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Where the Patch Belongs.

A New Englander recently had occasion to engage a gardener. One morning two applicants appeared—one a decidedly decent looking man, and the other of much less prepossessing appearance and manner.

After very little hesitation, the man of the house chose the latter applicant.

A friend who was present, evinced surprise at the selection, asking:

"Has that man ever worked for you before?"

"No," replied the other; "in fact, I never saw either of them until to-day."

"Then why did you choose the shorter man? The other had a much better face."

"Face!" exclaimed the proprietor of the place, in disgust. "Let me tell you that, when you pick out a gardener, young want to go by his overalls. If they're patched on the knees you want him. If the patch is on the seat of his trousers, you don't."—Success Magazine.

Latch Key Suffrage.

Over in England the possession of a latchkey has lately been held in the courts to have an important bearing on the electoral rights of a man claiming to be a householder. With us the latchkey has grown so universal as to be no indication of a man's status, or a woman's either, for that matter. Not so very long ago the American woman's right to the latchkey was subject for jocular argument pro and con, but women's latchkeys are now as common as men's. For an institution that dates back only about seventy years the latchkey has stepped with some suddenness into its place of a universal necessity.—Boston Herald.

Discovers a Resemblance.

"My dear," mildly remonstrated her husband, "speaking of this new idea in railway motor car construction, I wish you hadn't such a gyroscopic tongue."

"What do you mean, sir," shrilly demanded Mrs. Vick-Senn, "by gyroscopic tongue?"

"Why, when you set it going it will run on one 'rail' all day long, and never stop till the motive power gives out."

Strenuous.

Mother (returning suddenly)—Gracious, children, what have you been doing? Why, the room looks like a hurricane had struck it and Willie looks like he had been through a thrashing machine!

Tommy—Please, mamma, we have been playing Russian douma and Willie was the czar.

Family Pride.

Tommy—My papa's automobile is a nicer one than your papa's."

Dicky—Bein' nice ain't nothin'. You can smell my dad's machine a mile away. —Chicago Tribune.

Unreasonable.

The milkman scowled.

"You people make more fuss about your milk than any customers I've got," he said.

"All we ask," said Mrs. Ferguson, "is that the bottles shall look clean, and that there shan't be any filth on the stopper."

"That's exactly what I'm talkin' about. Nobody else kicks about little things like that!"

Historical Fragment.

James Monroe was putting the finishing touches on his famous doctrine. "I've got it hammered into shape at last," he said, "although I know, of course, there will always be somebody knocking it, just the same."

Remembering, however, that the Big Stick was on the side of the doctrine, he allowed his freshly barbered face to wrinkle into the semblance of a smile.

His Full Share.

"I sometimes think, Brother Hardesty," observed the pastor, who was dining with him, "that a man ought to give one-tenth of his income to the Lord."

"I'm doin' more than that this year, elder," said Deacon Hardesty. "The only thing I'm makin' any money on now is my hens, and I feed mighty near half of 'em to the preachers."

A False Alarm.

"There was a man dropping letters in the new postoffice building last Saturday.

"What! Are they ready to receive mail there?"

"No. This was an English workman and the letters he dropped were all h's."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He Didn't Know Poker.

Father—Willie writes for more money, saying "the widow cost him even fifty." Now what cradle-catcher is making a fool of him, do you suppose? —Harvard Lampoon.

Then He Got Busy.

"Why do you look at me like that, you great, awkward bear?"

"O, Miss Pimmie, I—I protest I'm not a—a bear."

"Well, why aren't you?"

Modernized Version.

"Faugh! I wish you wouldn't run that comb through my mustache!"

"Sir, you are the first man in 10,000 customers that has objected to that comb."

Example in Full Sight.

Teacher—There is a proverb, "All is not gold that shines." Give me an example.

Scholar—Your nose, sir.—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

Liberal Deduction.

Unsophisticated Stranger—Officer, you get a discount on your purchases at the fruit stands, don't you?

Officer Googan—Wan hundherd per cint.

Old Favorites

The Man in the Moon.

Said the Raggedy Man on a hot afternoon,
"My!
Sakes!
What a lot o' mistakes
Some little folks make on the Man in the Moon!
But people that's been up to see him like Me,
And calls on him frequent and intimutly,
Might drop a few hints that would interest you
Clean!
Through!
If you wanted 'em to—
Some actual facts that might interest you!

"Oh, the Man in the Moon has a crick in his back;
Whee!
Whimm!
Ain't you sorry for him?
And a mole on his face that is purple and black:
And his eyes are so weak that they water and run
If he dares to *dream* even he looks at the sun,
So he jes' dreams of stars, as the doctors advise—
My!
Eyes!
But isn't he wise—
To jes' dream of stars, as the doctors advise?

And the Man in the Moon has a boil on his ear—
Whee!
Whing!
What a singular thing!
I know, but these facts are authentic, my dear.
There's a boil on his ear and a corn on his chin.
He calls it a dimple, but dimples stick in,
Yet it might be a dimple turned over, you know!
Wrang!
Ho!
Why certainly so!
It might be a dimple turned over, you know!

"And the Man in the Moon has a rheumatic knee,
Gee!
Whiz!
What a pity that is!
And his toes have worked round where his heels ought to be,
So whenever he wants to go North he goes South,
And comes back with the porridge crumbs all 'round his mouth,
And he brushes them off with a Japanese fan,
Whing!
Whann!
What a marvelous man!
What a very remarkably marvelous man!

"And the Man in the Moon," sighed the Raggedy Man,
Gits!
So!
Sulensome you know!
Up there by himself since creation began,
That when I call on him and then come away,
He grabs me and holds me and begs me to stay,
Till—well, if it wasn't for *Jimmy-cum-Jim*,
Dadd!
Limb!
I'd go pardners with him!
Jes' jump my job here and be pardners with him!"
—James Whitcomb Riley.

GREAT ABYSSES OF OCEAN.

Pressure of Waters that Would Destroy a Battle Ship.

More than half the surface of the globe is hidden under water two miles deep; 7,000,000 square miles lie at a depth of 18,000 feet or more. Many places have been found five miles and more in depth. The greatest depth yet sounded is 31,200 feet, near the island of Guam.

If Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, were plucked from its seat and dropped into this spot the waves would still roll 2,000 feet above its crest.

Into this terrific abyss the waters press down with a force of more than 10,000 pounds to the square inch. The staunchest ship ever built would be crumbled under this awful pressure like an eggshell under a steam roller.

A pine beam fifteen feet long, which held open the mouth of a trawl used in making a cast at a depth of more than 18,000 feet, was crushed flat as if it had been passed between rollers.

The body of the man who should attempt to venture to such depths would be compressed until the flesh was forced into the interstices of the bone and his trunk was no larger than a rolling pin. Still, the body would reach the bottom, for anything that will sink in a tub of water will sink to the uttermost depths of the ocean.

Time to Get Mad.

A member of the Philadelphia bar tells of a queer old character in Altoona who for a long time was the judge of a police court in that town.

On one occasion, during a session of his court, there was such an amount of conversation and laughter in the courtroom that his honor became very angry and confused. Suddenly, in great wrath, he shouted:

"Silence, here! We have decided above a dozen cases this morning, and I haven't heard a word of one of them!"—Harper's Weekly.

Sunflower as a Febrifuge.

The common sunflower, a native of Peru and Mexico, is gaining favor in parts of Europe as a febrifuge. In Russia, where the plant is extensively cultivated for its edible seeds and its oil, fever patients sleep upon the beds of sunflower leaves, and a Russian physician experimenting on 100 children between 1 month and 12 years of age has found that alcoholic extracts of the leaves and flowers cure fever as speedily as quinine.

Not Thankless.

"Well, Harry, what are you doing nowadays?"

"Writing for the press."

"Thankless sort of work, ain't it?"

"Bless your heart, no! 'Bout everything I write is returned with thanks."

SUPERSTITION AND MEDICINE.

Some of the Queer Things Given Credence by Many.

Pet superstitions and delusions can be found in every household, says the Washington Star. "When there is a case of sickness in the house and some domestic animal dies you will find that some think the patient will surely recover. The most persistent superstitions in the world are those that are based upon the habits of animals," said Dr. J. Dudley Morgan. "If one is walking. The neigh of a horse is a portent brushes the face it is supposed to mean that a ghost is following, but in daytime it tells that a stranger is coming. She neigh of a horse is a portent of death which will come from the quarter from which his head is pointing when he neighs.

"The hair of a dog, the skin of a snake and the pelt of a black cat are believed to possess medicinal qualities, while the handling of a toad is said to give warts. German-Canadians are full of superstition. A white spider crawling toward one, the howling of a dog, the sight of a snake all foretell death. The killing of a toad or the crowing of a hen foretells rain. If the cat washes its face it means that visitors are coming. If a bee stings, kill it and the wound will not swell. The black tooth of a hog and the blood of a black hen have curative powers.

"In a certain district in Germany the touch of a corpse's hand is still regarded as curative of many local ills. Less grewsome is the remedy for hernia still applied in the marsh country. On the night of St. John the Baptist's day, June 24, a patient must be dragged through the split of a cleft ash tree. Three men bearing the name of John must perform the operation and it must be conducted in dead silence. For erysipelas a fire is lighted and a pinch of ashes from it is rubbed on the skin to the accompaniment of a saying to the effect that the ashes and the sore went over the Red sea together, the ashes came back but the sore never again.

"Recently in Georgetown a policeman was bitten by a supposed poisonous snake and the old remedy of killing chickens, cutting them open and applying them to the bite until the chickens were cold and did not turn black was tried. Twenty-six chickens were used on the policeman in extracting the poison. This remedy for cramps is used to-day in other places than Georgetown: 'On going to rest put your slippers under the bed and turn the soles upward.'

"In the wards of Garfield hospital last fall there was a patient who insisted on keeping several apples under his bed to help the dropsy. The things that people will carry within their pockets, wear around their necks or bodies or put on their fingers are legion. Have a white potato in each pocket of your trousers and you will never be troubled with rheumatism or if you suffer with cough and cold exchange the potato for a lump of camphor. No doubt there are some of us who now have a horse chestnut in our pockets or are wearing a nickel ring. Several years ago the writer was urged by an intelligent and considerate friend to wear a nutmeg for obstiate boils.

"In no other western European country is superstion so prevalent as in Austria-Hungary. Quite recently the chamberlain office changed the number of box 3 in the Imperial opera house and the Imperial Court theater because the public objected to sitting in a box bearing this unlucky number. But this superstition reaches its height in medicine. Speaking of the health exhibition, Dr. Heinrich Grun declared that in many instances superstition, and especialy local superstition, was an absolute menace to public health. In the Austrian hospitals one finds no block or pavilion 13, no ward 13 or staircase 13. Very few patients will consent to be operated on on the 13th. And in that respect Friday, too, is considered just as unlucky."

About the Limit.

A newly married couple came in a hotel where we were resting and asked how much it would cost to get two bowls of boiled rice and milk and were informed that the price was 15 cents per portion. The groom pulled a small package wrapped in a bit of newspaper from his pocket and, opening it, displayed about a double handful of rice, which he said they had gathered from their clothing after the shower which followed the early morning wedding. He inquired how much would be deducted if they furnished their own rice, and upon being informed that no allowance could be made became indignant and remarked that they would wait until they reached home for their dinner rather than submit to such unfair dealing, and left the place. The proprietor said that the young man owned one of the best farms in the town and had established a famous reputation locally for economy, although that is not exactly the way he expressed it.—Forest and Stream.

Romance of a Necklace.

Some years ago an old Frenchwoman died in a poor part of Dublin, and her little effects were put up for auction. Among other odds and ends was a necklace of dirty looking green stones. However, a shrewd pair of dealers thought there might be "money in it" and decided on purchasing, clubbing together £5 for the purpose. On taking it to a well known jeweler he promptly offered £1,500, which sum they refused and sold the necklace of purest emeralds for £7,000 in London, where Lord Rosebery on his marriage purchased it for something like £20,000. The old Frenchwoman's mother had been attached to the court of France, and the emeralds had once formed part of the crown jewels.—London Answers.

Not Missing Anything.

Maize—When summer men propose what rule do you follow?"

Marie—Present company always accepted.—Kansas City Times.

There are lots of people who put up with things all their lives that other people wouldn't stand temporarily.

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Cautions.

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"The caddie made no reply, so I again put the same question to him in a much louder tone, to which the caddie answered:

"'I heard very well what you said the first time, so I am just thinkin' about it.'"

Horrors of Baseball.

"Speaking of 'cold weather pitchers,'" muttered the umpire, breathing on his benumbed fingers and dodging an outcurve, "the best cold weather pitcher in the business, to my way of thinking, is a pitcher of something hot."

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An Old Yarn.

Old Lady—Little boy, do you believe in Santa Claus?

Mickey—Cut it out, old party; I bit on dat kind of a gag at Peter Pan last year.—Cornell Widow.

Another Kentucky Horror.

"Col. Allgore seems to be taking quite a shine to the rich widow of a pickle manufacturer."

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Technical Baseball Reports.

"Going to the game this afternoon?"

"Yep. I am awfully busy, too."

"Why don't you wait and read about it in the morning paper?"

"That wouldn't do me any good. I'd have to see the game to understand the article."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Different.

The burglar had gathered up all the valuables.

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Hanna's Corn Beef.

Corned beef hash as made by Senator Hanna's cook was very popular in Washington several years ago. When the head waiter of the senate restaurant wanted hash prepared very carefully he ordered it this way: "One corned beef hash for Senator Hanna." One day when the restaurant was doing a heavy business almost everybody seemed to want corned beef hash. "Corned beef hash for Senator Hanna" had been ordered fourteen times. When the fifteenth order went down to the kitchen the chef shouted: "That's fifteen orders for Senator Hanna! He'd better watch out or he'll founder himself."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Back to the Hay.

The foreign nobleman was keenly disappointed.

"I was hoping, monsieur," he sighed, "that you might possibly install me in your glorious family."

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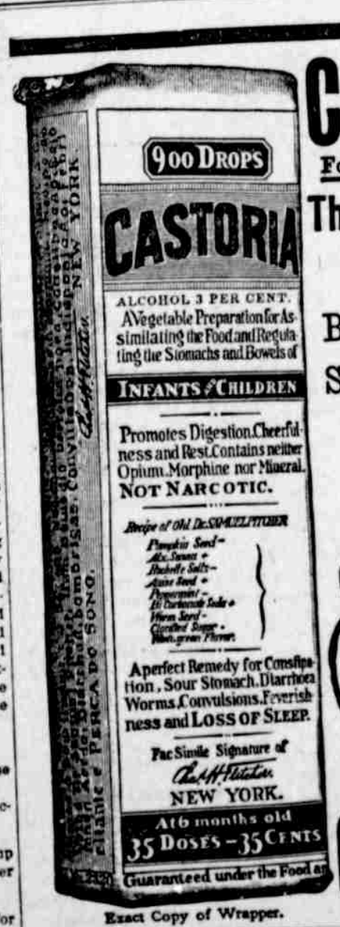

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