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Trying Situation.

Miss Amateur—Can't you give me a part with more speaking in it?

Theatrical manager — For what reason?

Miss Amateur—Well, before going on the stage I belonged to a woman's debating club, and not having a chance to say much, goes very ill with me.—Ohio State Journal.

Scrofula

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Scrofula is but a modified form of Blood Poison and Consumption. The parent who is tainted by either will see in the child the same disease manifesting itself in the form of swollen glands of the neck and throat, catarrh, weak eyes, offensive sores and abscesses and oftentimes white swelling—sure signs of Scrofula. There may be no external signs for a long time, for the disease develops slowly in some cases, but the poison is in the blood and will break out at the first favorable opportunity. S. S. S. cures this wasting, destructive disease by first purifying and building up the blood and stimulating and invigorating the whole system.

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Science has armed herself with a divining rod which cannot be open to the suspicion which has ever attached to the pronged twig of witchhazel. A simple apparatus has been devised for the locating of ores and mineral-bearing rock and earth.

The new device pretty nearly eliminates the element of chance in mining operations. The principle involved is that a vein of ore is a better conductor of electricity than the earth around it.

Two steel rods are connected with each other, with an electric battery, and with a delicate instrument which measures the resistance of the circuit. The rods are driven into the ground, and a light current is sent through the connecting wire. The current, to complete its circuit, must travel through the earth from the end of one rod to the end of the other. The resistance of the earth is noted, and the rods are moved to any positions. This is repeated until

THE ELECTRIC DIVINING ROD.

a marked reduction of resistance is noted. Then the operators know that one or both of the steel rods are over or nearly over a body of mineral. By repeated shifting, the location of the mineral is narrowed down until the vein of ore can be mapped out with absolute accuracy.

Minerals have been located at a depth of 500 feet, and the operators of the device say that, so far as they know, there need be no limit to the depth at which they can work.

QUEER STORIES

A stream with peculiar properties flows near Tucson, Ariz. Wood and vegetables and other soft substances thrown into it become petrified. It is customary for visitors to leave potatoes in it for a few weeks enclosed in wire receptacles and find them turned to stone.

The women of Finland of the lower classes perform arduous labor that in other countries is usually assigned to males. They wheel handcarts and barrows of various descriptions containing heavy burdens. They also sweep the streets, act as boatmen and even assist in loading ships.

It is reported that a camera has been placed so as to take each day one picture of the new building of the department of physics of the Cornell University, now being constructed, with the object of producing hereafter a moving picture of the building from its beginning to its completion.

Birds are made to take their own pictures by the ingenious apparatus of O. G. Pike, an English photographer. A bait of fat is placed on an electrical wire which is so connected with a camera that when the bait is removed the camera shutter is released, giving an instantaneous exposure of the sensitive plate.

The average weight of engines on German State railways is 42.67 tons, while those in use on private roads average 37.68 tons. During the year 1899 446 engines were purchased by the State railways and 56 by private companies. In the year 1898 $556,000 was spent for the purchase of new and the repair of old engines on private lines.

There is considerable amusement in some of the census tables, and jokes are going the rounds over the fact that Chicago has more hogs than New York, but that New York leads in the matter of goats. Pennsylvania beats all other States in the number of mules, which fact is mentioned in relation to its factional politics.

There is a large number of professional "bee hunters" in the West and Southwest of Texas. Small caves and dark recesses formed by shelving rock abound along the waterways of the Texan rivers. They are the natural hives of the wild bees, and take the place of the hollow tree trunks of the forest regions of the northern country. These caves are used year after year by the bees, and in many instances they have been found to be literally filled with honey.

Modesty.

"I understand," said the customer, "that you keep photygrafts of all the prominent men."

"Yes, sir, we do," replied the dealer.

"Well, my name's the Hon. Jabez Perkins, Mayor of Pettyville, Illinoy. Lemme have one o' mine."—Philadelphia Press.

Insinuating.

"Lady," said Meandering Mike, "I notices dat you marks de crust of each pie wit' a letter."

"Yes."

"Well, I'd like to ask you, in a spirit of holiday cheer, whether M stands fur 'mince' or 'Mike?'"—Washington Star.

All Doubts Removed.

She—And you will always love me, even when I am old and ugly?

He—But you can never grow any older or any uglier in my eyes, darling.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Chronologies.

According to latest authorities, the Hindu chronology extends to 6174 B. C.; Babylon, 6758 B. C.; China, 6157 B. C.

Hating your enemies makes you uncomfortable, and does your enemies no harm.

There is no denying that there are a great many happy-looking widows.

GOOD Short Stories

Henry Thomas Buckle's thoughts and conversation were always on a high level. Once he remarked: "Men and women range themselves into three classes, or orders, of intelligence; you can tell the lowest class by their habit of always talking about persons; the next by the fact that their habit is always to converse about things; the highest by their preference for the discussion of ideas."

It is said that one of David B. Hill's first lawsuits was a non-jury case in which the opposing counsel was one of the best attorneys in New York State. Hill gave a speech which lasted about three hours. It was such a speech as might be expected from a young lawyer, and it was very trying to the court. After he had finished his opponent arose and said: "May it please the court, I intend to follow the example of my young friend, and submit the case without argument." Hill lost the case.

When asked what he thought of a certain captain who frequented the Essex links a Scotch caddie said: "Weel, sir, he's a verra nice gentleman an 'a good gaufer, but he's awfu' nerra—awfu' nerra." "Narrow! What do you mean, Donald?" "Weel, sir, it wis this way. Efter the game was over, and I had carried his clubs up tae the house, he says: 'Donald, will ye hae a draw?' and I said: 'I do ve verra pleased,' so he gets the bottle, an' he pourin' awa' intae a glass, an' I wantin' tae be genteel, says: 'Stop! stop!—an' he stopped."

L. R. Stockwell, the popular actor, says that some years ago in this city, when Peter Jackson, the colored pugilist, was a feature in a revival of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Bill" Nye was to have lectured at the Baldwin Theater, but was greeted by so small an audience that he excused himself and went over to hear Jackson talking of the pearly gates to Little Eva. After the performance Stockwell met Nye in the lobby of the theater, and he exclaimed: "Hello, Nye! What did you think of Peter?" "Well," responded the humorist, dryly, "anatomically he was great, but Uncle Tomically he is the worst I ever saw."

Philadelphia boasts of a setter called Bill, who recently aroused a sleeping family in a burning house, when delay would have meant death, and then himself carried a little child to safety. Bill was asleep at the foot of the stairs on the first floor, shortly after midnight, when the house caught fire. When the smoke aroused him the family was still asleep and unconscious of danger. He instantly bounded up the stairs, barking furiously at every step, until he reached the rooms of his owners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shannon, and tugged at the bedclothes with his teeth. Mr. Shannon awoke, and, alarmed by the smoke, leaped out of bed, but before he could get into his clothes the dog had caught the nightdress of Elvina, a 6-year-old daughter of the family, between his teeth, dragged her to the floor, and bore her out into the hallway, where her parents took the child from him and carried her to the street.

Origin of a Joke.

Dr. Pinders Fletrie, the eminent archaeologist, announces that he has deciphered the cuneiform inscription on a tablet he excavated in the plains of Assyria, and believes that it is a copy of a prehistoric comic paper. Among other items, it contains the following merry jest, which bears a strangely familiar sound:

"Now, there were gathered together at the place of the telling of stories, many of them that have lived long in the land, and one of them lifted up his voice, and said:

"'Behold, it groweth cold with much extremeness.'

"Whereupon another made answer, saying:

"'Verily, it doth. But let us separate and get hence, for here cometh Methusalem, the aged, and if we tarry he will even tell us again of the cold spell of the year 40.'

"And they gat hence with much speed."—Baltimore American.

Garments They Removed.

A prominent Sunday school worker of Indianapolis, J. M. Dungan, was conducting a review of the Sunday school lessons of the quarter at his old home church in the country north of Franklin and discussing customs of Biblical times.

"Now, in those days, children, what did they do when they entered a house?" he asked.

"Took off their shoes," came a chorus of respense.

"Ah, that's right, children. But nowadays what do you take off when you enter a house?" he asked, expecting to hear them say "Your hat."

But there was silence for a time and much thinking; then one little fellow held up his hand.

"Well, what is it?"

"Your overshoes," said the little fellow confidently.

The teacher at this point announced a song.

To Be Envied.

Castleton—I envy you.

Clubberly—What for?

"Didn't you say you were obliged to attend a deep philosophical discussion lasting several hours?"

"But I don't see that's anything to envy me for."

"Well, I've got to go to a society function and talk about nothing."—Detroit Free Press.

Death Preferred to Baths.

Jacob Baker was arrested in Pittsburg while trying to commit suicide, the reason for his atempt being that during a term in the workhouse, from which he had just been discharged, he had been "humiliated" by having to bathe once a week. When he told the magistrate this he was sent to the workhouse for more baths.

Three Populous Cities.

The population of New York City, Chicago and Philadelphia is almost one-twelfth of the population of the whole country.

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Getting Ready for It.

"She never studied for the stage, did she?"

"Studied for it! Well, rather! Why, she's taken the entire divorce court course."—Chicago Post.

Big Bets Compared.

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Where He Went for It.

Albert was sent down town by his mother to get some horse radish which she needed for her pickles.

After quite a long absene he came back home tired and empty handed.

"Well, where is the horseradish?" asked his mother.

"Why, mother, I went to every livery stable in town, and they didn't have a bit," answered Albert with a weary sigh.—Tit-Bits.

Telling His Friend.

Friend (over the wire after dinner)—Your wife is certainly a brilliantly handsome woman. I should think you would be jealous of her.

His Host (confidentially)—To tell you the truth, Seymour, I am. I never invite anybody here that a sane woman could possibly take the least fancy to.

At the Grand Opera.

"What's the big feller a-doin of now, Maria?"

"Hush! He's a-singin' of a song in German. What do you want?"

"I wants," said the Billville citizen in a hoarse whisper, "to cuss some in English."—Atlanta Constitution.

Division of Labor.

"He is very rich, but insufferably vulgar," she said

"And yet you are going to marry him?" returned her dearest friend.

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