

She, Too, Was of a Large Family. At a little informal married women's luncheon out in Eckington the other afternoon, given by the hostess in honor of her "guest from the west," a dainty, languorous, black-eyed woman under 30, the conversation switched to the subject of large families. It appeared that most of the lunchers came from prolific families. Each appeared anxious to give her family's large tribal record for a considerable distance back, and none noticed the alarmed countenance of the hostess as she talked on. The hostess made many ineffectual efforts to signal the conversation to a standstill; likewise, she unavailingly endeavored to side-track the large family theme. But it was no go, and it was finally up to her "guest from the west" to set forth the numerical contributions of her ancestors to previous censuses. When the question was put to her directly, she exhibited nary a flinch, but, smiling languidly, remarked: "I am the youngest of 12 daughters and 18 brothers."

"Impossible!" exclaimed all of the women except the hostess, who contemplated the figures on her fan with a drawn, dreary smile. "Not at all," replied the guest. "You are perhaps unaware that I was born and reared in Salt Lake City." "Oh!" blankly exclaimed the other women. "Quite so!" Then the hostess experienced no difficulty in shifting the current of talk into the weather channel.—Washington Post.

Pricing a Pair of Trousers. Lord Brampton was on one occasion presiding over a case in which the plaintiff was giving evidence against a man who had stolen a pair of trousers from his shop. "How much were the trousers?" queried Hawkins. "Well," replied the plaintiff, "it depends who wants to buy them. I sell them to one man for 30 shillings, to another for 25, but you can have them for 23 and 6."

Snake Eat Snake. A slight was witnessed one day at the Zoo that has been the talk of the people managing the animals of the garden ever since. Keeper Myers, who has charge of the snake cages, was about to feed the reptiles, when, to his horror, he saw one blacksnake measuring six feet devouring its mate, which was about the same length and size of itself. The reptile had swallowed its fellow head first, and only a foot and a half still remained outside its mouth. It was lying quietly, and about once every 30 seconds a swallowing motion would seize it, when as much as two inches of its meal would disappear. Myers opened the cage and, grabbing the powerless snake by the tail, began tugging away to release it. This proved to be no easy task, as the cannibalistically inclined monster had a firm hold on its breakfast. After several minutes of pulling that brought the perspiration out on the keeper the snake was set at liberty. For a time it seemed paralyzed, but gradually regained its strength.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Finish. "Ah, Hortense," he cried, "I cannot give you up. You must reconsider the terrible sentence you have just imposed upon me. I refuse to believe that you know your own heart." The proud girl looked at him for a moment as if she were half sorry, and then, becoming firm again, she said: "No, Percy Hendershot, I have decided! It can never be!" "But you will tell me," he pleaded, "what I have done to deserve this treatment, will you not?" "Yes," she answered, "since you ask me to do so, I will. Nothing!" Remembering, then, that he had never held a job for two consecutive weeks, he staggered out into the misty night.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Red Sea. At certain seasons of the year the Red sea is almost unbearable. The water taken from 70 to 80 feet below the surface of the sea at 6 o'clock in the morning will often register a temperature as high as 90 degrees. If, in addition, a sandstorm thinks fit to blow, the whole air is full of a mist made of innumerable particles of fine hot sand, which blind and suffocate at the same time.—Favorite Magazine.

Ventilating Bees. In tropical countries there are what one can only describe as ventilating bees. During the hot season two or three bees post themselves on their heads at the entrance of the hive and fan the interior with the incessant motion of their wings. They are relieved at intervals by fresh bees who carry on the process. They are kept to their duty by a sort of patrol of bees. This is a well authenticated fact.

News of The Week Continued. Special agent will investigate the enlarging of Portland's federal building. New York has made elaborate preparation for the welcome of Dewey. Transport Lennox will be fitted out in Portland with animals and supplies for Manila. Irrigation congress meets at Missoula. Insurgents capture a small vessel and ten of the crew on the Orani river P. I. Two men are arrested at Pendleton for robbing the Ontario stage. Skagway is doing a rushing business before the season closes. Portland is trying to establish a steamer line to Manila.

Wednesday September 27. Secretary Root says that the transport Lennox can and shall be outfitted at Portland. Dewey considers the Filipinos unfit for self government but better than the Cubans. The navy department receives advice that Naval Cadet Wood lost his life in action at Orani. Wood was an Oregon boy. It is rumored that Gen. Brooke may succeed Otis in the Philippines. Dewey's dispatch boat the McCulloch, is expected to arrive at Portland Friday. A woman drowns herself and two children near The Dalles.

Thursday September 28. The navy gives Admiral Dewey a greta welcome on his arrival at New York. The general reception will take place Friday and Saturday. The American army advances on Porac. The Thirty-fifth regiment will sail from Portland Sunday or Monday. British troops will occupy passes on the way to Natal from Transvaal. Two million visitors are in New York to see Dewey. Portland's wholesale trade amounts to \$100,000,000 for the year. Portland's exposition opens tonight. The steamer Lennox arrives at Portland from the Orient with a large cargo. Portland wants Vancouver barracks utilized as a hospital for Philippine troops.

THE HEATHEN CAN WAIT. A Squatter's Idea of Where Charity Should Begin. The other day an old squatter came to the city and attended divine services at a fashionable church. The old fellow listened with rapt attention to the sermon, occasionally nodding in approval or shaking his head in uncertainty. When a man with the contribution box approached, the squatter asked: "What's up?" "We are taking up a collection for the heathen, and as you seemed to be so much interested in the sermon I didn't know but you would like to give a few dimes." "What's the matter with the heathen?" "Why, he doesn't know anything about the gospel, and we want to raise money enough to send it to him." "Well, I tell yer, I don't think he'll spile afore mornin'. I've got a boss swap on han, an ef I ken get 'nuff boot come aroun an we'll sorter look inter the matter." "But, my friend, the heathen children need clothes." "So does mine, by jingo. Bill ain't worn nuthin but a shirt for six months an haster stay outen perlitte society. Ike's got a vacancy in his britches bigger yer hat, an Jack haster stay under the house when a stranger comes. 'case he got his clothes scorched durin hog killin. Come aroun arter the swap, fur I don't think the heathen will spile afore mornin'."—Arkansas Traveler.

Fishing For a Drink. A guide who has done more or less plug fishing on Moosehookmeganitic lake says he can get a drink of nice, cold water when he is anchored on a lake, provided the water is deep enough. For deep fishing it is customary to sound for a clay bottom before casting anchor, and our informant claims that he can sound to secure a cool drink. He ties a weight to the bottom of his coffee bottle, and with the string tied also to the cork he drops it to the bottom; then by a quick jerk pulls the cork, the bottle fills with cold, clear water, and he has only to seal it in.—Fishing Photograph.

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