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When Sir Thomas Moore was imprisoned in the Tower of Landon for refusing to sully his conscience, his wife railed at him for his folly in remaining in a filthy prison when he might be merry at home with his family and in favor also with the king and council.

He replied: "Why, good Alice, is not this prison as near heaven as my own home?"

In answer to her sneer of contempt he asked: "How long, think you, might one live to enjoy this house of mine?"

"Perhaps some 20 years," was her answer.

"Were not he a bad calculator, then, who even for a hundred or a thousand years would risk the loss of an eternity?"

In the spring clean your system by using Dr. Plunder's Oregon Blood Purifier.

Thought He Deserved a Rest.

A tramp with his arm in a sling called on Gilhooly for a copper, alleging that his arm had been injured in a recent railway accident.

"But yesterday you had the other arm in a sling," replied Gilhooly.

"Well, suppesin' I had. Don't you suppose a feller's arm gets tired of being tied up all day? Besides, I've got concussion of the brain, and can't remember half the time which arm was broken."—Stray Stories.

To Make Tracing Paper.

Over a gentle heat warm together an ounce of Canada balsam and a quarter of a pint of spirits of turpentine. When cold, brush the preparation smoothly over one side of a sheet of fine tissue paper. When dried in, this preparation leaves the paper very transparent, and, as it is not greasy, the tracing paper may be used without fear even on delicate fabrics.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

She Knew She Was Fat.

An elderly man rose to give his seat to a plump-looking girl on a South side car.

"Oh, no; thank you," she returned, as she caught onto a strap. "I would not think of taking a seat from an older—er—I mean, I'd just as lief stand up," she finished, lamely.

"Now that's all right," the old gentleman retorted, in a very loud and hearty tone of voice. "But you'd better sit down. I know you fat girls usually have tender feet!"—Chicago Journal.

Trach ma, or "granular lids," is widely spread among the 8,000,000 inhabitants of Hungary, no fewer than four in 1,000 being afflicted with the disease. It spreads by contagion, and neglect of it makes a patient liable to fine and imprisonment.

Pekin is a city of dust, like most Chinese towns. Nevertheless, the only stores that have glass windows are those of the watchmakers.

By a new system intrduced in the Boston Union depot one man is said to be able to switch 750 trains daily.

Messengers in Livery.

Some of the messenger companies in New York city have extended their service to supply their patrons with boys in livery as door openers and for general "buttons" service. These boys, livery and all, may be had by the hour and have proved a distinct convenience to housekeepers.

Abolish the Death Penalty.

At Albany the law-makers are wrangling over the abolition of the death penalty. The man who succeeds will prove as great a benefactor to the breaker of man's laws as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has to the breaker of nature's laws. If you've neglected your stomach until indigestion and constipation are upon you, try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

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Italy's budget for the year is now expected to be a surplus instead of a deficit in the revenues.

There was a young man from Lenore,
Who boldly went off to the war;
The "beef" made him sick,
He recovered quite quick
By the prompt use of old Jesse Moore.

A fossil dinosaur that must have been 130 feet in length has been found near Laramie, Col. The remains were found by Prof. W. H. Reed in the Jurassic strata near Laramie.

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Absent-Minded.

Once upon a time a very lovely lady, who lives in I street—or at least I think it's I street—advertised for a butler. Divers and sundry persons applied for the place, and among them one man pleased her very much indeed. He had been butler, he said, for Gen. Such-a-One, and Mrs. Gen. Such-a-One, he was quite sure, would recommend him. Accordingly, madam sat down to write a note to Mrs. Gen. Such-a-One, asking about him. Now, madam, as all her acquaintances know, is the most absent-minded woman the shadow of the monument ever fell on. She wrote the note, but in it there was no mention of Higgins, the butler. Instead the note read:

"Dear Madam: Will you kindly tell me what the habits and characteristics of Gen. Such-a-One are, and how long he has lived with you?"

Mrs. General's reply drove all the cobwebs from the absent-minded woman's brain.

"Madam," it ran, "as to Gen. Such-a-One's habits and characteristics, they are matters of which public record will inform you. As to how long he has lived with me, it is none of your business."

And the last four words were emphatically underlined.—Washington Post.

Flour Adulteration in Italy.

In the Alta Italia a well-known Bretscian firm received a visit the other day from the sanitary officer of Milan and was found to have on the premises, for supply to the baking fraternity large quantities of flour adulterated with "coalina"—that is, the double silicate of alum and potash, a substance employed in porcelain manufactories and very pernicious to health. Following up his search the officer discovered in several baking-houses of Brescia another quantity of "flour" furnished by the same firm and containing from 0.85 to 4.0 per cent of sulphate of barium, a powder not actually poisonous like the "coalina," but very heavy and hurtful to the consumer's stomach. Convicted of this serious contravention of the sanitary law, the head of the firm in question was put under arrest.

In Paraguay, a gentleman is enjoined by the laws of good society to kiss every lady to whom he is introduced.

About the House.

A measure of order, simplicity and fitness must be obtained in the arrangement of furnishings, or they will lose their original beauty and give the effect of a medley of furniture, draperies and pictures.

A room that lacks the element of comfort is never inviting, however expensive its appointments may be.

In furnishing a bedroom we are dealing with the lungs of the house, and whatever else we do we must not obstruct the free entrance of fresh air. The knack of adapting and converting what one has into what she desires is one of the most valuable gifts or acquirements that the homemaker with good taste and a shallow purse can have.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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"Oh, dear, will he have ear-esipelas?" asked the child, who had in some way derived the impression that erysipelas was in some way connected with earache.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

How They Sprung.

Mrs. O'Brien—Have you anny ancistors, Mrs. Kelley.

Mrs. Kelly—And phat's "ancistors," Mrs. O'Brien.

Mrs. O'Brien—Why, people youv'e shprung from.

Mrs. Kelly (impressively)—Listen to me, Mrs. O'Brien: I come from the rayal shtock av Donahues thot sphring from nobody—they sphring at thim.—Puck.

What He Got.

Tom—She let me kiss the hair on her forehead.

Dick—In other words, she gave you a bang on the mouth.—N. Y. World.

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HAVANA'S FOURTH OF JULY.

How a Photographer Gained a Snap Shot of a Mob.

On the morning of the Fourth of July the populace of Havana hurried down to the shore at the sea end of the city. From the fortress of La Punta to the suburb of Vedado the beach was black with a shouting, singing, laughing, Dio-praising people. It was the most exciting morning the Cuban capital had known since the beginning of the blockade. The vast multitude was expectant, eager, as impatient and as frantically excited as a mob of Latins is bound to be. What was the cause of all this excitement? Why was this throng, three miles long, gathered at the sea edge with gaze bent upon the horizon? Now you will chuckle—the Havana newspapers had that morning published full-page accounts of how the Spanish fleet, on the morning of the day previous, July 3, had come out of Santiago harbor, how Cervera had attacked the American fleet, and how he had sunk or destroyed every one of Sampson's and Schley's ships. The report added that the Spanish fleet was on the way to Havana, and now, this morning, the people of the capital were momentarily expecting to see Cervera's ships appear on the horizon. Down upon this expectant throng came Gomez Carerra. If you have been in Havana in recent months I need not add that Gomez is a photographer. Fully 50 per cent of the photographs of scenes in Havana, printed in so many American periodicals during last year, were made by this same Gomez Carerra—who made a small fortune selling his pictures at purse-breaking prices to Yankee newspaper correspondents.

Gomez set up his camera near the Punta, where the throng was thickest. His lens pointed directly at the throng's back. He made ready, was about to photograph the throng's back, when suddenly a series of piercing cries rent the air, cries from the rear. The throng turned—and at that moment Gomez Carerra uncapped his lens and made a photograph of the throng's face. The photographer is very proud of that particular picture, for it shows a throng of people all startled and bewildered, faces full of a hang-dog expression, jaws dropping, scowls. For the piercing cries were: "Extra! La Lucha!" This extra issued by the leading newspaper of Havana, was no larger than a handbill, but it told the populace that Cervera's fleet could not arrive off Havana that morning, as all the Spanish ships were at the bottom of the sea. Gomez himself told me this story, and added that when the populace realized the real import of La Lucha's extra the mightiest curse ever heard in Havana went up to the skies; and the throng loafed homeward, thoroughly angry and disgusted with the Spanish administration, Cervera, et al.—Leslie's Weekly.

CAT LOST FAITH.

Tabby Was a Pious Christian Until a Hard Fate Robbed Her of a Kitten.

A Pennsylvania family is made up of an old man, his housekeeper and a cat. Family prayers are always said each evening, and until a falling out which tabby had with her master last month she was a pious attendant. Now, however, she turns up her nose and refuses to pray at all. She had been so regular that none of the cares of catlife had been allowed to interfere with her devotion. She would leave a half-chewed mouse or a half-charmed bird to hurry to family prayers.

It all came about over the acquisition of one too many kittens. Tabby had three about her, and the master decided that two were all he could afford to feed. So one morning, when the cat was asleep before the fire, he took up one of the pussies and started for the woods, where the creek ran. But tabby followed him, where he could not see, and saw him tie a string to the kitten and a rock to the string and throw them all into water. Then he came home looking as innocent as if he had not murdered a helpless pussy and sat down by the fire. Tabby said nothing, for she knew it would be of no use, but from that hour she never attended prayers. She had lost her faith in religion.

Swallowing an Ox.

Here is an instance, quoted by Andrew Lang, of intelligence in the dog: "A friend of mine has a Scotch terrier, aged seventeen months. One day he shut him up in a room next that where he was sitting, engaged in official duties. On the table he had left a box of some kind of concentrated beef lozenges equivalent, he thinks, to a middle-sized ox. After some time he went into the room for the lozenges. The box had vanished. At last he found it, empty, pushed beneath the fender. The dog did not recover its appetite for about a week. Its intelligence was displayed, not in eating the equivalent of an ox, but in hiding the empty box, and hiding it cleverly, too. Animals are always most intelligent, one fears, when most depraved."

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