. of France took only one bath in his life; that Louis XIII. is not recorded as having ever taken any, and that Mme. de Longueville, with her dirty clothes, smelt sour.

The other evening a lady was all dressed ready to go out, when her husband, wearing a beaming smile, entered, carrying a small package in his hand, and said, "I have got a surprise for you, my dear; a lovely little present." "Oh! how nice!" "Something original—an ornament for the hair. Just sit down and let me arrange it. Now shut your eyes until I tell you to look in the glass. You remember reading about the French lady making such a sensation by wearing a live beetle?" "Yes, indeed; is it something alive? How delightful!" "Well, this beats a beetle all hollow. It's just the sweetest little live mouse——." The impression gained by the experiment was such that the husband says he shall not try any more jokes with his wife—women don't understand jokes.

A disagreeable picture—picked your pocket.

This problem of love is knotty, but it's nice.

Several employes of the New York City postoffice have acquired an excellent knowledge of French from the study of postal cards written in that language.

Of what use are the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, when cotton is shipped from Galveston to New York by rail?

The Chinaman had a good grip on the idea when he spoke of the cucumber as "no belly good."

Alfonso will be married early in the fall, says a news item. That was the time chosen by Adam.

The palmers of the Holy Land were the original greenbackers. They procured their bread, when hungry, from their scrip.

"Why, Alf, what in the world are you doing with that red paint?" exclaimed a fond mother, addressing her six-year-old darling. "Why," replied the observing innocent, "I am paintin' my nose so it'll look like pap's."

To what lengths has not this "Pinafore" craze gone? Reciting her Bible verse the other Sunday, a little miss thus rendered it: "Go to your sisters and your cousins and your aunts, thou sluggard, and be wise."

Many obsequious people and some ignorant journals persist in addressing the president or alluding to him as "your excellency." The title has no warrant save in toadyism. The president is simply the president. It was proposed in the convention that framed the constitution that the president should be styled His Excellency, also His Majesty. The propositions were rejected.

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