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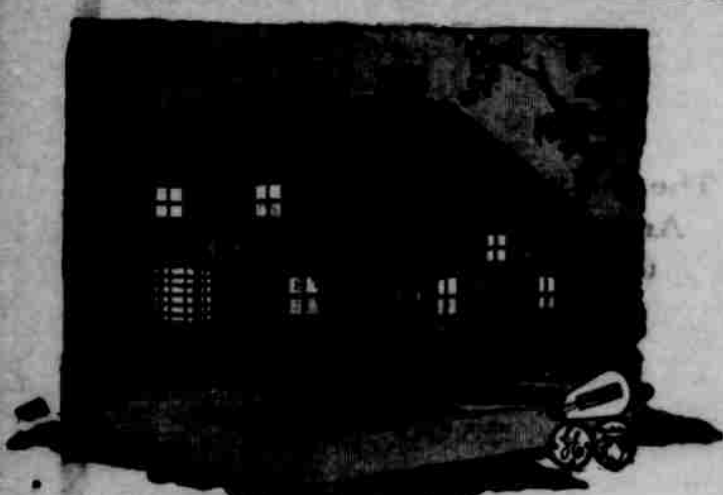
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Trivial Amusements

It is surprising how trivial are the amusements which suffice to amuse a man miserable. A lump of coal falling on a man's head, a headless overcoat, being a railway train for forty seconds after running himself out of breath, a visit from a horse when he is overwhelmed with care, the rasping of his nerves by a hand organ when he is weary, inclined to doze or trying to sleep; even the want of an unlucky moment, as when he is dressing for a dinner party and has a stain on his coat in which to do—all these are amusements which surely try a man's patience and cause him to vex many a person more than a serious misfortune. Alexander Smith goes so far as to say that if during thirty years all the amusements connected with deflating shirt buttons alone could be gathered into a mass and endured at once it would be many equal to a public execution.—New York Telegram.

Water and Pure Water

Pure water is nothing more or less than a chemical curiosity. Even when distilled it cannot rightly be considered perfectly pure. Mineral matter is the most common foreign substance found in "Adam's ale." This is largely owing to the fact that all water passes through rock and soil at some time or other. In moderate quantities these mineral salts are quite desirable, as they are particularly needed for our bones and muscles. When water is distilled these mineral substances become detached; hence distilled water is useless for drinking. But if more than a hundred grains of such salts as magnesium or sodium sulphate are contained in a gallon of water it should then be regarded as a mineral beverage rather than a good drinking material. The importance of water can be well realized when we consider that the very chemistry of our muscles, cartilages and ligaments is due to the amount of water that these tissues contain.—Philadelphia.

Do Champion Athletes Die Young?

From opinions collected from men prominent in the athletic world, among them several doctors and surgeons who have given the subject special study, it may be concluded that the average man can play basketball, tennis and baseball with safety until he is forty. After that age these men vigorous games become a little dangerous, even to the man in good physical condition. At forty-five, most of the sports agree, golf, croquet, handball, volleyball and medicine ball are more fitting and, certainly, safer pastimes. The United States public health service discommends some of the more violent forms of sport, such as rowing, for instance, even for young men. Long distance running, jumping and pole vaulting also are considered extremely exhausting by its experts. It declares, in short, that "champion athletes die young."—Boston Herald.

A Short Lived Island

In 1867 a new island was discovered in the group of the Tonga or Friendly Islands. In 1877 smoke was seen over the island. In 1883 the island had become a volcanic island more than two miles long and 240 feet high, and a fierce eruption was taking place within it. In 1890 the island had begun to shrink in dimensions. In 1898 its height had diminished one-half, and the ocean close around it was more than a mile deep. In 1900 the island rose only about twenty-six feet above sea level, and in 1902, under the action of the waves its complete disappearance was reported.

The Safety First Critic

"Brown is a very careful critic, isn't he?"
"In what way?"
"He always manages to take the sting out of his unfavorable comment."
"For instance?"
"His bride made him a shortcake the other day, and when she asked him how he liked it he replied, 'It isn't so good as my mother used to make.'"
—Detroit Free Press.

Birds and Lightning

Birds are sometimes struck by lightning. Darwin records the case of a wild duck that he saw struck by a bolt while flying. It was killed instantly and fell to the ground. But birds seem to know instinctively that lightning is to be feared. That perhaps is why they seek shelter in thunderstorms. The sudden disappearance of the birds is, indeed, in the country one of the surest signs of an approaching tempest.

Italics

Italics are letters formed after the Roman model, but sloping toward the right, used to emphasize words or sentences. They were first used about 1500 A. D. by Manutius, a Venetian printer, who dedicated them to the Italian states; hence the name.

Just the Man

First Article—Well, old chap, how is business? Second Article—Oh, splendid! Got a commission this morning from a millionaire. Wants his wife and children painted very badly. First Article—Well, you're the very man to do that.—Exchange.

Rather

"I don't believe the woman who has the next apartment to ours ever touches her parlor carpet."
"My dear, that's a sweeping arrangement."
—Baltimore American.

It is better to believe that a man

does possess good qualities than to assert that he does not.—Chinese Maxim.

Expensive Outlook

"My wife is named Hattie, and, by the way, she wants a new hat every month."
"Gosh! Prospects look bad for me."
"How so?"
"I'm engaged to a girl named Ruby."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No Barrier

Miss Payne—You can't marry Jack because I'm engaged to him. Miss Fair—What's that got to do with it?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Glimpse of Lisbon

Lisbon leaves the definite impression of a gay, bright capital, if not of a truly beautiful city. Beautiful it is certainly to be nature, seated on its fifty hills overlooking the Tagus and interspersed everywhere with sculptured gardens and lawns, but its newer houses are too rectangular, too lacking in imagination, to make anything but rather monotonous streets. Even the Praça do Comercio, though laid out upon a truly magnificent scale, fails to arouse enthusiasm.

This is the city's aspect to the casual

visitor who devotes but a day or two to its sights. But to one who is willing to give it a week or more it holds many attractions.

The seeker for the picturesque will

delight in the water front in the morning hours and in the fisher folk—the men in black bag caps and knee breeches; the women, barefoot, setting out with basket on head to trot the city streets. These fishwives are the most picturesque of the Lisbon types, and most of them are really beautiful. The fine oval of their faces, their smooth complexion and lustrous, almond shaped eyes recalling the Maurettes and clearly bespeaking their oriental origin. — Ernest Peltotta in Scribner's.

A Pen Portrait of Carlyle

He looked, I thought, the prophet. His clothes loose and careless, for comfort, now show; the shaggy, unkempt gray tangle of hair; the long head, the boy, almost fleshless face of one who has fasted and suffered, the tyrannous overhanging cliff forehead; the firm, heavy mouth and thrust challenging chin—the face of a fighter; force everywhere, brains and will dominant; strength redeemed by the deepest eyes, most human, beautiful; by turtur piercing, luminous, tender, gleaming; pathetic, too, for the lights were usually veiled in brooding sadness, broken oftenest by a look of dumb despair and regret; a strong, sad face, the saddest face I ever studied—all petrified, so to speak, in tears—misery as of one who had come wreck by his own fault and was turned by remorse—the worm that gnawed—Ernest Peltotta in Scribner's.

Judged by Appearances

In "Twenty Years of My Life" Douglass relates a story told at the Authors' club long ago by Sir J. M. Barrie against himself and in broad burlesque.

"I expect it was just a ben trovato,

but it was none the less amusing. He apologized for being late. He had been in the wrong club. He had never been to the Authors' club before, he said (though he was a member of the committee), so he asked a policeman the way. From the way in which he pronounced the word the policeman thought he meant Arthur's, which was quite near the Authors' club when it was in its temporary premises in Park place. When he got there he found it a very grand place, he said. The club porter looked him up and down and said, "The servant's entrance is round the corner."

An Artist's Criticism

Falguere, the sculptor, told a capital story of Henner, the great artist, who although he lived in Paris all his life, never lost his Alsatian peasant accent or his country manners. But Henner was a very keen critic and had a clever way of showing his dislike of wordy enthusiasm. Falguere, whose talent as a sculptor is known all the world over, was very fond of painting, but he did not paint particularly well. One day Henner was in his studio, and Falguere showed him some of his pictures.

"What do you think of this one?"

asked Falguere.
"Superb!" said Henner, with his Alsatian accent. "Marvellous!"
"And this one?"
"Brodigious!"
"And this one?"
"Suplime!"
Then the old man picked up a little bust which his friend had just finished: "Ah!" he said. "Now, dat's good!"
"I never painted after that," said Falguere.

Wellington's Coolness

The Duke of Wellington was one day sitting at his library table when the door opened and without any announcement stalked a figure of stigmatically ill omen.

"Who are you?"

asked the duke in his short and dry manner, looking up without the slightest change of countenance upon the intruder.
"I am Apollyon. I am sent here to kill you."
"Kill me? Very odd."
"I am Apollyon and must put you to death."
"Bliged to do it today?"
"I am not told the day or the hour, but I must do my mission."
"Very inconvenient; very busy; great many letters to write. Call again or write me word. I'll be ready for you."
The duke then went on with his correspondence. The man, appalled probably by the stern, immovable old gentleman, backed out of the room and in half an hour was in an asylum.

Story of a Bunch of Keys

After Mary, queen of Scots, had succeeded in effecting her escape from the grim old fortress of Lochleven her deliverer, William Douglas, threw the keys which had brought her her freedom into the waters of the lake. There they lay till the parching summer of 1806, when a boy named William Honeyman, while strolling on its banks, picked up a bunch of five keys of antique workmanship fastened by an iron ring. These the boy carried to the parish schoolmaster, who forwarded them to the Earl of Mar, hereditary keeper of Lochleven castle, near Edinburgh, where they still remain. They are without doubt the old keys which William Douglas threw into the loch on the eventful night when the queen escaped, only to be taken again and consigned to life long captivity.

Trick of the Lemon Growers

By an interesting yet simple method two crops of lemons are obtained in Sicily during the year, though the second is in every way inferior. The abnormal fruit is known as the Verdelli lemon and is marketed during the

summer months. The Verdelli lemon

green in color, grows contemporaneously with the same trees with the ordinary or yellow lemon of commerce and is obtained by the following method. The lemon tree, which flowers in April is kept without water from that period until July, when the roots are heavily flooded for a time. This results in a second set of blossoms, from which will come the Verdelli lemons. The ordinary lemon crop is picked in the months beginning with October, but the Verdelli lemons do not mature until the next May.—Argonaut.

Homing Instinct of Bees

In the fortnightly Review of the Fabre, the naturalist, tells a characteristic story about Darwin and himself. Darwin wished to explain the homing instinct of bees, and he induced Fabre to begin a series of experiments with that purpose in view. A regular plan of campaign was drawn up. Marked bees were placed in a dark box and were carried away from that in which they were finally liberated. The box was repeatedly turned about, so that the inmates should lose all sense of direction. Every possible means was taken to render useless any known or conceivable method of obtaining their bearings. The bees were even placed within an induction coil in the effort to confuse them. The long and elaborate series of tests was without value, so far as getting any explanation of the homing power was concerned. In every case from 30 to 40 per cent of the bees found their way home without apparent trouble, no matter how confusing the trip away from home had been made.

Plant Leaves

It is a fact that, to the casual observer, all trees look pretty much the same. In some respects at least. But if one looks carefully at the twigs of almost any tree, or, still better, at the young shoots of some rapidly growing plant, they are pretty certain to discover that no two leaves occupy the same position.

The fact is, however, that a leaf does

not keep always in one position. Everybody knows that they will droop and stand erect again, and that some plants sleep at certain times of the day. A house plant, moreover, grows toward the light, and if the pots are turned about so that the leaves face away from the window, it takes only a day or so for them to assume their old positions.

If now one looks carefully for the

joins where this bending is done one can see at once that nearly all the leaves have two.—Exchange.

The Faithful Horse

I don't know who wrote this toast to the horse, but I'd rather read it than Vest's dog speech:

"Here's to that bundle of sentient

nerve, with the heart of a woman, the eye of a gazelle, the courage of a gladiator, the docility of a slave, the proud carriage of a king and the blind obedience of a soldier; the companion of the desert plain that turns the moist furrows in the spring in order that all the world may have abundant harvest; that furnishes the sport of kings, that with blinding eye and distended nostril fearlessly leads our greatest generals through carnage and renown, whose blood forms one of the ingredients that go to make the ink in which all history is written and who finally, in black trappings, pulls the humblest of us to the newly sodded threshold of eternity."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Grit Always Wins

Grit is the thing that counts. We all know young men who are hanging around waiting for father to slip out of his old shoes. As if a pair of old shoes ever made a man out of a loafer! Why, father's shoes are ten sizes too big for any man that thinks money somebody else has earned will make him a gentleman!

Grit is what these young chaps need,

whether they know it or not. The day will come when the only man the world will count worthy of its respect will be the man who does things, even if he is forced to shut his teeth hard to keep back the groan of pain.

Folks used to think that the only

real soldier was the man who marched away to the sound of fife and drum, to shoot and kill and destroy. It is not so.—E. L. Vincent in Farm Life.

Bulls and Bears

The Stock Exchange use of the term "bear" is with reference to the animals pulling down. The bear pulls down prices; so in the other direction the bull tosses them up. Originally the expression was "a bearskin jobber," applied to a person who sold a bearskin before he had caught his bear. The bearskin jobber was a person who sold stocks which he did not own. Of course he was interested by the fact of his sale to have prices come down and schemed to pull them down. In that way he became called simply a bear without reference to the original proverb.—Philadelphia Press.

Prevention of the Flight of Birds

To prevent birds from flying without the barbarous and injurious system sometimes of cutting their wings it will be found sufficient to tie together with a thread three or four of the largest feathers of one wing. This destroys the balance, the wings do not set symmetrically in the air, and flight is rendered impossible. Pigeons, etc., may be kept within bounds in this simple fashion.

Serious Affliction

"Bligine is always reading up on germs and worrying about his health."
"Yes. There's not much hope for him. Germs are bad enough if you get 'em in your system, but they're worse if you get 'em on your mind."—Washington Star.

The Roo

The roo, a fabulous bird often referred to in the "Arabian Nights," was believed to be of such enormous size and strength as to be able to carry even elephants in its talons.

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