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The Sheep vs. Dog Question. Tune, "Old Father Grim." Let dogs delight to bark and bite. Or chase the buck and ewe. Let dogs eat sheep while farmers sleep. "For God has made them so."

The Choir Invisible. By GEORGE ELIOT. Oh may I join the choir invisible Of those immortal dead who live again. In minds made better by their presence; live In pulses stirred to generosity, In deeds of daring tenderness, in scorn Of miserable aims that end with self.

Baby's Grandmammy. "No, sir," said Dr. Stone, emphatically, "no widows. I've an unconquerable aversion to them, and have followed old Weller's advice to Samvel since my earliest boyhood, and most carefully beware of 'em. If ever I marry, the bride must be a young girl, no more, in fact, that I can be almost sure no one can be quite sure of anything where a woman is concerned—that I am her first and only—Don't screw up your face that outrageous manner, Payne; you look as though you were going to have a fit. Laugh and have with it, and then, let's stop talking nonsense, for I haven't the slightest idea of marrying, or falling in love, or any thing of the sort."

"Well, my girl," as she entered the office, "what's the matter?" "Oh, doctor," she gasped, "baby's took very sick, we're awful scared, and his mother's away, and won't be home till night."

"Well, run ahead; I'll be there in a moment"—struggling into his overcoat. "And, Payne, take care of the office. I won't be long. There's a new book on surgery to amuse yourself with until I come back. Capital article where the leaf is turned down—a man blown almost into pieces—but find it for yourself."

"Thank you," said Payne; "but if it's all the same to you, old fellow, I prefer something not quite so amusing."

Life in the Grand Royal Palace of Siam. After all that has been written about Siam, and the Siamese, there remains a great deal of valuable information still to be acquired. The city of Bangkok is so peculiar in itself that it would take months to do anything like justice to its strange architecture, civilization, manners, customs and form of government.

The person of the King is sacred. He is not merely enthroned; he is enshrined as if he were a god. The highest, not less than the lowest of his subjects, approach him on all fours, crawling in a most abject posture. No person is allowed to stand erect in his presence, or to pass in the rooms of an upper story over his head.

Heat and Cold in Their Relations to Sleeplessness. Cold is often a cause of insomnia. If insufficiently clad, so that the cutaneous vessels are not relaxed, sleep is rarely sound, when attained at all. It is only when stupefaction from the cold comes on that the dangerous coma-sleep comes on, which is often fatal.

Closed Blinds. It is a large, comfortable looking farmhouse, situated on the summit of a grassy knoll, a few rods back from the public road. On one side it flourishes a large, well-kept orchard; on the other a green meadow stretches away to the edge of the cool, dark woods.

The Gorilla. The Philadelphia Times described in the following manner a gorilla on exhibition at the Centennial show. Those who have read Dr. Challin's African Travels will be interested in seeing the stuffed hide of the terrible gorilla that was killed by the plucky little Frenchman in an encounter which he graphically describes.

Desertions from the Army.—The Adjutant General of the Army has stated, in a communication to the Secretary of War, that during the last five fiscal years ending June 30, 1875, there were over 30,000 desertions from the army. During the fiscal year 1875, there were over 2,000 cases of desertion, or 10 per cent. of the entire force.

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