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THE For Tat. In the peace congress at The Hague...

"My lord, it isn't right for you to use that murderous sight in this congress."

"Lord Pauncefoot smiled, and said nothing."

"The following day his critic, wanting to write something, turned to the English diplomat to borrow a pen."

"Not Quite Complimentary. A very ordinary looking nurse was exhibiting the new brother to six-year-old Bertie."

"Look at the sweet little baby, my dear! Is she not pretty?"

"But Bertie, who has been made painfully aware from the servants of the household that the new arrival will usurp his past privileges as an only child, exclaimed with secret exultation:

"Auntie says that pretty babies grow up ugly."

"But the smile was lost upon Bertie. He stood for a moment in meditative mood, and then, glancing up from his contemplation of baby's features to those of the nurse, he said with childish confidence:

"Nurse, you must have been a very pretty baby?"

A Browning Anecdote. In the Cornhill Magazine, in an interesting paper entitled "On a Few Conversationalists," the writer tells an amusing story of Browning and how he received certain flowers from a lady, who, on being pressed to give their English names, shyly confessed they were called "bloody noses."

"I'll deck my love with posies, I'll cover her with roses; Should she protest I'll do my best To give her bloody noses."

For Ingrowing Toe Nails. By far worse than corns, the ingrowing toe nail makes life miserable for the man or woman, and no relief seems to come from paring the nail or in wadding it with cotton.

The Orange in Spain. It is considered a very healthful thing to eat an orange before breakfast.

Octopus For Dinner. Octopuses are pretty plentiful in Japanese waters and have been known to attack fishermen in their boats.

The Explanation. Knox—I sat down in my easy chair last night and picked up that new novel of Scribner's and I didn't get to bed until 4 this morning.

Diamond Fields of India. Diamond fields in India were known from the very earliest times.

Discovery of Iron. Teacher—Johnny, can you tell me how iron was first discovered?

Oh, So Polite! "Politest people I ever knew down in that fever and ague country," remarked the traveler.

The Time comes when one feels the need of the slumber of death, as at the end of a toilsome day one feels the need of another sleep.

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ness that he had done the right thing, but it is never to be in his time.

The residents of Ephraim, Utah, certainly know the way to a child's heart and the best way to bring out good results. There has never been a time when the announcement that "tickets for admission" to some entertainment would not arouse all the boyish enthusiasm pent up in the heart of the small boy.

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GETTING AWAY FROM HOME

The Spirit of Restlessness and the Desire For Change. Judging by a good deal of the conversation of the present day, there are a large number of people who have a positive horror of home.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

The presidential parrot objects to the remodeling of the White House. When the workmen assaulted the roof of the conservatory and began removing the glass, the bird became wrathful and abused the mechanics.

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NEW SHORT STORIES

"Miss Meredith's Present." The tragic death of the novelist Paul Leicester Ford has recalled to those who knew him many anecdotes of his ways and somewhat quaint sayings.

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THE GREAT JOKE, DEATH.

Funny Side of Dying Often Treated of in Literature. "Death," said a publisher, "has been treated humorously in our literature often. Indeed I am quite sure that a collection of many thick volumes might be made under the title of 'Death's Funny Side.'"

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"I MUST DECLINE TO ANSWER."

who, as everybody knows, was a gallant officer in the Confederate army. In one of the battles before Vicksburg Senator Pettus, then a colonel, was captured and carried as a prisoner before General Grant.

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