

Americans and Soap.
There is a serious absence of soap from the hotels on the tourist belt of west Scotland, and nearly all of the soap supply is in liquid or powder form. A correspondent of the London Chronicle reports that the spray and the trickle were safeguards against the Yankees. No American tourists, he was told, can see a hotel cake of soap without putting it in his pocket, provided he is unobserved. "They are a splendid people to deal with," said one of the hotel keepers, "but unclean, portable soap is their undoing."
"That matter of soap is one of the international quarrels of manners," observes the Chronicle. "The whitest American is as dishonest about a cake of soap as the blackest of his compatriots is about chickens. He will steal anybody's cake of soap."
"And just across the channel you find countries where you carry your own soap and would as soon think of a public cake of soap as of a public toothbrush."

When Right Seemed Wrong.
Brown, in a Canadian city, stopped a port looking newsboy and asked directions to a well known park. He grew wrathful as he repeated the urchin's instructions.
"Take any old street car," Brown roared.
"Yes."
"And at the end of the line change to the first young street car. Is that what you said?"
"Yes," answered the boy, with a grin. Then he sidled off at the gentleman's gesture toward his check.
"You'd better run," Brown called after him. "You needn't try your smart tricks on me or I'll thrash you." He walked away, stopped at a newsdealer's to buy a city guide and found the directions to the park as follows: "Take any Old street car to end of line, then change to Young."—New York Press.

When Hoops Began.
When were hoops "in" for the first time? According to Strutt, "trundling the hoop is a pastime of uncertain origin, but much in fashion at present" (1881). Dr. Murray's dictionary, incidentally remarking that the original hoop affected by boys was a barrel hoop, gives no English reference to it earlier than 1792. But the hoop was well known to ancient Greek and Roman boys, who called it a "trochion" (wheel). Their hoops were made of bronze, and representations of them on gems show that they were driven by a little hook with a wooden handle, very like the modern boy's hoop-stick. This was called by the Greeks "telatou" (driver) and by the Romans "clavus" (key). Sometimes the ancient hoop had bells attached to it.—London Mail.

Order of Gyboggles.
"The gyboggie is one of the rarest and most curious animals in existence and is found only in Madagascar and a part of Australia," didactically began Professor Lickelpher, the schoolmaster, during a recent session of the Sit and Argue club. "It is a sort of a vampire, something like a cross between a kangaroo and an enormous bat, and can swim and fly with equal ease. It—"
"Fine, fine!" snarled the old codger, whose rheumatism was torturing him with unusual severity. "Swell name for a new lodge—The Concatenated Order of Philanthropic Gyboggles, or something of the sort—and what a jocular of an emblem a little gold gyboggie would make to wear on our watch jobs!"—Kansas City Star.

Royalty's Game.
Cards have always been a royal game. Queen Elizabeth played cards and lost her temper over them frequently. She was no Anne of Austria, to play "like a queen, without passion of greed or gain." In her reign was commanded to be played "at Windsor a Comedie or Moral devised on the game of cards," which resulted in the performance by the children of her majesty's chapel of "Alexander and Campaspe," in which the pretty lines occur:
Cupid and my Campaspe played
At cards for kisses. Cupid paid.
—London Chronicle.

Agin the Government.
"What do you think of the government ownership idea, Henry?"
"My experience makes me agin it."
"Your experience?"
"Yes; de government runs de jalls, don't dey? Well, de way dey does it don't make no hit wit me."—Boston Transcript.

His Art.
Mrs. Syllie—My husband takes a deep interest in art. Mrs. Ollier—You surprise me. Mrs. Syllie—Well, it was a surprise to me, but I heard him telling Jack Rowender last night that it was a good thing to study your hand before you draw.

Sarcasm.
"That's arrant nonsense," said Mr. Henpeck, "about there always being room at the top."
"Oh," his wife sarcastically replied, "when were you up there to see?"

Tough Luck.
Big—Picked up a five dollar bill this morning. Dix—Lucky dog! Big—Lucky nothing! High—behind me was a chap I owed a five to, and he boned me for it.—Boston Transcript.

Two Passions.
Mrs. Prosy—Reading is quite a passion with my husband. Mrs. Dresser—So it is with mine when he reads my milliner's bills!

He Was Very Economical.
James Tyson, the richest man Australia ever produced, although lord of 15,000,000, remained a simple bushman to his last day. A shabby suit of cheap ready made clothes was his only wear, and a boot lace formed the guard of a silver watch which, as a young man, he had bought for a sovereign. He ate the same fare as his own laborers, and it was his boast that he had never entered a theater or tasted intoxicants of any kind; that he had never used soap—he preferred sand—nor worn a white shirt or a stove.



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