



Magistrate (to prisoner who is before him for begging)—What makes you beg?

Prisoner (whining)—Because I can't get any work, your honor.

Magistrate—Would you do work if you could get any?

Prisoner—Gladly, your honor.

Magistrate—What work?

Prisoner—Anything, your honor.

Magistrate (rather stinging, with an eye to business)—I have a heap of weeds I want taken out of my ground—would you do that?

Prisoner—Yes, your honor; only too glad of the job.

Magistrate—You are discharged.

Prisoner—Did you say I was discharged, your honor?

Magistrate—Yes, you are discharged.

Prisoner—Then weed your garden yourself.—London Answers.

Lawyer—You say the prisoner stole your watch. What distinguishing feature was there about the watch?

Witness—It had my sweetheart's picture in it.

Lawyer—Ah, I see! A woman in the case.

A funny story is related of a jurymen who outwitted a judge, and that without telling an untruth. He came breathlessly into the court:

"Oh, my lord, if you can excuse me, pray do. I don't know which will die first—my wife or my daughter."

"Dear me, that's sad," said the innocent judge. "Certainly; you are excused."

The next day the jurymen was met by a friend, who, in sympathetic voice, asked:

"How's your wife?"

"She's all right, thank you."

"And your daughter?"

"She's all right, too. Why do you ask?"

"Why, yesterday you said that you did not know which would die first."

"Nor do I. That is a problem that time alone can solve."—London Tid-Bits.

Michael Joseph Barry, the poet, was appointed a police magistrate in Dublin. An Irish-American was brought before him charged with suspicious conduct, and the constable swore, among other things, that he was wearing a "republican" hat.

"Does your honor know what that means?" inquired the prisoner's lawyer of the court.

"I presume," said Barry, "that it means a hat without a crown."—The Green Bag.

Identified by a Blind Man.

A blind man picked out his dead wife in the New York morgue a few days ago by his delicate sense of touch, says an exchange. Two women, both of the same name, and both of whom died in Bellevue, were taken to the dead house at about the same time. When the morgue keeper caught the blind man's right hand and guided it to an upturned face, he said, "No, no; that's not my Mary!" The drawer was closed and the next one was pulled out. The sightless man laid down his stick this time and used both hands. His face was transfigured as the tips of his fingers rested on the sharp-set, cold features. "Mary," he whispered, "I have found you, dear! How thin your face has grown! How cold you are, Mary—how cold!" The blind man had made no mistake. The dead woman had been his wife.

Meaning of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin is commonly thought to come from the Indian name of that river. Wees kon san. It means the gathering of the waters, referring to the fact that at the source of that river many branches pour their waters together, but after that there are no important branches in its entire length. The early French softened it to Ouisconsin. An attempt was made to put back the k in place of the c, but the Legislature refused to make the change. A. Gaudin says that Wisconsin comes from a word that means "musk-rat house." But he says he has not found two Indians to agree on the meaning of the word.—Sheboygan Falls News.

Future Blacksmith Shop.

A blacksmith's shop without a forge may really come to be a popular institution in the near future. The idea originated in Belgium. The metal to be heated is plunged into a metal tub of water, and, apparently with little reason, becomes instantly white hot. As a matter of fact, the metal tub is connected by wire to one pole of a dynamo. The water is acidulated, and when the metal is plunged into the water an arc seems to be established all around the submerged portion, which may then be removed and hammered on an anvil, the same as any ordinarily heated metal.—Los Angeles Times.

The man who never made a failure is unable to appreciate success.

New Train Service on the O. R. & N.

The double train service just established between Portland and Chicago, in which the O. R. & N., the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line are interested, shortens the through time 11 hours. Train No. 2, leaving Portland at 9:15 A. M., daily, is known as the Chicago-Portland special. Its equipment is new, making it fully the equal of any train now in service from the Pacific coast to the East. It consists of a mail car, baggage car, a library-composite car, a first-class Pullman sleeper, a dining car, two chair cars and a tourist sleeper. There is but one change of cars to all Eastern points. The full time is three days through to Chicago, or four days and two hours to New York.

The second train, known as No. 6, leaves Portland daily at 6:20 P. M., connecting at East Portland with the Southern Pacific's overland train from San Francisco, and carries through equipment to Chicago via the Union Pacific and the Chicago & Northwestern, and also the equipment for the Washington division of the O. R. & N., in connection with the Great Northern for St. Paul. This train reaches Spokane at 10 A. M. A dining car serves breakfast into Spokane, and dinner is served on corresponding train leaving Spokane at 3:45 P. M. The new schedule as arranged, supplies the most complete service ever furnished on the O. R. & N., also provides increased service in Eastern Oregon, where it is greatly needed, and gives immediate connection with the Washington division at Pendleton. At this point there is a large interchange of traffic, on account of the various mining districts of Baker county, the Coeur d'Alene, the Republic and Kootenai mining camps. Portland is greatly benefitted by this change, in as much as increased service is given from Eastern Oregon and Idaho.

No. 2 arrives in Chicago at 9:30 A. M.; No. 6 at 7:45 A. M., as at present. The Westbound train out of Chicago, corresponding with No. 2, is No. 1. This arrives in Portland at 4 P. M. The train corresponding with the Eastbound No. 6, is No. 3, out of Chicago. This reaches Portland at 7:30 A. M. Westbound train No. 1 leaves Chicago at 6:30 P. M., and Omaha at 8:20 A. M. the following day. The time is reduced two hours and 45 minutes. No. 3, Westbound train, leaves Chicago at 10:30 P. M., and Omaha at 4:25 P. M. the next day.

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Strength in Stillness.

Those who make the most noise in the world are not those who have the most power in the world. Quiet influences are the potent forces in God's esteem, and even in man's sight. As Aubrey Moore says: "Great men think, while ordinary men talk. Great saints pray, ordinary men preach. High-sounding words and showy acts may impose upon the few, but it is silent effort which moves the world." This truth is not held popularly; yet Elijah learned when he was divinely shown that God was not to be recognized in the whirlwind, the earthquake, or the fire, as he could be in "the still small voice." Even this world's wisdom testifies to the truth in the adage: "Deep waters run still." It is God's voice which says: "Be still, and know that I am God."—S. S. Times

Piety in the Home.

Parents must show piety at home; that is, they must give good example and reverent deportment in the face of their children. * * * All significations of love and tenderness, care and watchfulness must be expressed toward children that they may look upon their parents as their friends and patrons, their defense and sanctuary, their treasure and their guide.—Jeremy Taylor.

A British soldier in South Africa wrote to a friend in Ireland: "We made a grand capture yesterday. A case supposed to contain a piano was opened and found to contain a lovely machine gun. It was addressed to a lady in the Orange Free State. Of course, we are going to play it ourselves."

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A Well-Kept Life.

It requires a well-kept life to do the will of God, and even a better kept life to will to do His will. To be willing is a rarer grace than to be doing the will of God. For he who is willing may sometimes have nothing to do and must be willing to wait; and it is easier far to be doing God's will than to be willing to have nothing to do—it is easier far to be working for Christ than it is to be willing to cease. No, there is nothing rarer in the world to-day than the truly willing soul, and there is nothing more worth coveting than the will to will God's will. There is no grander possession for any Christian life than the transparently simple mechanism of a sincerely obeying heart.—Henry Drummond.

Information While You Wait.

Mr. Spellem, of Highlandtown, writes: "Dere Sur: Please tell me wat is the hoolest food for children?"

You will find doughnuts about the "holesomest" articles of diet.—Baltimore American.

Steel Platforms for Passenger Cars.

Instructions have been issued by the mechanical department of the Rock Island, that all passenger coaches of the road must be equipped with steel platforms. Already many have been equipped, and as fast as the coaches can be spared from the daily service, they are run into the shops and the old platforms taken off and a new steel one put in its place.

A deacon in a Baptist church in Trenton is a stickler for decorum. He saw a young lady whisper to another during prayer at a church service, and he loudly rebuked her. In indignation she was passing out of the edifice, when he said the church was no place for her. Aroused by this taunt, she proceeded to return to her pew, but he clutched her back hair and thus drew her out of the church.

Reform at St. Louis.

The saloon keepers of St. Louis, Mo., have been notified that they shall not maintain in connection with their saloons wine rooms or private stalls or rooms not at all times open to public gaze. They were also notified to discontinue and prohibit music and to prevent dissolute women and criminals from frequenting their saloons, under penalty of forfeiture of their licenses and having their places closed as disorderly houses.—Union Signal.

Few College Students Die.

The death rate in colleges is extremely low. The strict attention to the physique is given as the cause. People outside of colleges, as well as may have health and strength. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is recommended most highly for preventing as well as curing bodily weakness. It is for the blood, the nerves and all stomach disorders, and its cures of constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, sluggish liver or weak kidneys, are most remarkable.

Six mourners who officiated as pall bearers at a funeral in Mishowaka, Ind., have sent in bills of indebtedness against the man's estate for carrying him to the grave.

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The increase in transcontinental travel by way of Salt Lake City in consequence of the scenic and other attractions of the route, has recently justified the Rio Grande Western Railway—in connection with the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland Railroads—says the Salt Lake Tribune, in establishing a triple daily fast passenger service between Ogden and Denver. All of these trains are equipped with the latest appliances, improvements and cars. This road now operates through sleepers between Chicago, Ogden and San Francisco, also a perfect dining car service. Send 2c postage for literature, rates or other information to J. D. Mansfield, 253 Washington street, Portland; or Geo. W. Heintz, general passenger agent, Salt Lake City.

Two lions escaped from a menagerie in Valencia, Spain, and injured several people before they were captured. One of them leaped through the plate glass window of a jewelry store, and scattered watches and diamonds with recklessness.

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

Uncomfortable beds are the rule in Manila. There are no springs, mattresses or slats. A square of woven rattan, like that of a cane seat chair, is stretched over a wooden frame. On the rattan a sheet is spread, and this is the bed.

Piso's cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 322 Third Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

Small retailers in Germany have organized for an attack on the department stores. A bill has been introduced in the reichstag to tax the sales of the big stores on an increasing ratio until they reach 20 per cent of the profits.

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