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Schiller once received a letter which  
took five years to reach him. In 1793  
the national convention created the  
author of "The Robbers" a French citi-  
zen as a tribute of admiration for the  
revolutionary ideas expressed in that  
work. The clerk charged with the dis-  
patch of this civic diploma addressed  
the cover to "Citoyen Gille," and  
Schiller did not receive it until 1798.  
On its receipt he wrote: "This docu-  
ment has come to me from the king-  
dom of the dead. Danton and Claviere  
attested it. The covering letter is signed  
by Roland. All three have passed  
away."—London Chronicle.

**Rough on the Minister's Son.**  
Willie, aged five, was one day sent  
away from the dinner table for misbe-  
havior. He went into the kitchen, and  
the maid said:  
"Willie, I'd be ashamed to be sent  
away from the table, as big a boy as  
you are."  
"Well, that's what a fellow gets for  
being born in a preacher's family," re-  
joined the little fellow.—Chicago News.

**In His Defense.**  
"Daughter," called the father from  
his position at the top of the stairs at  
the well known hour of 11:55 p. m.,  
"doesn't that young man know how to  
say good night?"  
"Does he?" echoed the young lady in  
the darkened hall. "Well, I should  
say he does!"—Ladies Home Journal.

**His Meek Suggestion.**  
Mrs. Grimly—Is there any way you  
can break yourself of that habit of  
talking in your sleep? Mr. Grimly  
(tremulously, but hopefully)—Do you  
think it would help any, my dear, if  
you'd let me talk more when I'm  
awake? Puck.

**BASEBALL STRATEGY.**

**A Game That Was Won by Two Play-  
ers and a Live Snake.**

Tommy Tucker lost a game for  
Washington to Chicago once and started  
a battle all because of a trick Bill  
Dahlen and Bill Everett put up on him.  
Tom never did like snakes. Indeed,  
he held them in abhorrence, and in  
some way Dahlen discovered this.  
Washington was to play Chicago that  
afternoon, and during the morning  
practice on the west side grounds Dal-  
hen and Everett discovered a small  
gartersnake and treasured it up.  
Along in the fourth inning Everett  
cracked out a hit, and as soon as he  
landed on first base Dahlen, ignoring  
his usual custom, ran out to coach, and  
a moment later he slipped the harmless  
little reptile to Everett, who dropped it  
into Tucker's hip pocket.  
Tommy discovered the snake just as  
the pitcher was delivering the ball  
and, with a yelp, he deserted first base.  
The batter had hit to the shortstop,  
who gathered up the ball on the run  
and started to throw to second. But  
was too late and threw toward first.  
Tommy was twenty feet off the base,  
jumping up and down and hunting for  
something with which to kill that  
snake, and the ball went to the stands  
and Chicago scored four runs before  
the inning ended.

Tucker protested wildly, but the umpire  
couldn't find anything about  
snakes in the rule book and let it go  
at that.

**GET IN THE SUNSHINE.**

**Then Profit by the Shadows in Which  
You Have Lingered.**

If you are in a hurry don't get behind  
a lame man. "Hitch your chariot to a  
star." Beware of the sneerer and the  
scuffer. Seek the man who believes in  
things that are good and who is trying  
to make everything else better by  
deeds and words.  
Come into the sunshine for a little  
while. It is a good world after all.  
You have had hard luck, ill health and  
hard blows, but open your ledger and  
see if the credit doesn't overbalance  
the debit side.

Be frank with yourself and see how  
much of the debts can be charged to  
your own fault—a lack of foresight,  
trusting the untrustworthy, overreach-  
ing selfishness, stupidity, extravagance,  
failure to learn by experience or re-  
fusal to profit by advice.

Take a few precious moments for  
self examination. Don't mourn because  
some one who started in life with few-  
er advantages than you had has done  
so much better. Think of those you  
have left behind in the race. Yours  
must be a hopeless case if you are last  
in line.

Happiness is from within, not from  
without. No greater happiness can be  
found than that which comes from the  
sweet content of right thinking, right  
living and a good conscience. Try it.  
See how warm and inviting its sun-  
shine is.—John A. Slescher in Leslie's.

**Applied Legal Tactics.**

A gray haired lawyer enjoyed a  
laugh at the expense of his friend, an  
uptown bank cashier, the other day.  
The youngest member of the law  
firm, also known to the cashier, think-  
ing possibly to make the latter the  
butt of a practical joke, had attempted  
without success to change a counter-  
feit fifty cent piece at the window.

Told of the incident an hour later  
the elderly lawyer reached into his  
pocket and drew out a number of  
coins.

"When you are weak on any one  
point," he said, as he selected \$1.50  
from the handful, "try burying it un-  
der as much other evidence as may be  
adjudged relevant—in short, let me  
have that bad half—confuse the ques-  
tion at issue. Here, Jimmie," calling  
an office boy, "take this change down  
to Mr. —, the cashier, and get a two  
dollar bill."  
And the boy did.—New York Sun.

**Wudna Suit the Kilt.**

In the early days of the territorial  
army there was a boom in recruiting  
for it. In one part of the highlands al-  
most every man in the district joined  
the local battalion of "kilties," and the  
men were signed on without medical  
examination, it being quite usual in  
some country districts to wait until the  
annual camp before medically exam-  
ining recruits. On arrival in camp it  
was noticed that one man was wearing  
the trows at drill instead of the regulation  
kilt, and, being asked the reason, he  
explained that he had left his kilt at  
home. "Why on earth did you do  
that?" inquired his company officer.  
"Weel, ye see, sir," replied the recruit.  
"I'm afraid I wudna suit the kilt  
vera weel, as I've got a wooden leg."  
—Glasgow News.

**Synonymous.**

It was Sprinzer's afternoon off, and  
he thought he would take the children  
for a little outing.  
"My dear," he said, approaching his  
wife, "suppose we take the children  
to the zoo today."  
"Why, Will, you promised to take  
them to mother's."  
"All right, if it's all the same to the  
children."—Lippincott's.

**An Exception.**

"When people want some quiet, rest-  
ful topic they always mention the  
weather."  
"Not in the department of agricul-  
ture."—Washington Star.

**His Instrument.**

"That executor is very energetic in  
carrying out the various provisions of  
the testator."  
"He does seem to be working with a  
will."—Baltimore American.

**SHE MET THE SULTAN.**

**But Wily Reschid Pasha Fooled the  
Lady and the Monarch.**

A certain Countess of Londonderry  
wanted to meet the Sultan Mahmud  
II., to whom no European lady had  
been presented, but Lord Ponsonby,  
the British ambassador, refused to  
trifle with precedent. Lady London-  
derry then had a talk with Reschid  
Pasha, the Turkish minister for fore-  
ign affairs. The wily Reschid, desir-  
ing to do his best for her ladyship,  
made known to the sultan that a per-  
son had arrived at Constantinople with  
a wonderful collection of most valu-  
able jewelry for sale and ventured  
humbly to suggest that his imperial  
majesty might like to see the gems.  
The sultan was interested, and an in-  
terview was arranged, but Reschid  
merely told Lady Londonderry that she  
would be presented and that the sul-  
tan, having heard of the fame of her  
jewelry, had particularly requested  
that she would put it all on when she  
came. The gratified lady did so.  
On her arrival at the palace Reschid  
Pasha conducted Lady Londonderry  
into the presence of the sultan. Her  
dress glittered with diamonds, pearls,  
turquoises and other precious stones.  
"Fekkeh!" ("Good!") said the sultan  
as Lady Londonderry courtied. "She  
has magnificent jewels."  
Reschid (to the lady)—His majesty  
graciously bids you welcome.  
Lady Londonderry bowed and ex-  
pressed her thanks in French, the lan-  
guage used by Reschid.  
Reschid (interpreting)—She says she  
has other jewelry, but could not put  
on all.

Sultan—Ask her what is the price of  
that diamond necklace.  
Reschid—His majesty inquires wheth-  
er this is your first visit to Constanti-  
nople?

Lady Londonderry—This is my first  
visit, and I am delighted.  
Reschid (to sultan)—She asks a mil-  
lion of piasters.

Sultan—That is too much.  
Reschid (to Lady Londonderry)—His  
majesty asks whether you have seen  
the mosques. If not, he offers you a  
firman.

Lady Londonderry expressed her  
thanks.  
Sultan—What price does she put on  
that set of turquoises?

Reschid (to Lady Londonderry)—His  
majesty says that perhaps you would  
like to take a walk in the garden.  
Lady Londonderry expressed her  
thanks and said she would like to see  
the imperial garden.

Reschid (to sultan)—She says 400,000  
piasters.  
Sultan—Take her away. I shall not  
give such prices.

Reschid (to Lady Londonderry)—His  
majesty graciously expresses satisfac-  
tion at having made your acquaint-  
ance.

Lady Londonderry courtied low and  
withdrew from his majesty's presence  
to visit the garden with the amiable  
and courteous Reschid, and afterward  
she had a delightful story to tell to her  
friends of the kindness with which the  
sultan had received her.

**Long Drawn Out Elections.**

No complaint with regard to undue  
limitation of polling time was possible  
in the old parliamentary days. The  
danger was that polling might be pro-  
longed for a fortnight or a month.  
Drastic action to bring the poll to  
a close once provoked a riot in the West-  
minster division of London. At the  
general election that began on April  
25, 1741, the two Westminster minis-  
terial candidates were on the fifth day  
of polling well ahead, but an opposi-  
tion party of electors approaching the  
ballists in great force, the high bailiff  
(who favored the ministerialists) de-  
clared that he feared a riot and closed  
the poll. The baffled voters rioted and  
the military were called out. The high  
bailiff had afterward to apologize on  
his knees to the speaker and pay a  
heavy fine.

**An Early Postal Experiment.**

As long ago as the seventeenth cen-  
tury the attempt was made to prepay  
letters by using stamps. In 1653 Paris  
tried a system that even provided pil-  
lar boxes for the letters, which were  
to have a billet, price 1 sol, attached to  
the letter or parcel. The experiment  
met the usual experience of the pio-  
neer—ridicule. Mice were dropped into  
the letter boxes, and when the letters  
came to be collected it was found that  
the animals had made a hearty meal of  
them. As nobody could be sure of the  
fate of the parcels, the experiment  
came to a sudden end.

**Maeterlinck on the Future.**

Maeterlinck in his book called "Le  
Mort" says of the mystery of the after  
death that outside of the religions  
there are four imaginable solutions  
and no more. These are total annihila-  
tion, survival of our consciousness of  
today, survival without any sort of  
consciousness, survival with universal  
consciousness or with a consciousness  
different from that which we possess  
in this world.

**The Joke on Father.**

She had refused him, and he was "all  
in."  
"Reconsider, Annie," he begged. "If  
you don't I'll blow my brains out."  
"Huh," said Annie, "that would be a  
good joke on father, for he thinks you  
haven't any."—Ladies Home Journal.

**Patient.**

Binks—Could you lend me \$1 until  
Saturday? Jinks—I'm busted. Won't  
have a cent myself until Saturday.  
Binks—Would you lend it to me then?  
—New York Globe.

**Nature when she adds difficulties  
adds brains.—Emerson.**

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