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A Man Who Knows Everything.
Thiers, the French statesman, was a victim of many whimsies. None had stronger hold on him, says Mr. Gabriel Hanotaux in "Contemporary France," than his desire to get everybody to recognize his universal competency.
Of an applicant for the post of director at the Sevres manufactory Thiers said:
"He is no more made for that post than I am."—and then he stopped.
"Ah, oh! M. Thiers," said his interlocutor, "you find it hard to say what you could not do."
"That's the truth! That's the truth!" cried the statesman gleefully.
One day Thiers said, speaking of a man who had been raised to a high function:
"He is no more suited for that office than I am to be a druggist. And yet," he added, catching himself up, "I do know chemistry!"

Force of Light.
Light has an actual mechanical pressure and can be measured in the laboratory. It has been found that the sun's light in itself presses against the earth with a force something like 10,000 tons. As the surface of a sphere varies as the square of the radius, and as the volume or mass varies as the cube of the radius, and as the mechanical pressure of light on the whole surface varies as that surface, and as the force of gravity varies as the mass, if a sphere is made smaller and smaller it is exactly that the pressure of light does not decrease so fast as the force of gravity, so bodies beyond a certain minuteness could not reach the sun, but would be repelled by the mechanical force of its light.

Treating a Cut.
When you have a cut, a scratch, a bruise or any other kind of injury paint it with iodine. As soon as injured dip a toothpick with cotton rolled on the end of it in the iodine and paint over the wound without washing. The iodine will kill all germs in the dirt that gets into the wound, while washing only drives the germs farther into the flesh. When painted with the iodine wrap the injured part in a clean cloth for a couple of days.

A Submarine Record.
Although the submarine is, in a way, nearly 300 years old, yet the first under sea destroyer to sink a hostile warship without also sinking herself was the E-6 of the British navy, which in September, 1914, blew up the German cruiser Hela in Helgoland light—Argonaut.

A Terrible Blight.
"What do you think? A man brought back the umbrella he took from our hall stand."
"I'm! It speaks well for the honesty of the man, I should say, but it is a terrible blight to the umbrella."—Exchange.

The easiest thing I know of," says a philosopher, "is to begin to save up some money next month."

Curious Old Clock.
In the tower of the town house of Heidelberg was an old clock so constructed that when the hours struck the figure of an old man pulled off his hat, a cock crowed and clapped its wings and soldiers fought with one another. But this curious piece of workmanship, with the castle and town, was burned by the French in 1692.

It Won't Harm the Pigs.
Visitor—My good man, you keep your pigs much too near the house. Cottager—That's just what the doctor said, mum. But I don't see how it's a-goin' to hurt 'em.—London Punch.

Several Forevers.
This farmer was a very positive man. "Tar fenceposts," said he, "and they will last forever. I have tried it three times, and I know."—Christian Herald.

Trouble springs from idleness and grievous toll from needless ease.—Franklin.

An Unfortunate Omission.
She—Before we were married you always said my voice was like the sweetest music. He—I still think so. However, I omitted to tell you that I never cared much for music and never cared at all for much music.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

FEEDING THE BOY.

Give Every Healthy Youngster the Best His System Craves.
The growing boy—the active, healthy, normal boy—is a better judge of his diet than mother or father or doctor. He needs every kind of food, plenty of it, and his system will naturally crave for just those foods that are best for him.

Such, in substance, is the theme of an article in the National Food Magazine by Dr. H. K. Barnard.

There are two kinds of food—protein, with which the body is built up, and the growing boy needs as much of these as the full grown man, often more; carbohydrates, which are the fats and sugars and starches that supply heat and energy.

The boy's protein food need not all be meat. Dr. Barnard says "It is better that as small part of this nutritious food come from milk and eggs, cheese, beans and peas. If he has plenty of these rich and relatively cheap foods he will not crave meat so inordinately as some growing boys do." Dr. Barnard continues:

"The boy needs a large quantity of carbohydrates. That is why his demand for bread and butter is limited only by the supply at hand; and when he uses almost as much butter as bread, do not stint him. By the pound butter is expensive, but it is pure, wholesome food, and he can use it readily. It will not make him ill; quite the contrary.

"And do not be afraid of sugar and sweet foods. Sugar is a true concentrated food. Give him candy for dessert. He craves it and his craving is natural, not abnormal.

"The boy's instincts will lead him to choose the all around diet he needs."

THE HASTINGS DIAMOND.

It Involved a King of England in a Bribery Scandal.

Nearly every great diamond has a history. These histories are always romantic, embodying numerous adventures, some of which are tragic.

In the history of the Hastings tragedy of England is a charge of bribery against a king, George III., which gave the gentle art of caricature an opportunity such as had never come to it before and showed the power that caricature could wield upon a people.

At a levee of the king held on June 14, 1796, a very valuable diamond of unusual size and brilliancy was presented to George III., ostensibly as a gift from the queen or native ruler of Deccan, India.

At the period when this magnificent piece of jewelry was given to the king the impeachment of Warren Hastings was advancing in parliament, and it was current rumor that this and several lesser diamonds were the purchase price of Hastings' acquittal.

Caricatures appeared in the windows of the printshops. One represented Hastings wheeling the king to market in a barrow and saying, "What a man says he may sell again." In another the king was exhibited kneeling, with his mouth open and Hastings throwing diamonds into it.

An Italian Juggler then in London pretending to eat paving stones placarded the walls with bills describing himself as "The Greatest Stone Eater." Improving upon this, the caricaturists represented the king in the character of the Greatest Stone Eater.—Indianapolis News.

Value of White Oak.

The white oak has served for more useful purposes than perhaps any other tree, and its wood today is worth as much as mahogany. Furniture of "solid oak" is now a rarity, for the wood has become so expensive that it is used in the form of a veneer over baser woods. So used it loses none of its beauty, and even the thin veneer resists wear for an incredibly long time. This wood was a useful one to the early agriculturists as well as to those of the present day. It was durable when exposed to the elements and was also durable in contact with the soil. It was and is still used in fencing, and much of the second growth white oak timber in America is now being cut for railroad cross-ties.—Outing.

Story of a Bake-shop.

In Braunschweig, a quaint old German town, is pointed out the building—still used as a bake-shop—where Till Eulenspiegel, famous as a jester in the fourteenth century, worked as a boy. Many persons who have listened to the musical composition "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," which enshrines his name, have never associated this with the merry baker boy of Braunschweig. He is credited with having made many little gingerbread owa and monkeys, which he gave away to children. The shop at 11 Backerstrasse still does a thriving business.

A Step Further.

Grandma was indulging in a few reminiscences.
"And we used to make hasty pudding," said she.
"We have instantaneous pudding nowadays, grandma. Comes in a can."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Suspicious.

"I don't like the way she spoke of the baby."
"Why, she said it looked like you."
"Yes, and she said it in such a nasty way."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Warned.

Young Husband—When I used to kiss you you slapped me. Young Wife—Well, you won't get slapped now unless you forget to kiss me.—Illustrated Bits.

AN EQUINE HERO.

Story of Old Baldy, One of the Most Famous Horses in History.

The head of one of the most famous horses in history hangs mounted on a shield in the headquarters of George G. Meade post in Philadelphia. It is that of Old Baldy, General Meade's mount in the operations of the armies of the Potomac and Virginia. The horse was raised in the west and was brought east by Colonel E. D. Baker of Oregon, who was killed at Bull's Bluff on Oct. 21, 1861. General Meade bought him in Washington for \$150.

The horse was wounded in the nose by a piece of shell at the battle of Bull Run on July 21, 1861, but was not put out of service. He served at Dranesville, Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills and Groveton and was wounded again at the second battle of Bull Run, on Aug. 30, 1862, when he was shot through a hind leg.

Two weeks later he was ridden at the battle of South Mountain, and on Sept. 17 he was shot through the neck at the battle of Antietam and was abandoned, apparently dying. He was afterward found by General Meade's servant browsing on the battlefield. He had recovered sufficiently to serve General Meade in the October and November campaign to Falmouth. In 1863 he was at Chancellorsville during the first three days of May and at Gettysburg on July 1, 2 and 3. He was shot through the ribs on July 2.

He was in three other engagements that year, and in 1864 he was in the Wilderness campaign at Spotsylvania, North Anna Creek, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and several other places where there was hard fighting.

At the end of the war he was taken to General Meade's country place near Philadelphia, where he remained seven years. He was led in the great parade in Philadelphia on Dec. 16, 1876, in honor of General Grant's return from his tour of the world. He was later given to John J. Davis of Jenkintown, who cared for him until it became necessary to kill him because he became too feeble to stand. This was on Dec. 16, 1882. He survived his famous master about ten years.—Philadelphia Ledger.

DEFOE IN THE PILLORY.

When the Famous Writer Was Both Punished and Applauded.

The whipping post had as its companion 100 years or more ago, not in this country, but in England, the pillory. This punishment was ended by an act of the British parliament, dated June 30, 1837.

Perhaps the most famous sufferer at the pillory was a man who has delighted millions of English speaking boys and girls and many older persons by his book, "Robinson Crusoe," which was the precursor of juvenile books as we now know them. This sufferer was Daniel Defoe, who was not only a writer of entrancing fiction, but famous as a keen political pamphleteer. In 1703, in the reign of Queen Anne, there came from his hand "a scandalous and seditious pamphlet," entitled "The Shortest Way With the Dissenters." A reward of £50 was offered by the government for the author, and rather than that his printer and publisher should suffer in his stead, Defoe gave himself up and was sentenced to be pilloried three times.

On July 22 of that year the daring satirist stood unabashed on the pillory in Chesham. The punishment was repeated two days afterward in the Temple, where a sympathizing crowd sung garlands instead of garbage at the stout hearted pamphleteer, drank his health with loud acclaim and sang his "Hymn to the Pillory." In this hymn occur these lines:

Tell them the man that placed him here
Are scoundrels to the times;
Are at a loss to find his guilt
And can't commit his crimes.
—Indianapolis News

Water Colors.

Pigments have been used from the earliest times and are now used by all savages for decorative purposes. But the paint used in Babylon and Nineveh and in Pompeii was composed of pigments mixed not with oil, but with water, to which had been added a little glue, egg albumen or perhaps sometimes casein, which is albuminous matter from milk or the gluten from cereal grains. One, however, which was well known to the ancient Egyptians, was the most used binding material. Such paints are now known as fresco paints or water colors.

Not All Her Fault.

The new maid was untidy, and the mistress bore with her patiently at first. But on the third day she placed a very unclean dinner plate on the table, and patience broke down.
"Really, Harriet, you might at least see that the plates are clean."
"Well, mum," Harriet rejoined, "I owns to them thumb marks, but that dried mustard was there afore I come."—London Tit-Bits.

Not Through the Roof.

"We lost our cook yesterday by the gasoline route."
"Do you mean that she poured it on the kitchen fire?"
"No. Another family lured her away by offering her the use of a fine motor-car."—Boston Transcript.

Whereupon Pa Grunted.

"Would you marry pa if you had it to do all over again?"
"Yes, my dear, I would, but I think I'd collect all the fine gifts he promised me first."—Detroit Free Press.

Coming.

"Have you any unsavory in your family, Mrs. Jobbs?"
"Not yet, ma'am, but we'll hatch a few get everything that's a-goin'."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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