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Pleasures.
The objects of pleasure are two in number. First, to kill time, and, second, to keep us from doing something else which would make us more miserable. The pleasures of the American people, roughly speaking, are likewise twofold—namely, making money and spending it. Some people derive all their pleasure from making money, and others all their pleasure from spending it. Others combine the two. Being an inventive people, the Americans have created many ways of spending money. Being too busy making it to spend any time on the drudgery of running their country they spend a large portion of it in supporting the politicians. This, indeed, is one of their chief pleasures. And their superb sense of humor enables them to enjoy intensely the accounts of what all the politicians are doing, which enterprising papers publish from day to day.
The Americans have other pleasures, but compared with this one they are mostly trivial.—Life.

Caught a Tartar.

Bishop Thornton when in Ballarat was walking one fine Sunday morning with his favorite dog, a very intelligent retriever. The dog was performing all sorts of tricks—jumping over his master's stick, retrieving it from the water, and so on.

The bishop was aware of the wide eyed interest of a small boy who, with his nurse, was walking on the shore of the lake. The bishop recognized in him the son of a neighbor with whom he was on the best of terms, although the neighbor was a leading light of Nonconformity in the city.

To amuse this boy the bishop put the dog through the whole category of his tricks and then said, "Now, isn't that a nice dog and wouldn't you like to have one like him?" To which the small boy replied sternly, "Sir, I think you forget what day this is."—London Citizen.

Another Pull.

The kaiser has a habit of gently tugging at his left ear when anything bothers him.

One day some years ago when he was on a visit to England he was handed a telegram. The contents of the message apparently displeased him, for he immediately began tugging at his ear.

The Prince of Wales, then a boy, watched the performance with considerable interest.

"Uncle," he said at length, "why are you pulling your ear?"

"Because I'm annoyed, I suppose," replied the kaiser.

"And when you're very annoyed," persisted the young prince, "what do you do then?"

"Then I pull somebody else's," announced his majesty viciously.—London Tatler.

Why the Wise Are Early Risers.

It is a curious fact in psychology that nobody can stay at the same mental and physical level for twenty-four hours together. In the morning you are more matter of fact, for instance, than later in the day. It is in the morning that the best brainwork is done, too—brainwork of the sort that requires industry and clear thinking. And it is about 11 in the morning that your body reaches its highest point of energy. In other words, you are stronger, though almost imperceptibly, at 11 in the morning than at 3 in the afternoon. You reach that highest point twice in the day, for about 5 in the afternoon the muscular energy has risen again. But from 5 onward it declines steadily all through the evening and on till between 2 and 3 a. m.—New York Press.

New Line of Art.

The redheaded and dissatisfied boarder was a large man with a large appetite. After dinner he went out into the narrow yard, shook both his fists at the silvery moon, hurled several imprecations toward the congress of the stars and burst forth into a picturesque and voluminous flood of abuse which was devoted entirely to the landlady. One of the other boarders who had been at the house a long time, thereby accumulating a pallid look and a palate with corns on it, drew near timidly and ventured to ask what the special kick was.

"What's the matter?" echoed the large man. "That old dame's the first woman I ever knew who could literally paint food on a plate."—Popular Magazine.

Too Much For the Scot.

A Scottish farmer paid a visit to a south of England cattle show and while walking around got talking with a native farmer. Neither could well understand what the other said. The Scotchman got a little nettled at this and put it down to the Englishman's stupidity.

"Man," he said at last, "yer cows moo a' right, and yer cocks crow quite plain, but I'm hanged if I can make yer oot!"—Exchange.

Looking Far Ahead.

"What was the basis of Mr. and Mrs. Futill's separation?"

"Well, you know their baby—the one that was born last month?"

"Yes."

"Futill said he should go to Yale, and Mrs. F., who is from Boston, insisted on Harvard."—New York Sun.

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