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For the Children

MOTHER GOOSE UP TO DATE.

Tom the pig's son stole a pig from Farmer Jenkins and away he ran to make good his escape. But piggie objected to being stolen. The moment he understood his true position, he



started to squeal at the top of his voice. This aroused the farmer from his noonday siesta (got Uncle John to explain this word), who at once started in hot pursuit for his lost property.

Poor Tom! Already his conscience troubled him—but not half so much



as the pig's squealing. Do what he might, he couldn't stop it, and all the time his pursuer was just following the squeal and getting nearer and nearer. Tom tried to hide the animal under his blouse, but piggie simply



wouldn't let up even for a second. In desperation, Tom opened his mouth very, very wide, took out mouthful and piggie's squeals were no more. But with a pig in the inside of his stomach, Tom couldn't run—nor could you, dear reader. The farmer over-



look him, grabbed him by the collar, gave him a sound trouncing, and sent him flying down the street as fast as ever his legs could take him. Tom never stole another pig, you may be quite sure of that.

Flower in a Soap Bubble.

A pretty experiment is that of placing a flower inside a soap bubble. To accomplish this feat, which is often mystifying and always amusing, put water in which a good deal of soap has been dissolved into the bottom of a tray, or shallow pan, to the depth of about an eighth of an inch. In the center of the tray place the rose, or water lily, or whatever flower is chosen for the experiment. Over it then clap a tin funnel. Now slowly lift the funnel, at the same time blowing gently through its small end. When you have blown a large enough film, you can disengage the bubble by turning the funnel at right angles. A great variety of objects, from china dolls to Easter eggs, may be in this way filmed over with a gay sphere of tridescence.

A Common Error.

An error that is frequently made and for which there should be no excuse save that of ignorance, is often said to be the result of hurried composition; but you will admit that that is less than no excuse at all. It is the use of the objective case instead of the possessive, before a gerund or verbal noun, ending in ing. As an illustration, take this phrase that was inadvertently published in a newspaper: "To prevent them making a rush." Of course this error may be corrected in one of two ways: "To prevent their making a rush." or "to prevent them from making a rush." If you will think only a moment, the reason will be obvious.

MONARCHS ALWAYS IN PERIL.

Efforts to Appear Calm Often Upset by Apparent Danger.

One of the principal rules in the life of a king is that his face must never betray his emotions; he must

never show surprise or disappointment or anger. Above all, he must never show fear. But sometimes, says an English writer, it happens that the iron self-control of a ruler will break down.

One can readily understand the effect that the terrible events of her wedding day must have had on the nerves of the young queen of Spain and though at the time her calm courage was the amazement of all, it is quite certain that the fright has had a lasting effect.

After a recent visit to England she was about to embark on her journey back to Spain and had taken leave of the friends and relatives who had come to see her off. Suddenly she turned back and hurried toward her mother, flinging her arms round her and embracing her passionately again and again.

"I fear I shall never see you again," she said, with tears in her eyes.

The only time the German emperor has been seen to look frightened was when he had just arrived in England on his way to the deathbed of Queen Victoria.

He landed at Cowes, where he was received by the Prince of Wales (the present king) and they had both taken their seats in a closed carriage preparatory to driving to Osborne. As the carriage began to move off through the respectful crowd something darkened the window and there was a sharp click. The emperor turned deadly pale and shrank back into his corner. But the click was nothing more serious than the sound of a snapshot camera that an overzealous photographer had thrust almost into the open window of the carriage. His majesty dearly loves to be photographed, but on this occasion he was furious at having been betrayed into showing "funk."

A curious episode showing the state of the present Czar's nerves occurred when he and the Czarina paid a visit to Queen Victoria at Balmoral in 1896. It had been arranged that when the imperial train arrived at Ballater station some rockets would be sent up to announce to the queen their safe arrival and also as a sort of welcome to the Czar himself. Unfortunately, no one had prepared the Czar and, as he took his seat in the carriage he was startled by the sudden roar and crash as the fireworks raced aloft and burst forth with a flash.

The Czar sank back in his carriage half insensible with fear and quivering like a leaf, and it was some minutes before he recovered sufficiently to bow to the crowds that lined the route through the village.

A dramatic little episode once occurred on the magnificent staircase of the royal palace in Madrid.

On the night of October 7, 1841, a crowd of mutinous officers swarmed up with the intention of kidnapping the child queen Isabella. Shots rang out and there was a murderous hand-to-hand combat on the staircase.

Poor little Isabella, all her real dignity forgotten, wrung her hands in an agony of fear, screaming, "Oh, don't let them kill me!"

As day broke over the city the mutineers fled and most of them were afterwards shot.

SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

Cob Meal Industry Not Especially Well Known to the Public.

"Have you ever bought any cob meal?" inquires a writer in Popular Mechanics, and adds: "If so, you did it unintentionally. Cob meal is made by grinding corn cobs, and the industry is one shrouded in great mystery. Not that there is any secret of particular value in the process of grinding, but the ultimate purpose of the corn cob meal is not such as to make publicity desirable. Thousands of dollars have been spent in perfecting the grinding machinery, and the process is now reduced to a practical science.

"It is apparently reassuring to learn that 'it is necessary, of course, to have the cobs clean of husks, stones and pieces of chain, brick, etc.'; but investigation develops the fact that this precaution is taken not on account of the meal, but to safeguard the grinding machinery. Even so ignoble a thing as a corn cob grinder rebels at being fed on pieces of stone, chaff and brick, and the machines are rather expensive.

"Where the cob meal goes finds a ready explanation in the fact that it can be made at a cost of \$6 to \$7 per ton, while ground feed brings \$25 to \$28 per ton.

"To such an extent has this class of deception developed that several States have already imposed severe penalties on the use of cob meal as adulteration. Inasmuch as the nutrition in cob meal is on a par with pine sawdust, it would seem a proper subject for national pure food legislation. The leading milling journals insist that the millers of wheat flour seldom are offenders, and that cob grinding is chiefly done by manufacturers of mixed and compound feeds, especially those composed largely of molasses.

"It's a mighty mean and contemptible man whose automobile is purchased with the stealings from the rations of a faithful, helpless animal."

Color Blind.

Servant—A pound of tea for the missus.
Grocer—Green or black?
Servant—Shure, ayther will do. She's as blind as a bat!—Judge.

It was David who said, "All men are liars." And he might have added that married men have opportunities thrust upon them.

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"Good morning, sir," said the tall man in the suit of faded black, opening his valise. "My name is Glasspy. I am the inventor of a little device for—"

"I am glad to meet you, Mr. Glasspy," interrupted the man in the doorway. "My name is Washabaugh. I have the sole right in this county to take subscriptions for a new and copiously illustrated edition of the works of—"

"Good day, sir."
"Good day."—Chicago Tribune.

Discordant Note.

"Mr. Meekun, don't you think a woman should receive a man's pay when she does a man's work?"

"Why—er—look at the other side of the question a moment, will you? Think how many men are doing women's work and not getting a cent for it!"

One Distinction.

Stranger (at Crown Point)—What's the difference between this sort of thing, in principle, and a horse race?
Automobile Enthusiast—Great Scott, look at the possibilities, man! You can get a million more thrills out of it.—Chicago Tribune.

Dressed as Scholars.

At the wedding lately of the head master of Eastbourne College, England, the three pages in the bridal procession were garbed as scholars in black satin knee breeches, buckled shoes, scarlet silk gowns, with white shirt fronts. Each carried a mortarboard hat and a scarlet-bound prayer book.

Early Showed Greatness.

Andrew Jackson was a marvel of precocity. He carried a flintlock musket, as a soldier of the revolutionary army, at the age of 14. At 23 he was appointed by Washington district attorney of Tennessee. He was a United States Senator at 30. He did not reach the presidency until he was 62.—Sunday Magazine.

Due to Score Next Time.

"You refuse me, do you, proud girl?" he howled. "Well, you're not doing anything original! This is the third time I've been turned down!"

"So I'm the third sacker, am I?" merrily responded the girl, thrusting her tongue in her cheek in a well meant but only partially successful effort to look like Mr. Steinfield.

History Rewritten.

With much reluctance King George III. had decided to let his American colonies go.

"Mark my words, though," he said, "they'll be governed some day by a monarch ten times as absolute and despotic as I am!"

If any doubt exists that his Britannic majesty had the spirit of prophecy upon him, look at Mr. Aldrich.—Chicago Tribune.

A Studied Explanation.

"Will you be able to explain your attitude on the tariff?"

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "I'll have my explanation ready when the time comes. But I'll wait till my constituents are interested in other things and will carefully make it a little hard to understand."—Washington Star.

Getting Back.

"Captain, what time does the boat start?"

"It starts, madam, when I give the word."

"Then I've always had the wrong idea. I thought it started when the engineer pulled a lever, or did something. Thank you ever so much."—Chicago Tribune.

The Old Adam.

"I wonder why three-fourths of the stenographers in business offices are women?" "I guess it is because men like to feel that there is at least one class of women whom they can dictate

Food Scarce.

"This circular describing the Mounting says you can sit at the dinner table and see the beautiful mountain peaks," said the man who contemplated going.

"That is true," replied the one who had been; "and that's just about all you can see."—Yonkers Statesman.

Reminiscent.

"How long will eggs keep, anyhow?" said the casual customer at the lunch counter.

"I have met some in my career," answered the dark, gloomy man with the deep, tragic voice who sat next to him. "that I am willing to swear had been kept for not less than two years, by Jupiter!"—Chicago Tribune.

Boyhood of Great Men.—No. XXI.

"Papa," said little Eddie, "I gotta have another pair of shoes. These is all wore out."

"That makes seven pairs this year!" groaned the unhappy parent.

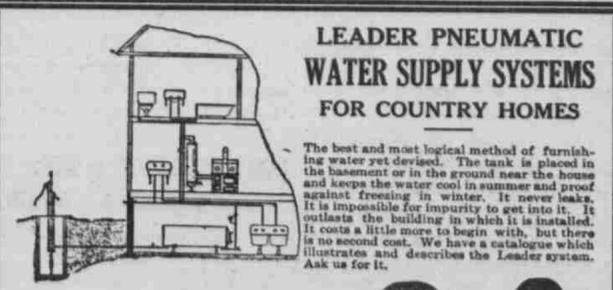
This incident took place more than sixty years ago. That boy has become an old man. His name is Edward Payson Weston, and he wears out shoes faster than ever.—Chicago Tribune.

One Thing Beyond Any Power.

Tip knows other places where traveling is of the agony brand. After waiting for nearly four hours in Shannonville, Canada, between Toronto and Montreal, for a "mixed"—17 freight cars and one coach—I asked an impatient clergyman if he had been able to learn when the train would arrive. He eyed me up and down with pity. "Sir," he said, "that is the only thing that the Almighty does not know."—New York Press.

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An Old Truth.

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Musical.

Yeast—It is said that the cats of Berlin are all registered and wear a tag.

Crimsonback—Well, the cats around my house seem to be registered, too, and some of 'em are pretty strong in the upper register.—Yonkers Statesman.

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