

FRIVOLITY IN ENGLAND.

A Claim That It is What Really Keeps the Nation Sane. Which is worse—to be too serious or too frivolous? I have no doubt about the matter myself, so far as individuals are concerned, though all extremists are bores.

THE HOODED COBRA.

It is Venerated in India as the One Sacred Serpent. Of all the snakes of India the naga, nag or hooded serpent, commonly known as the cobra, alone is sacred.

SOCIAL SPONGING.

The Extent to Which It is Carried in London. There is probably no city in the world where there is so much social sponging done as in London.

Where the Ways Parted.

Passenger (at station where the train has made a twenty minute stop for refreshments)—This is the little town where Glugsby, the famous author, used to live, isn't it?

Villager—Yes, sir, but we hadn't got much use for Glugsby. Passenger—Why not? Villager—Well, sir, the first time he came back here, after he'd got to be a big man, he went around givin' us the high handshake.—Chicago Tribune.

His Impudent Office Boy.

"George," said his wife, "I want you to discharge that office boy of yours. Six times when I tried to call you up by phone today he told me you were out and then snapped me off before I could ask where you had gone or when you would be back."

Yet he went next day and gave the office boy a raise of \$3 a week. Such are the ways of men.—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Simple Man.

It takes a neighbor to disentangle a man from a handsome setting. A good many years ago, when Wordsworth was poet laureate of England, a worthy Cumberland yeoman walked many miles, in response to widely scattered notices, to hear the poet laureate address a meeting.

The shillalah, accounted Ireland's national weapon of defense, was originally a common blackthorn stick, but in modern times it has been replaced by the more wiry ash sapling. The real shillalah is a young shoot of the sloe shrub or blackthorn pulled by the root from the crevice of some rock.

Words Passed.

Judge—You say that words passed between the accused and his wife. Did you hear what they were? Witness—No; I didn't hear them, but I saw them. Judge—Saw them? Witness—Yes. They were in the dictionary that he threw at her.

Experiment.

"I have been married twice, once for love and once for money." "Are you satisfied?" "Not quite. I should like to try marrying for a little of both, if I may."—Pack.

In the Restaurant.

"He seems to be an experienced waiter." "Oh, yes. Note the calm indifference with which he treats people who are in a hurry."

Parallel Stories.

When Napoleon was a student at Brienne he happened to be asked by one of the examiners the following question: "Supposing you were in an invested town, threatened with starvation, how would you supply yourself with provisions?"

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