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I wood not kare so mutch becaus i gott the wurst uv it with redd if she had noot bin cloase enuff to sea it awl ann sea that redd was a much better man than me. ann wenn the fite was over ann they took



"THAT TOOK ME BI THE ARM ANN HELLPT ME."

me bi the arm ann hellpt me to the brook too wash my face wi henry beamus seidd thares any joans, ann o to think that redd gottt off without a bluddy noose ann he is not us tawli ur ways uz much us me.

alass fore me, she mustt uv seen it awl wenn reddy hit mi noose and seen me fawl in turrible defeat. I wood not kare fore mi black eye butt o to haftoo bare hur turrible contempt. Jass nite i shode how i wood go ann knock him in the rode ann make him say enuff, ann now she sees how i was let ann she mustt no that hees a better man than me. wich goes to sho lts punishment for me fore braggen so. —Philadelphia Ledger.

First Day at School in China. A Chinaman wished to enter his boy at the school of a Scottish teacher in Pekin, and called at the educational establishment in question one day along with his little boy. The following amusing scene then took place: The Chinese gentleman was escorted to the reception room, and both he and the teacher shook their own hands and bowed profoundly. Then the teacher asked: "May I inquire your honorable name?" "My mean, insignificant name is Wung."

Tea and a water pipe are sent for, and the teacher politely suggests: "Please use tea." The Chinese slipped and puffed for perhaps a quarter of an hour before he observed to the teacher that he should be overjoyed to learn the latter's "honorable name."

This was the teacher's cue to reply, "My mean, insignificant name is Jones." "How many little stems have you sprouted?" This means, "How old are you?" "I have vainly spent thirty-two years," modestly replied the instructor. "Is the honorable and great man of the household yet living?" said the Chinese, who is asking after the teacher's father. "The old man is well."

"How many precious little ones have you?" "I have two miserable little dogs," meaning his own children. "How many children have you in your illustrious institution?" "I have seventy-five little brothers." At this juncture the Chinaman deemed it time to get down to business. "Venerable master," said he, "I have brought my little dog here and worshipfully entrust him to your honorable charge."

The little fellow, who had been standing in the corner of the room, came forward at this, put his hands on the floor, and knocked his head against it. The teacher raised him up and sent him off to school, while arrangements were made for his sleeping quarters and so forth.

Strange Sights. Tell me, did you ever see Monkeys climb a banian tree? Banian trees, perhaps you know, On the nursery floor can grow. Troops of monkeys, half the day, In the great wide branches play, Frolic and make friends with you— If your aunty tells them to!

I've had measles, so you see Aunty comes and plays with me. Aunty makes a lion roar Right behind the nursery door; Makes an elephant poke his head Through the window near my bed; Makes the nursery somehow look Like a lovely picture book. —Youth's Companion.

An Alcoholic Red Face. Among the questions that "I-want-to-know" people ask is one about the effects of alcohol. Why, they say, does the habitual use of alcoholic liquors make a man's face red? Alcohol, taken

internally, stimulates the action of the heart, and consequently the circulation of the blood. This stimulated action of the blood shows more plainly on the face than on any other part of the body, because the nerve-system and the blood-vessels of the face are peculiarly sensitive. But alcohol also has a paralyzing effect on the nerves and the blood vessels, and its habitual use gets those of the face into such a condition that they no longer perform their proper functions. That is to say, they receive blood from the heart, but do not send it back again, as they do when they are in a normal state of health, the result being that the face acquires a chronic condition of redness.

Moon Shadows. Many persons cannot understand why the shadow made by an object in moonlight is darker than the shadow made in sunlight. The difference is due to the fact that the light of the moon is not so strong as that of the sun. As light travels always in a straight line, a shadow, either in moonlight or in sunlight, would be intensely black were it not for the dispersed and reflected rays around the shadow. The darkness of the shadow is reduced by these reflected rays, and as the rays of sunlight are stronger and brighter than those of moonlight, they reduce the darkness more. It is the dispersion and even distribution of the sun's rays through space, and their reflection from the dust particles of the air, that make daylight.

Was Sorry. Parent—Are you sorry you called names after that boy next door? Freddie—Yes, mother. He can fight twice as well as I thought he could.

CATECHISM OF A TOURIST.

Globe Trotter Gives Results of His Travels to His Paper. A globe-trotting journalist of renown has written a tourist catechism in a German paper in which he sets forth his observations on the countries and the people he has visited. His answers are ingenious and they may be correct, but they would seem to convict him of being a Swede. We quote the following:

"Where do you find the most comfortable passenger trains?" "In Russia." "But where are they kept in the best condition?" "In Sweden." "Where is the railroad traffic managed with the least noise?" "In England." "Where do you find the best railroad restaurants?" "In Sweden."

"Where are the most comfortable steamboats for longer voyages to be found?" "In Germany and England." "Where do you find the finest and best arranged steamboats for shorter trips?" "In Sweden."

"Where are the finest restaurants and cafes for moderate prices?" "In Copenhagen and Stockholm." "Where are the best automatic restaurants?" "In Stockholm."

"Where are the worst quick lunches?" "In America, particularly in Boston." "Where are the finest bathhouses?" "In Germany, Austria and Sweden." "Where do you find the truest politeness and dignity among the people generally?" "In Sweden, particularly in Stockholm."

"Where the opposite?" "In Italy." "Where do you find the most polite and well-bred children?" "In Sweden, Norway and Denmark." "Where the opposite?" "In Italy, Little Italy, but particularly in South Boston." "Where do the young men have the finest figure and the handsomest features?" "In Italy and Sweden, particularly in Stockholm."

"Where are the handsomest women?" This question the writer, who appears to have gained some experience of life, does not answer.—Boston Transcript. Economical Smoke. "Why are you always strutting about with an unlighted cigar in your mouth? Haven't you got a match?" "Yes, I have a match, but I get a good deal of pleasure out of a dry smoke. Though it costs me nothing, I think I get a third as much pleasure out of a dry as a real smoke."

"I started dry smoking the first of the year to reduce my cigar bills. You see, I used to get away with nine or ten 5-cent cigars a day, and my wife kicked. At first I got no pleasure out of my dry smoking, but I persisted in it, and now I experience real pleasure as I chew unlighted cigars."

"Best of all, from my wife's point of view, I have cut my ten cigars a day down to three." Like a Green Bay Tree. "Married several times, hasn't she been?" "Yes; you can tell her age the way you can a tree's."

"How's that?" "One ring for each year."—Harvard Lampoon. No Real Butchery. Freshman—Do you often bet on grid-iron results? Last year's ditto—Yes; but only for small steaks.—Princeton Tiger. Budding Intelligence. Anxious Freshman—How long are we allowed in these hour exams?—Harvard Lampoon.

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