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"Can you certain you can cook well?"
"I worked two years for the great tenor, Alberti. At the last he gave me was applauded after the course, and at the end of the course I was recalled three times."

Wise Child.
"Tommy," said his mother, "don't let your conscience tell you you are doing wrong?"
"Yes," replied Tommy, "but I believe everything I hear."—Philadelphia Press.

Brutal Criticism.
"You have been to the musicale, haven't you? You admire Miss Faddy's execution, don't you?"
"Madam, I am opposed in all its parts to capital punishment."—Baltimore American.

The Daily Drawback.
"First Girl—You know the older one is the greater, I think, is a woman's capacity to fall in love."
"Second Girl—But the fewer the men, the better."—Detroit Free Press.

Incompatible.
The fire insurance agent was running the office of a tax assessor.
"That's a thing as that would never do! It's contrary to public policy!" exclaimed the taxpayers.
And his defeat was overwhelming.

Couldn't Touch Him.
"I tell you, sir, you're a liar!"
"If I were a fighting man I'd knock you down for that."
"I'll bet you \$10 I can prove it."
"I'll bet you never bet."—Philadelphia Press.

A Good Excuse.
"Father—I'm ashamed to think you don't do better in school. Why can't you lead your class?"
"Well—say, ma, you told me you didn't want me ever to be conceited, and I notice when a boy leads the class he always gets conceited."—Philadelphia Press.

A loud laugh, an over-vivacious man, a lack of breeding. Copy the names of form, the quiet poise, which the great charm of English women, a vivacity somewhat under restraint, adds that which is winning and delicate in the manner of our own countrymen.

An Italian, charged in a London court with drunkenness, the magistrate said: "Italians don't often get drunk, but they do it in English ways."

Prisoners in camp receive money for their meals, but in many cases they keep this for other purposes, and with the common soldiers.

Senator Whitelaw Reid has given for the endowment of a bed for American sailors in the Union Jack Club.

OLD SORES FED AND KEPT OPEN BY IMPURITIES IN THE BLOOD

Whenever a sore refuses to heal it is because the blood is not pure and healthy, as it should be, but is infected with poisonous germs or some old taint which has corrupted and polluted the circulation. Those most commonly afflicted with old sores are persons who have reached or passed middle life. The vitality of the blood and strength of the system have naturally begun to decline, and the poisonous germs which have accumulated because of a sluggish and inactive condition of the system, or some hereditary taint which has hitherto been held in check, now force an outlet on the face, arms, or any other part of the body. The place grows red and angry, festers and oozes, and is more trying and disagreeable than a stubborn, non-healing sore. The fact that it resists ordinary remedies and treatments is good reason for suspicion; the same germ-producing cancerous ulcers is back of every sore, and especially is this true if the trouble is an inherited one, cancerous, salivary, nor indeed anything else, applied directly to the sore, can do any permanent good; neither will removing the sore with caustic plasters or the surgeon's knife make a lasting cure. If every particle of the diseased flesh were taken away another sore would come, because the trouble is in the blood, and the blood cannot be cut away. The cure must come by a thorough cleansing of the blood. In S. S. S. will be found a remedy for sores and ulcers of every kind. It is an unequalled blood purifier—one that goes directly into the circulation and promptly cleanses it of all poisons and taints. It gets down to the very bottom of the trouble and forces out every trace of impurity and makes a complete and lasting cure. S. S. S. changes the quality of the blood so that instead of feeding the diseased parts with impurities, it nourishes the irritated, inflamed flesh with healthy blood. As the place begins to heal, new flesh is formed, all pain and inflammation are permanently cured. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores. We make no charge for the book or advice.

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Capital Punishment.

Capital punishment is still practised in many countries, though of late years, especially in the United States, it has been made as humane as possible. That creation of the French Revolution, the guillotine, is still used by some countries, and the old executioner's ax deals out justice in Brunswick.

The most humane method of execution, the electric chair, is used only in the United States. Spain employs the garrote, or iron collar, which is tightened until the victim strangles to death; and in Prussia the heads of prisoners are struck off with the sword. The guillotine is used in Bavaria and Belgium; and Russia destroys her criminals by shooting, hanging, and with the executioner's sword. The gallows is the official means of administering death in Great Britain; Austria has adopted the same means; but Chinese criminals are killed by the sword.

Safest.

The sentimental and lovesick youth stood gazing at the round, romantic moon.

"Yes," he confided, "the idol of my heart resides on yon hill. To-night I shall serenade the cynosure of my affections as gallants were wont to do when knighthood was in flower. Now, what instrument do you think would be the most appropriate?"

"Well," replied his practical chum, "if I were you I should serenade her with a phonograph."

"What? A phonograph? Why, a phonograph is nothing like as romantic as a guitar."

"Yes, old chap, but you can start a phonograph and then run to the tall timbers before the shooting begins."

Too Much Exercise.

Hop Li had bought a cheap but "warranted" clock. At the end of a week he returned to the shop from which he had procured his time-piece, with no expression on his face, but with evident bewilderment of mind.

"She go, click, click! click, click! all light, tree day," he announced to the young woman who waited on him. "I wind all light, same you say. Next day she go click, click—click! click! click!—click!"

"I shake her up—so!—down—so!—lound—so! no good. She stop click—stop click—only go when I shake."

"I say give me one less shake, more click, click!"

Got Service.

The boarder who was a month behind with the landlady was surprised at the size of the heap of mashed potatoes on the plate the girl had brought him.

He was even more surprised when he found a folded paper in the center of the heap.

But he didn't open it. He knew what it was.

Carefully wiping it with his napkin, he put it in his vest pocket and went ahead calmly with his dinner.

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World's Coal Consumption.

The total consumption of coal in the world is considerably over fifty thousand tons an hour. Of this great quantity about twelve thousand five hundred tons is required to heat the boilers of stationary, marine and railroad engines. The production of pig iron consumes over five thousand tons an hour. The average hourly consumption of coal in households is considered to be about ten thousand tons.

Where "Push" is No Virtue.

A well-known motor-engineering firm in the Midlands at one time held the agency of a certain American car, but owing to stress of business did not sell many. A telegram came one day, "Hope you are pushing our cars." Promptly came the answer back: "Yes, we are, up every hill." The agency has been removed.—Judy.

Uncle Allen.

"Give some men rope enough," moralized Uncle Allen Sparks, "and they'll hang a jury."

NEWS OF RECENT BOOKS

Dion Clayton Calthrop's "English Costume," a description and history of costume in various periods in England since the Norman conquest, has been published by the Macmillan Company. Its value is greatly increased by the addition of over 100 colored illustrations.

A new use for the automobile is described in Country Life in America by C. H. Claudy. The author and some friends took a car straight across the country, up hill and down dale, through woods and across streams, on a wager. The account will prove of interest to any automobile enthusiast.

"Dante and His Italy," by Rev. Canon Lonsdale Ragg, has been published by G. P. Putnam's Sons. The book is not merely a biography of the "divino poet." It is rather an attempt to depict afresh the life of Dante's time and to look at the medieval world, and especially the Italian world of the Trecento, through Dante's eyes. Accordingly, Dante's own writings and those of his contemporaries have been made the basis of the work.

An interesting passage in "The Life and Letters of Edwin Lawrence Godkin" is the extract from a letter of Mr. Godkin's, in which he describes his first meeting with Gladstone: "In the evening I went to Bryce's to dinner. I expected to see the G. O. M., but I had not seen Bryce for a fortnight and did not know whether he had succeeded in getting him. I found, on going in, Sir Alfred Lyall, whom I knew; Sir George Trevelyan, whom I did not know, but was glad to meet; Wemyss Reid, the biographer of Foster, whom I had been trying to meet ever since I came, and Lord Aberdeen, Mahon's friend. But the G. O. M. was not there, and I was afraid to ask whether he was coming. Suddenly 'Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone' were announced, and there sure enough he was, and my eyes fastened on him as they have never fastened on any man since I was 20. The first words he said to Bryce on shaking hands were, 'Is Mr. Godkin here?' and then he began to apologize to me for not having sooner taken any notice of my card, pleading pressure and loss of voice since he came back from his stumping tour in the West. I sat by him at dinner and had a most delightful talk with him. He is younger in appearance than I expected, as young as I am in play of mind, with a charming little vein of humor and endless interest in all sorts of things. He left immediately after dinner to go to the house."

OUR GROWING COUNTRY.

Though the Population Expands There is Still Room for More.

The cities of the United States are the most expansive in the world, and naturally take much interest in reckoning up their population from time to time. Every tenth year they find that city directory estimates are apt to be too liberal, but actual counts seldom fail to show a large and substantial increase. At this time there is a general protest against the calculations of the government census bureau, and they are in truth far too mechanical. Averaging the growth of American cities between 1880 and 1900, and adding the annual increase to the years since the last census was taken, is not an accurate rule, though it restrains an undue optimism. The last seven years has been a period of great business prosperity. Over a million immigrants a year are coming in. Urban population is gaining on other forms. Some cities have been quickened in growth and others are slowing up. The census bureau merely applies the measurements of the last decade, which, in general, will fall short. But the next national census is not far distant and the official figures will show the bureau that its plan of computation is crude.

According to the department's reckoning the population of the United States in 1906, without Alaska and the insular possessions, was 83,941,510, and including these 93,182,240. This is an addition of 8,000,000 to the continental population of the country in the six years ending with 1906. Cities have gained 15.9 per cent and the rural section 8.8 per cent. The four greatest cities are New York, credited with 4,113,043, Chicago with 2,049,185, Philadelphia with 1,441,735, and St. Louis with 649,320, leading Boston, next in rank, by 47,042. An increase of a million and a third a year is the estimate for the whole country. A bluebook recently published in London places the annual increase of population in the world at 3,900,000, a fourth of which is in the United States. At the present rate of immigration more than 10,000,000 aliens will come to this country in the next ten years, but the tide will recede if the unexampled business activity of the present time should fall off.

Extravagant Economy.

Paul Morton, in a recent address on insurance, said of a certain proposed economy: "That would not be an economy, but an extravagance, in the long run. It reminds me of the boy and the jam." "My son," said this boy's mother, "isn't it rather an extravagance to eat butter with that superb jam?" "No, ma'am, it's an economy," the boy answered. "The same piece of bread does for both."

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Never Had One.

Cittman—Well, well, looking for another cook, eh?
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Cittman—What? You just said you were.
Subbubs—I did not. I said I was looking for a cook. The others we've had were not.—Philadelphia Press.

Heartbreaking Alternative.

"Ardruk, it was a shame to sell that little pony of yours. It had been in the family ever since it was a colt."
"I know it, Throggins. It almost broke my heart to part with Gyp, but my affairs had become so desperate that I either had to sell him or eat him—and I can't stand for horse meat unless I think it's beef."

Happening of the Unexpected.

"Do you ever issue accident policies to baseball umpires?" anxiously inquired the caller.
"To be sure we do," answered the man inside the railing, his face expanding with a large and genial smile. "Just make out your—"
"That's all I wanted to know," interrupted the other. "A company that good do that can't get my application. Good day!"

Why He Liked Fish.

Bacon—Did I understand you to say that you like fish better than chicken?
Egbert—Yes; you see, a fish will lay a great many more eggs than a hen, and won't cackle about it.—Yonkers Statesman.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Convincing.
"Harold, papa says you mustn't come to see me any more."
"Why not, Dora?"
"He says you don't seem to have any ambition."
"Great Scott! I'll show him! Will you marry me, Dora?"
"Yes, Harold."—Chicago Tribune.

Athletic Disaster.

Frosh 1—Why did Cornell lose the debate?
Frosh 2—The fastest debater broke training by eating pie, and it hurt his wind so he couldn't talk as much or as loud as the rest.—Cornell Widow.

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Something to Be Explained.

Gayboy—No, dear, you are mistaken about my having had too much to drink last night.
Mrs. Gayboy—Then, for mercy sake, why did you take off your shoes to go upstairs after I had gone down and let you in myself?—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Fire Burning One Hundred Years.

The Chequers Inn, Osmotherley, is a relic of the old coaching days, but it is now famed for its fire, which has never been out for more than 100 years and over which griddle cakes are baked.

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Generous.

"Sir, I am here to ask you to contribute something toward stilling the cries of fatherless and motherless children. I—"
"Why, sure, I'll contribute. I'm glad you came to me. Here's—"
"Thank you, sir."
"Here's an order on my druggist for a bottle of soothing sirup."—Houston Post.

Room for the Friend.

"You'll have to excuse the disorder here," said the flat dweller, "all these bundles are our summer clothes that we had to take out of the hall closet—"
"Surely, you don't need summer clothes this weather," said his friend.
"No, but we had to put up a cot in the closet for a friend who spent last night with us."—Philadelphia Press.

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