

MEASURING MEDICINE.

Places Where They Still Take a Dimeful as a Dose.

A man went into a New York drug store and asked the clerk for a remedy for indigestion. The clerk sifted a pink powder into the scales.

POLLY LARKIN

"I don't care what you or anybody else says to the contrary, Polly, men are selfish, or at least the majority of them are. It is the exception and not the rule when you find it otherwise."

MANAGEMENT OF WIVES.

What the Taunting Husband Does When His Helpmeet Weeps.

One thing the taunting husband does is to let his wife cry. I don't mean that he drives her to crying or that he lets her weep while he stands unpathetically by with his hands in his trousers pockets.

THE ANCIENT DRAGON.

Its Nearest Representative Now Is the East Indian Tree Lizard.

The prehistoric dragon whose fossil remains have been found in the chalk at Cambridge, England, and elsewhere, with a very varied spread of wings, which in the largest specimens may have reached twenty-five feet, is almost identical with the dragon of fable.

The Wisdom of Babes.

A lady and her little daughter were walking through Grosvenor square when they came to a portion of the road strewn with straw.

Sympathetic or Otherwise.

"Oh, just listen to me," anxiously exclaimed Mrs. Chatters, who reproachfully, "annoying you with all this talk about Mrs. Nix's shameful treatment of me and all my other troubles."

Imposing.

"I'll have you know that I belong to Chicago," said the stranger.

Putting Him Right.

"Next time I marry," said the widow, "I'll get a wife I can make shut up."

A Shylock.

Little Elmer—Papa, what is a Shylock? Professor Broadhead—A Shylock, my son, is a man who is called so by the people to whom he lends money because he expects them to pay it back.

A Hard Bluff to Make.

The very best poker players look as if they were caught stealing sheep when they go to explain to their wives how sorry they are they've got to go away on business.

His Voice Changing.

Ethel—How funny your brother's voice sounds now! Edith—Yes, papa says he's grown all his clothes, and now he's outgrowing his voice, I guess.—Yonkers Statesman.

SPOILED A DUEL.

The Scheme Senator Lamar Worked to Prevent an Encounter.

During the course of a heated debate in the house of representatives sharp words were exchanged between a congressman from New York and one from Mississippi. A challenge was delivered and accepted, and as both were courageous and determined a bloody meeting seemed imminent.

Views of Another World.

Though the fishing and catching is full of excitement, there is a quieter charm and delight in sailing over Neptune's domain in a glass-bottom boat, with Nellie Blessing Eyster, in Four-Track News.

BRIEF REVIEW.

TIME FOR SCOTLAND.

Ball on One Hill Drops When Cannon on Another is Fired.

"Speaking of clocks," said the traveler, "Edinburgh, Scotland, has the most interesting time marking device I ever saw. The city has between two hills."

Royalty and Finger Bowls.

In entertaining royalty many restrictions must be observed. One of the strangest of these unwritten laws is that which forbids the use of finger bowls at dinner for any of the guests, except the royal ones.

THE TRICKY GROUSE.

He Has Hundreds of Devices for Eluding the Hunter.

The grouse has a hundred tricks of defense. It will be still until the hunter is within a yard of it, then start straight upward in his front, towering like a woodcock; again, it will rise forty yards away, and the sound of its wings is his only notice of its presence.

First Land Sale on Record.

The first sale of land of which there is any definite record is that mentioned in the twenty-third chapter of Genesis. The transaction seems to have been very simple.

Wives Displace Dogs.

The Emperor of Anam uses his wives to retrieve the game he shoots. Sometimes a wife is drowned in swimming after a bird and sometimes one is accidentally shot, but the imperial harem is large.

The Cause of the Trouble.

"What is the matter with that baby?" growled an irascible husband as the little one persisted in howling and kicking to the extent of his little might.

Advertising the Shortcomings of Others.

Advertising the shortcomings of others does not help us to dispose of our own.

Every Time You Think of Another a Million Angels Think of You.

Courage is simply knowing when it is wise to be afraid.

A Remarkable Feat.

Old Salt—Oh, the ocean's a big place, dearie! Why, many's the time I've stood for three days on one tack, and— "My sakes, grandpa! I hope you had your shoes on!"—Brooklyn Life.

NEW SHORT STORIES

This Happened in Cork.

They were comparing notes and telling incidents of recent trips abroad, when a charming daughter of the Emerald Isle, who was sitting dreamily in the corner, apparently taking no interest in the conversation, suddenly chirped in with the following:

Figured on a Wife.

Uncle Joe is an old negro on a farm near Chesapeake City, Md., a farm owned by the family whose slave he was years ago.

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WEDDINGS IN WALES.

Quaint Customs That Still Exist Among the Peasantry.

Some quaint customs still survive among the peasantry of south Wales—at least in the remote villages. One of the oldest is the "bidding." When a young man and woman are engaged a circular is printed, known as a "bidding letter," and distributed at market and outside the chapels on Sunday so that all may know of the event. The form is always the same and runs as follows:

As We Intend to Enter the Matrimonial State We are Encouraged by our Friends to Make a Bidding on the Occasion of the Young Man's Father's House.

All being ready on the day, a party goes to fetch the bride to the bidding. She rides and has to be sought for in all directions, but being at last found is escorted in triumph to the procession.

LIVING SILVER.

The Process by Which Mercury is Extracted from Cinnabar.

The chief source of mercury is its native sulphide, cinnabar. The most important mines of this mineral in Europe are those of Almaden, in Spain, and Idria, in Idria; in America, those of New Almaden, in California.

THE KITCHEN DRESSER.

It Was Originally a Bench on Which Meat Was Dressed.

Dr. Johnson tells us that the kitchen dresser was a bench on which the meat was dressed, or prepared, for table and gives the following lines in support of his view:

France's Frontier Forts.

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The Filipino Water Fall.

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CHOICE MISCELLANY

A New Profession.

A new profession has been made necessary by the changed conditions of modern industry. The social secretary serves as a point of contact between master and men. It is his (or her) business to know the employees personally so that their employer cannot know them, to know whether the conditions under which they work are wholesome physically, mentally and morally, and to know how to improve them if they are not what they ought to be.

Titled Newspaper Proprietors.

I must take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Walter of the Times. He has constantly supported the government. It has been right, no matter what it may have done, and those who have opposed it have been denounced as pernicious idiots in the columns of his paper. Obviously he might have had a title for the asking, but he has preferred to remain Mr. Walter, although other press proprietors have blossomed into peers, baronets or knights. In this he has earned the respect of all journalists. When newspaper proprietors are rewarded with titles for having instructed their writers to support a party, the obvious suggestion is that they have been paid not only for past services, but for future ones, for a dog who bites the hand of the man who feeds him is not in good odor with his brother dogs, and the titled newspaper proprietor is bound in common decency to profess approval of all done by his benefactor. —Lal-sal-cher in London Truth.

East Indian Athletics.

As is only to be expected, considering their national diet—curried—the physique of the natives of India will not compare with an Englishman's, though they possess a litheness of form and quickness of eye that we lack and that make them among the finest gymnasts and jugglers in the world. Such perfect balancing powers have they that, even supposing them bereft of the tremendous grasp of foot possessed by all barfooted races, there would be still left much to admire in their skill. No contortion seems too difficult for them, no bar too slight or smooth to be negotiated; no height can try their nerves, and no standing ground appears too small. Even a slip is of little consequence to such clever tumblers. They seem to have all the climbing powers of a cat. As runners their staying power is most remarkable. A duk-wahai down the bank of running twenty miles a mere trifle.—Fry's Magazine.

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