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About twenty years ago an American bought it in China for \$20. Not long afterward it was sold by a New York dealer to Mrs. Mary J. Morgan, who is said to have paid \$15,000 for it. A few years later, in 1880, at the sale of the deceased Mrs. Morgan's art collection, it was repurchased by the same dealer for \$18,000. The story was current at the time that the dealer, expecting to get the vase at a low figure, had already sold it "short" for \$8,000, so that he lost \$10,000 by the transaction. It is now in the collection of William T. Walters, of Baltimore. An expert in Chinese porcelain has called it "as perfect a work of art of its kind as the Venus of Milo."

An Inconsistent Edict.
King Edward's peremptory command that any one caught selling his seat in Westminster abbey for the coronation will have it taken away from him is regarded generally as a rebuke to "rich and foolish Americans." It is a trifle difficult to figure out just how people come to this opinion, for it seems plain enough that the shoe is on the other foot and that the rebuke is leveled at greedy and unscrupulous Britons.

To the American mind the coronation is nothing more than a mere circus of more importance than Barnum & Selig's because of the greater celebrity of the performers. Since it takes a ticket to get in, he is willing to buy one, and the shame, if there is any, attaches to those nobles ignoble enough to sell their ancestral rights for spendable dollars.

The condition of affairs must have been pretty bad to compel the king to come out with a public proclamation, thereby betraying to the world at large the rotten state of the English nobility. —Kansas City Independent.

Remarkable Cure for Croup.

A LITTLE BOY'S LIFE SAVED.
I have a few words to say regarding Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It saved my little boy's life and I feel that I cannot praise it enough. I bought a bottle of it from A. E. Steere of Goodwin, S. D., and when I got home with it the poor baby could hardly breathe. I gave the medicine as directed every ten minutes until he "threw up," and then I thought sure he was going to choke to death. We had to pull the phlegm out of his mouth in great long strings. I am positive that if I had not got the bottle of cough medicine my boy would not be on earth today.—JOEL DEWATER, Lincoln, Iowa. For sale by City Drug Store.

The Joke on Ben.

Two men, Tom and Ben, worked side by side for thirty years in a grocery store, where there were a great many unreasonable people to satisfy. Both had grown old, and finally one night Tom became violently ill. A doctor was called, who, after his arrival, told Tom that he could not recover. Tom thought about it for a while and then said: "Won't it be a great joke on Ben! I won't have to go to work tomorrow, but Ben will have to turn out, as usual, and bear the same old unreasonable complaints." —Acheson Globe.

The Small Boy's Aspiration.

Grandma—Now, Willie, what are they going to do with you when you grow up? What is your ambition?
Little Willie (putting down his "Deadwood Dick")—I'd like to have people tremble like aspen leaves at the very mention of my name.—Boston Christian Register.



There have been times when the wild beasts have been more merciful than I than

human beings, and spared the woman cast to them in the arena. It is astonishing how little sympathy women have for women. In the home the mistress sees the maid with the signs of suffering she recognizes so well, but she does not lighten the sick girl's load by a touch of her finger. In the store the forewoman sees the pallor and exhaustion which mark womanly weakness, but allows nothing for them. It is work or quit.

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Ex-Speaker Reed on Sympathy.

Not one of the theater crowd knew Thomas Brackett Reed. The plays were over and the car crowded. The big man was seated, thinking, perhaps, of the days when he was known as the czar and the cartoonists gave much of their talent and time in caricaturing his ample curves and round face. Perhaps the ex-statesman wondered that there was not one friendly nod or respectful bow for him among those typical, well-dressed and happy New Yorkers. The conductor knew the man from Maine and intended to stop the car near 100 Central Park South, for Mr. Reed does not like to be carried beyond his destination.

But with the many duties of his crowded car the conductor missed the chance to be courteous. The car had passed the corner when the conductor noticed the big man reaching to ring to the motorman. He hurried to the ex-speaker and expressed his sorrow at not stopping at the right place. "Don't you sympathize with me, sir," said Mr. Reed, with the twinkle in his eye which used to mean danger to presumptuous congressmen. "You must not sympathize with any one. It is out of style, and the only place you can find sympathy now is in the dictionary." —New York Times.

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The Last Gladiatorial Combat.

Gladiatorial games were prohibited by an edict of the Emperor Constantine in A. D. 325, but from some cause, probably the loudly expressed disapprobation of the people, the edict was allowed to fall into disuse, and its penalties were never visited on its violators. During the reign of Honorius the defeat of the Goths in Italy was celebrated by games, but in the midst of the fights in the amphitheater of Vespasian a monk named Telemachus found his way into the arena and parted the combatants with a large professional cross.

The populace swarmed over the barricades and tore the monk to pieces, but the moral effect of the heroic act was permanent, and in A. D. 404 an imperial edict abolished gladiatorial sports in the Coliseum and shortly afterward throughout the Roman empire. The fight stopped by Telemachus was the last in the Coliseum, and that structure is now consecrated to the honor of Telemachus and the Christian martyrs who perished in the persecutions by Nero and other emperors.

Two Cruel Punishments.

The gantlope, or gantlet, was military and naval punishment for theft. A man had to run the gantlet of a long file of his fellow soldiers, each provided with a switch, and to prevent the sinner going too rapidly and to see that no man, impelled by motives of friendliness or kindness, failed to strike hard, a sergeant walked backward, facing the said sinner, with a halberd pointed at the latter's breast.

After a lengthy experiment this was found to be inconvenient and degrading, so recourse was had to another method, a variety of the same species of torture. The offender was tied to four halberds, three in a triangle and a fourth across. The regiment or company then filed off, the cat-o-nine-tails was placed in the hands of the first man, who gave the culprit a lash and passed on, handing the cat to the second, who also gave a lash, and so the game went merrily on until the offense had been expiated.—London Graphic.

Cats.

There are two curious things about cats that are not generally known. Yellow hairs, however few in number, always indicate the female. No male ever had the slightest tint of yellow. That is one curiosity, and the other is that a blue eyed cat is always deaf. To be sure, blue eyed cats are scarce, and it is possible that some deaf cats may not be blue eyed; but wherever you find a blue eyed cat that feline is absolutely incapable of hearing thunder.

Ancient Builders.

In Lahore there is or was a massive building made only of bricks and mortar, but the builders, who erected it in about 320 B. C., understood their business so well that the fabric defied the engineering efforts of four successive governments to remove it. India, too, can show plastered buildings white and shiny like marble and as smooth and polished as glass.

Beat Us on Time.

"Oh, come now, I'sy!" exclaimed the Britisher. "You must admit we're ahead of you in a grite many w'ys." "In one great particular I admit you are," said the Yankee. "And that is?" "Time. It's 8 o'clock in London, and it's only 3 here." —Philadelphia Record.

Juvenile Reasoning.

Mr. Wise—Johnny, can you tell me why the little hand on my watch goes faster than the big one?
Johnny (after mature reflection)—Papa, isn't it for the same reason that I have to run when I go walking with you?—Exchange.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Cooking School Notes.
Bread keeps moist longer if you allow one tablespoonful of shortening to each cupful of liquid.

When making bread in cold weather, first warm the bread pan, the flour and the kneading board.

When pan broiling chops, always stand them for a minute on their ends that the fat edge may be cooked crisp and brown instead of remaining pale and unsightly.

When cooking a small roast, first sear it all over on a hot spider. This will immediately drive in the meat juices, and less heat will be required in the oven.

If corned beef is very red, which means it is very salt, put it to cook in cold water. This draws out a portion of the salt.

In hot weather use no vegetables in soup stock. It will keep better. Add the vegetables in making the soup.

In making a gelatin dessert on a hot or a wet day add a little more gelatin than the recipe requires—half as much again if you wish to mold fruit into the jelly.

An ordinary sized box of pulverized gelatin holds five tablespoonfuls.

Bric-a-brac on Glass.

The other day I was visiting a girl acquaintance who generally contrives to have something new in the way of decorations for her tiny flat, and while making my usual tour of inspection I stopped to admire some very pretty glass hanging shelves that were stored with china and silver trifles, and when I asked where she obtained these novel shelves she was good enough to tell me, so I in my turn tell you, says Home Notes. The shelves were cut by a glazier from a large piece of old plate glass, and my friend had them graduated in sizes. Holes were then made at each corner of the glass shelves, round the edges of which a pretty ribbon was gummed. Ribbon was then run downward through the holes, knotted at each shelf to prevent slipping and tied in a large bow at the top. I need hardly tell you the glass shelves were when finished well polished with wash leather. The whole effect was very pretty and seemed to me a good way of using the odd bits of glass to be found usually in every house.

New System of Building.

The postal savings bank building in Amsterdam, Holland, is being constructed by the Monier system, a new method of construction. A steel framework, like a bridge in appearance, is enveloped in Portland cement, which prevents the steel from rusting, while the cement itself is rendered elastic. The steel acts entirely in tension and the concrete in pressure. This construction is said to be strong, fireproof and waterproof and to be growing in favor in Europe for government buildings and factories.—Youth's Companion.

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