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How She Got Her Name.
Mrs. Dayton of Highland Park had just engaged a new cook. The addition to the servants looked promising as she came in arrayed in all her finery and waited for "the missus" to talk with her before going to work.
"What is your name?" asked Mrs. Dayton.
"Lay-ourie, ma'am," said the culinary expert.
"Lay-ourie!" exclaimed the lady of the house. "What a peculiar name! I never heard it before in my life. Is that a nickname or was it given you when you were christened?"
"It's my real name," said "Lay-ourie." "I've gone by it all my life."
"How in the world did you come to have it?" was asked.
"My mother got it out of a novel," said "Lay-ourie."
Mrs. Dayton finally asked her to write it. After much hard work the owner of the name wrote out in a cramped hand, "L-a-u-r-a."
"Why, that's pronounced 'Laura,'" said Mrs. Dayton.
"Well, I don't know about that, ma'am," said the new cook. "My ma never heard it before, and she called it 'Lay-ourie.' I've been 'Lay-ourie' for 37 years, and I guess now it's too late to make a change."
So "Lay-ourie" she remained.—Chicago Journal.

In the Dark.
A bellboy at one of the big hotels had a queer experience the other night and has not yet entirely recovered his professional sang froid. "It was about 1 o'clock in de mornin'," he said, "an I was de only bell hop in de office when dis call come from de fort' floor. Well, I went up an knocked, an de man he says, 'Come in.'
"I opened de door, an de room was pitch dark. 'I want you to mail dis letter,' de man says from de corner where I knowed de table was, 'but wait a minute,' says he, 'till I write de address.' Den I heard de pen a-scratchin, an he says, 'Here y' are.' But I could not see nothin at all. I was scared, I tell you. 'Where are you, mister?' says I sort of faintlike. Then he laughs and says, 'Oh, I forgot' an comes to de door in de light an gives me de letter.
"It was pitch dark, I tell you—black as dat hat of yourn—an when I went down stairs I studied a studied why de mug should be settin dere without turnin on de lectrics. I didn't find out till I see him next day, an den what d'ye t'ink—de mug was blind."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

When \$1,000 Looked Big.
Divide anything up into pairs and you magnify it. A certain wise man took this way to give his wife an idea of how much \$1,000 is. She had no idea of money. Her purchases were enormous. It happened one day that her eye fell upon a magnificent ring, and she coveted it. It cost \$1,000. But what was \$1,000 to her in comparison with the ring? Of course her husband consented to the purchase. What else could a dutiful, affectionate husband do? But he tried this method of educating his wife concerning the great price of the ring. He instructed his banker to send her the \$1,000 in small pieces—pennies, dimes, quarters. She never had such an idea of \$1,000 before. When the money was piled before her, it alarmed her. The price of the ring went up a hundredfold, and was considered at once an extravagance which she of her own option abandoned.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Caper Sauce Capers.
The caper, familiar in caper sauce and used also as a garnish for salads, is imported from Spain and France. Capers are grown in Italy, but none is imported from there into this country.
Capers are sorted into four sizes, of which the smallest are known commercially as nonpareils, and the next larger as surfines. The next larger in French capers are capucines, and the largest capotes, while the next to the largest and the largest of Spanish capers are known respectively as capotes No. 1 and No. 2. The smallest capers are the most desirable and bring the most money. French capers sell for more than Spanish. Capers are imported almost wholly in bulk in kegs of 15 or 16 gallons and barrels of about 40 gallons in brine or vinegar. A few capers are imported in glass, but they are mostly put up in this country. Capers grow on a bush.—New York Sun.

Royal Hotel Keepers.
The king of Wurttemberg may be regarded as a hotel keeper as well as a monarch. This has long been a tradition in his family, but not until lately was it discovered by the rulers of the beautiful little German kingdom how profitable innkeeping can become. When Peter the Great was traveling incognito through Europe, he refused to stop anywhere but at an inn. To circumvent this whim the then king of Wurttemberg put a tavern sign outside one of the royal palaces and, dressed as an innkeeper, himself welcomed the czar. This royal personage's descendant now owns two large hotels, from which he is said to derive a revenue equaling \$50,000 a year.

Servian Justice.
A murderer in Servia must be executed on the very spot where he committed his crime. There a pit is dug, he stands in it blindfold, and a firing party shoots him. If he is then still alive, a revolver is held to his head to finish him, and finally the earth is shoveled in upon his body. There seems a certain poetic justice about this procedure.

A Sure Cure.
Anxious Parent—Doctor, my daughter appears to be going blind, and she is about to be married.
Doctor—Let her go right on with the wedding. If anything can open her eyes, marriage will.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

One Walter's Income.
Two handsome gentlemen passed by, striking their heels on the brick roof. "The larger man is the keeper of the winery," said Joe, the writer. "The thin one, dark and serious, is the steward." They looked very important.
"Well, Joe, I suppose some day you will be steward?" I ventured.
"Steward? Why, I have a much superior place as waiter," replied Joe contemptuously. "I would not give my position for three of his." Herr Boldt pays his waiters \$25 a month in summer and \$30 in winter. They are permitted to dine at the hotel free of cost. They average in tips \$5 a day, which, with salary, gives them an income of \$175 a month. Their daily expenses for dress, etc.—for they must look neat and stylish—are about \$1.50.—New York Press.

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