

The Eye of the Shark.

The eye of the shark is small, long and narrow, closely resembling that of a pig. All observers have agreed in attributing to it a sly and malicious expression, but this must to some extent be taken as a flight of fancy. The only real reason for attributing to the shark a savage disposition is that, like the wolf, he has no pity whatever for a comrade in distress and that a wounded shark will be instantly attacked and devoured by his companion. This is indeed an evil trait in the creature and can only be excused on the ground of his prolonged fasts and the overmastering demands of his appetite.—London Standard.

Forenight.

Mrs. Nextdoor—Of course my daughter plays the piano very well by ear, but she wants to take lessons from a regular professor.

Mrs. Peppercorn—That's natural enough.

Mrs. Nextdoor—Oh, yes!

Mrs. Peppercorn—Yes, I suppose she's wise to want somebody else to blame besides herself.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Wants the Chance.

"Late again, Mr. Brown! Late again!" chirped the manager. "I believe you'd be late at your wedding."

"Ah!" murmured the married man. "And a lot later, too, if I got the chance again."—Chicago Journal.

Obit 1905.

Jimson—Why is Stutley wearing that black band around his leg?

Grimson—His mother-in-law was buried yesterday.—New York Times.

Not Inconsistent.

"Straight party man, is he?"

"Yes, but he's crooked."—Boston Herald.

The Mask in Italy.

The Italian nation is especially appealed to by the charm of mystery and all those indefinite possibilities which lurk behind the secrecy of the mask. Not but that this license of masks was frequently abused. Alessandro VI, who with Madonna Lucrezia, was so fond of watching the maskers go past from the balcony of Castel St. Angelo, had to forbid masks in 1499 under pain of the gallows, to such an extent did the factions and ill disposed at Rome take advantage of them to pay off old scores, and so many people were killed or seriously wounded every day in the streets.

Connected with the old Saturnalia the masks were the especial characteristic of the Fabulae Atellanae and the less aristocratic Mimae, and nobody who has seen the collection of such antiquities at Rome, Naples and Pompeii will doubt the important part that masks played in the life of the early empire. Thence we may trace them down in the antique farces, which gradually blended with the sacred representations of the middle ages until they ultimately laicised them and removed them from the church.—Gentleman's Magazine.

The Wishbone.

The wishbone in birds is called by scientists furcula and is in reality the union of what are in man the two separate collar bones. These in the birds receive the brunt of the strokes of the wing that turn the creature in its flight. Few realize the strength of stroke of the bird's wing. It is said that a swan has been known to break a man's leg by a blow of its wing, and in like manner the wing beatings of the larger birds are dangerous if they strike the head or face. If, therefore, a large bird is in the habit of making sudden turns to right or left in its flight it must be fitted with a wishbone competent to withstand the great strain of the wing stroke on one side, with no special action on the other side. For this reason we find in the eagle and like birds of quickly turning flight a furcula that is a perfect Roman arch, widely at variance with the Gothic arch, which is the shape of the wishbone of our common fowls. The eagle's furcula is a solid rounded arch, everywhere equally strong and not developing those points of weakness that make our sport of breaking the wishbone possible.

Necessity of Exercise.

The variety of beneficial motions that may be had in muscular exercise is almost unlimited. It is interesting to notice that children, when free to play as they choose, instinctively make so many different motions that they seem to use all their muscles. When people's ideas of propriety shall have become what they should be grown people can exercise like children without being considered daft or silly. Many of the performances of children seem to older persons purposeless and useless.

There is such a state of ignorance and prejudice that many people of considerable education lack very much of having a proper conception of the relation of exercise to life and health. One may learn and practice with benefit a system of exercises, as many do, without having the acquaintance with the principles involved that makes possible the greatest benefit and interest and enjoyment. There is an important advantage in knowing the reasons for the various movements and what muscles make each movement and how muscles use bones as levers.

HUMOR

A TRUSTING SOUL.

There Were Several Things to Settle, but All Were Adjusted.

"No, Jack," the young woman said, cluding his arm; "not yet!"

"What's the matter, Lulu?" he asked.

"I haven't said I'd marry you. There's something else to be settled first."

"What is it, sweetheart?"

"Several things. You have habits I cannot tolerate in the man I marry. Jack, do you smoke?"

"Yes, I burn a cigar once in awhile."

"You will have to give that up."

"All right, dear. What else?"

"Do you chew tobacco?"

"Not habitually. Once in a great while I take a chew."

"I can't marry a tobacco chewer."

"Well, I'll promise to quit it. Anything else?"

"Yes. Do you drink?"

"Occasionally I take a glass of beer—nothing stronger, upon my word."

"Will you promise to give that up too?"

"Sure, I don't care anything about it, anyhow."

"Do you play cards?"

"Occasionally, just for fun."

"I can't marry a card player."

"Then I'll cut out the card playing."

"Do you bet on horse races?"

"Sometimes."

"That's just as bad as any other kind of gambling, Jack. You'll have to promise to drop it."

"Well, I'll quit that too. And now?"

"Hold on, Jack. Are you in debt?"

"Don't owe a cent to anybody on earth. Does that?"

"Not quite. Wait a minute, Jack. Will you agree to spend your evenings at home?"

"Bless your heart, Lulu, I'll tire you to death staying at home of evenings! So, now?"

"No! Not yet, Jack! One thing more. Will you promise to go to church with me every time I ask you to go?"

"Er—yes, I'll promise even that."

With a contented little sigh she laid her head on his broad shoulder.

"How much nicer it is, Jack," she said, "to reform a man before marrying him than to try to do it afterward, as so many foolish girls do!"—Chicago Tribune.

Why He Was Caught.

"I notice," said the tired citizen, "that a man was arrested yesterday in New York for stealing a 110 pound clock in broad daylight. He was carrying the clock under his coat when a policeman's attention was attracted to him."

"Probably thought he was taking too much time to get away"—began the cheerful idiot.

But everybody left the room.—Baltimore American.

A Simple Matter.

"Does a dentist have much trouble in collecting his bills?"

"No," answered the expert in teeth. "A man usually sees that his last account is paid before he has more work done. He takes no chances on an unfriendly disposition."—Washington Star.

A Fit.

Hallow—Deacon Slims prides himself upon being in the strait and narrow way.

James—He certainly is to be congratulated upon having a soul admirably adapted for a narrow path.—Boston Transcript.

Fibs For Pay.

"Do you—er—ever tell fibs?" asked the lady who had advertised for a maid.

"Not for myself, ma'am," answered the applicant, "only for the missus."—Chicago Journal.

No Point to Them.



Editor (to office boy)—Mr. Witt has called for the jokes he left the other day. Have you seen them?

Office Boy—No, sir. I read them, but I couldn't see 'em.—Judge.

Impaired by Torture.

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"W-well," stammered the witness, "not when I'm on the witness stand."—New York Press.

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