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WIT AND HUMOR.

Eternal vigilance enables a man to carry the same umbrella for years.—

A great many politicians are called dark horses from the shades of their records.-Puck.

He-Genius is a mental disease. She -How well and healthy you must be. -Detroit Free Press.

"How doth the little busy bee?" Well, if you meddle with him much you will be apt to find out how he doth. Boston Post.

An actor may not know much about

cravats, but his experience with tiesboth railway and matrimonial—is usually extensive.—Life.

Next to having a new bonnet herself a woman likes to have a chance to make fun of some other woman's headgear. - Somerville Journal. It is a waste of time to look back at one's own mistakes when there is so

much more fun in watching the mis-takes of other people.—Hotel Mail. Would it be correct to describe nearly ever girl you know as being in a dreadful hurry because there's a bustle

behind her?-Journal of Education. When a man finds that he is getting to be too loquacious his best remedy is to get married. He will notice an improvement right away. - Somerville

You may break, you may shatter the "vase" if you will, but the various ways of pronouncing it, according to locality, will cling around it still.—Norristown

Citizen (stopping physician on the street)—Just a moment, Doc; only one word. Physician—Well, make it short, old man; it's watermelon season, you know .- New York Sun.

Bolton—Young Jones is generous with his cigars, isn't he? Wolton— Yes (puff); but I think he would (puff) be kinder to his friends if he smoked them himself.-Life.

When a man learns to mind his own business and leave the affairs of others alone he accomplishes a success as great as falls to common mortals.-

He (making an evening call)—Shall I sing one more song, Miss Clara, before I go? She—I should be delighted, Mr. Sampson-er-if you think you have time. -New York Sun.

"That is rather an expensive um-brella, Bromley." "Yes, Darringer. It is the kind other people appropriate." "Just what I thought Brom-

ley; whose is it?"-Detroit Free Press. "Poor Goldson! I am afraid the poor fellow is losing his mind. "By Jove! You don't say so!" "Why, my dear boy, it is nearly 3 o'clock, and I just saw him with his 1 o'clock suit on!"-Life.

Mrs. Holyoke (who has not asked him, and does not want him)-"I'm sorry you can't stay to tea with us." Capt. Whiffet (equal to the occasion)—
"I'm awfully plad that I'm sorry I've
got to go."—sudge.

Scientists are now inquiring how long it takes to think. Well, when a man has to think of some way to pay a month's board bill with only \$2.16 in his pocket to do it with it takes him a good long while.-Puck.

Miss Ethel (confidentially)-"Do you know, Clara, that I had two offers of marriage last week." Miss Clara (with enthusiasm)—"O. I am delighted, dear! Then the report is really true that your uncle left you his money."—

Every gentleman should have the signature of the Creator on the label to avoid confusion. There are so many imitations nowadays that people who are not connoisseurs frequently encounter the wrong article.—Lin-

De Sappy—I tell you Featherington, you have the biggest head—— Feather-ington—Aw, De Sappy, you flatter me, doncherknow. De Sappy—Don't interrupt, Featherington; you have the biggest head on your cane I've seen this season.-Life.

He (10 p. m., and the lamp turned low- humorously)—"It isn't at all queer, is it, Edith, that one should find electric kisses when he goes 'sparking!" She—"Yes, queer, indeed, Mr. Standoff, when the lady's negative is positive."-Judge.

"Ah, Clara," said a young surgeon (after hospital hours) as he sank upon his knees, "would that I could gain possession of your heart!" "You can, Mr. Sawbones, "replied Clara promptly, but blushingly; "and without giving meether either."—New York Sun.

Nothing else is so calculated to work on a man's sympathies as the sight of a young man's painful effort at unconcern while he is scratching his brow with the hand with which he would have tipped his hat to a young lady if she badn't cut him dead.—Judge.

"How much of that \$10,000 have you now, George? You only got it two months ago, you know." "Well, I had \$8,000 an hour ago, but I don't know how much there is left now." "Why?" "My wife has just gone on a shopping expedition."—Nebraska State Journal.

"Have you kept track of young Baboony lately? At the rate he's go-ing on he'll soon be seriously embar-

rassed." "Embarassed? Nonsense! me for a loan of a hundred this morning without the quiver of an cyclid."
-Life.

Wife (to husband, who has been ostensibly to church)-I was so sorry not to go with you this morning, John, but I really didn't feel able. Were there many there? Husband—No, the grandstand was only about half-er-O, yes, a fair congregation for hot weather .- New York Sun.

Mr. McDude-What a wonderful thing is space, Miss Ethel! The im-mensity of it quite fills my brain. Miss Ethel (sarcastically)—So I should imagine, Mr. McDude, from the nature of vour conversation. And a blizzard stood between them during the remainder of the voyage. - Ocean.

"J-John, d-dear," she sobbed, "d-did you ever think how near death is to all? Wh-what would you ever d-do, J-John, if I should d-die?" "Well," said John. musingly, "I don't know as I had ever thought of it before, my dear, but now you speak of it my first impression is that I should bury you."—Somerville

A man out West fell in a dead faint the other day and the people thought at first that it was heart disease. Afterward the man recovered, and it was found that he had sent for a plumber the day before to do a little work, and the plumber had come punctually at the time he said he would. -Somerville Journal.

A great many men living in the the sides of their roads that they may know just where the roads are in the dark. Some of them who come home late from city clubs would add to their general safety and comfort if they would have the entire road whitewashed.-Puck.

"What a floral offering that was of Dr. Budd's!" said old Mrs. Wilkins as she was returning from church. "Yes; Dr. Budd uses the cut flowers of speech to a good purpose," replied the deacon. "Cut flowers, deacon?" queried the old lady. "Yes. They have so little connection with the stem of the discourse."-Harper's Bazar.

Breaking in a Naval Cade

Within a few days the cadets shake easily into their places, and by going over the mast-head every morning. sending up and down the light spars, and being ordered to get a pull here and a pull there and a long pull altogether everywhere, during the best part of their waking hours, they soon acquire a nautical air and a fairly good grip on the strange surroundings. Two or three days later the "Constellation" drops down the Annapolis Roads, stands into Chesapeake Bay, and the long-looked-for cruise begins. Practical work commences at once, and if the winds be unfavorable, and they are usually, the ship beats down the bay in the daytime and anchors at sunset. Here the new cadet sees the envied senior class men in charge of the deck, make and take in sail, tack, wear, boxhaul, and chapel ship; sees him occasionally miss stays and box her off, heave to, get casts of the deep sea lead, shift sails and spars, reef and shake out reef, and bring the ship to an anchor. All this time he is doing yeoman's service himself; his white working-clothes are tarry, and he is so used to "stamping and going it" that when night comes he is glad to turn in early, and leave the hardships of anchor-watch to those who have enjoy-ed the triumphs of the quarter-deck. After Hampton Roads are reached, the vessel lies at anchor for a week or more; but this is a busy season, and all day long there are great-gun, company, pistol, or small-arm drills, firequarters, boats armed and equipped, or that stirring exercise when the crew and cadets are called to "abandon ship." This drill is usually executed without previous warning, exactly as it might be needed in any sudden emergency, as in a collision, or danger of foundering on the high sea; but within a moment after the order rings Customer (to druggist)—Gimme a big dose of whisky and quinine. I've got malaria. Druggist—Sorry, sir, but we're just out of quinine. Customer—Well, gimme the whisky without the quinine then: I've got to do something or I'll die.—New York Sun.

out, every man is at his station; some lower the boats, others stand sentry over the falls, so no unauthorized or panic-stricken person may enter without orders; the majority pass up provisions and water, cooking utensils, arms, ammunition, and nautical instruments; there is heard everywhere out, every man is at his station; some the rush of feet, the whimper of boatfalls as the davits creak and complain with the strain and the weight of the crews lowering themselves by stopper or halyards; from every gun-port will-ing hands pass stores into the cutters, and when ready, each reports its name and number. In less than five minutes. if the discipline be good, the crew is embarked in cutters, whale-boats, gig, launches, and dingy, all submerged almost to their gunwales, and the ship is abandoned - officially. - Lieutenant Kelley in Harper's Magazine.

> "These fish, my dear Mrs. Hen-dricks," remarked the minister, who was discussing a sunday dinner with the family, "are deliciously fresh. I am enjoying them very much." "They ought to be fresh," volunteered Bobby. who was also enjoying them. "Pa caught 'em only this morning." -- New

York Sun.

In the Bay at St. Pierre, Martinique. We anchor in limpid blue water; the cannon-shot is answered by a pro-

longed thunder-clapping of mountain Then from the shore a strange flotilla bears down upon us. There is one boat, two or three canoes; but the bulk of the craft are simply white wooden frames—flat-bottomed structures made from shipping-cases or lard-boxes, with triangular ends. In all of these sit naked boys—boys between ten and fourteen years of agevarying in color from a fine clear yellow to a deep reddish-brown or chocolate tint. They row with two little square flat pieces of wood for paddles, clutched in each hand, and these lidshaped things are dipped into the water on either side with absolute precision You don't know the man. He asked in perfect time, all the pairs of little naked arms seeming moved by a single impulse. There is much unconscious grace in this paddling, as well as con-"Aw, Cholly, have you seen Awlgernon this morning?" Cholly (in a husky whisper) "The pooah boy is dead."
"Dead! Why, old chappy, what killed him, aw?" "Nervous shock. Don't ye know, he bought a suit of clothes, and the coat didn't fit."—Lincoln gin to describe circles, crossing and in-tercrossing so closely as almost to bring them into collision, yet never touching. The boys have simply come out to dive for coins they expect pas-sengers to fling to them. All are chat-tering creole, laughing, and screaming shrilly; every eye, quick and bright as a bird's, watches the faces of the passengers on deck. "'Tention-la!" shrick a dozen soprani: some passenger's hand has descended into a money pocket, and all are on the alert. Through the air, twirling and glittering, tumbles an English shilling, and drops into the deep water beyond the little fleet. Instantly all the lads leap, scramble, topple head-foremost, out of their little tubs, and dive in pursuit. In the blue water their lithe figures look perfectly red, all but the soles of their unturned feet, which show quite white. Almost immediately they all rise again; one holds up at arm's length above the water the recovered coin, and then puts it into his mouth for safe keeping. Coin after coin is thrown in, and as speedily brought up; a showpiece is lost. These lads move through formed extremities. The best diver and swiftest swimmer, however, is a

lemon-colored lad: his face is rather

commonplace, but his slim figure has

the fluent grace of an antique bronze.

-Lafcadio Hearn, in Harper's Maga-

The students of this national college are called officially "naval cadets on probation," the traditional title of midshipman having been changed first to eadet midshipman, and subsequentlyso the engineer pupils might be included-to that now employed. Their number is limited by law to one cadet for every member or delegate of the House of Representatives, and to eleven others-ten at large and one from the District of Columbia - appointed by the President. As the age of admission falls between the limits of fourteen and eighteen, and the course extends six years, it follows, unfortunately. that in certain districts appointments may not be open more than once in that period, thus making one-third of its boys unavailable by reason of age. The remedy proposed for this is only one of fifty good reasons why the course should be reduced from six to

four years. To pass successfully the candidate must be physically sound and of robust constitution, have a sufficiently thorough knowledge of arithmetic, algebra, history, reading, writing, and spelling, and when appointed, be ready to take an oath to serve for eight years, including the probationary period. When a vacancy is likely to occur in any district, the Secretary of the Navy must notify its Congressional Representative as soon as possible after the 5th of March in each year, and if by the 1st of July no action has been taken, the privilege lapses, and the Secretary is empowered to make the nomination. As this system permits the choice of a candidate to be deferred until the May examination is really over, or, as in the majority of cases, until the academic year is about to open, it would seem to be infinitely better if a candi-date and an alternate were named, at least one year previous to the May examination. This would enable the applicant to pursue a course specially fitted as a direct preparation for his professional studies, and if successful, to go at once upon a cruise, which would teach him definitely his immediate aptitude for a sea-life. On the other hand, should the principal fail, an alternate stood ready to face the same ordeal.

The low standard of admission is based upon the theory that the possibilities of the academy must be so freely open to boys of every description as to make it-what it is undoubtedly-the most democratic government school in the world. Practically this very just theory impairs the efficiency of the academy, as it pins the qualifications at a point which rigorously prohibits the energies of the teachers and of the average scholars being directed immediately to the branches of education connected with the naval profession. Entrance examinations are held in May and September .- Lieutenant Kelley, in Harper's Magazine.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his bands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, bronchitiscatarrh, asthma and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his luty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipe in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. Noyes, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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California's Redwood Forests.

The magnificent redwoods which extend along the coast ranges, from Monterey Bay to Siskiyou, constitute, of course, the chief timber resources of the State. It is from these forests that the major part of the lumber used in the State since the American occupation has been obtained. The drain on these forests has necessarily been enormous. In those reflwood forests adjacent to San Francisco Bay and lying in the counties of San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Alameda, most of the merchantable lumber in the original growth has been removed long ago. Fortunately the denudation of these forests has not produced a scene of utter desolation, such as is sometimes pictured in the mind as following in the wake of the lumberman's axe. In the greater portion of these worked-over forests, where the stumps have not been removed to make way for fruit tree or vine, the great vitality of the redwood has asserted itself, and a dense growth of saplings has sprung from the mutilated butts, and are rapidly approaching a merchantable condition.

The same phenomenon of nature restoring the redwood forests is witnessed in such parts of Mendocino and Humboldt counties as the lumberman has already culled. An interesting illustration of the renewal of these magnificent forest trees is presented in the canons on the east side of the Contra Costa and Alameda county range, within a few miles of this city, and along the forest-clad slopes of Mount Tamalpais, and the ranges of Sonoma and Napa counties. The redwood forests on the range east of St. Helena, in the latter county, supplied all the ties used in the construction of the Napa Valley Railway, and the new growth has been drawn upon for years past for posts and stakes for the vineyards and orchards that are taking the place of the forests.—San Francisco Bulletin.

CHANGES OF CLIMATE Kill more people than is generally known. er of small silver follows, and not a Particularly is this the case in instances where the constitution is delicate, and the water without apparent effort, among our immigrant population seeking with the suppleness of fishes. Most new homes in those portions of the West, are decidedly fine-looking boys, with and where malarial and typhoid fevers pre-admirably rounded limbs, delicately vail at certain seasons of the year. The vail at certain seasons of the year. The best preparative for a change of climate, or of diet and water which that change necessitates, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters which not only fortifies the system against malaria, a variable temperature, damp, and the debilitating effects of tropical heat, but is also the leading remedy for constipation, dyspepsia, liver complaint, bodily troubles specially apt to attrack immigrants and visitors to regions near the equator, mariners and tourists. Whether used as a safe guard by sea voyagers, travelers by land, miners, or of agriculturalists in newly populated districts, this fine specific has elicited the most favorable testimony.

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