

The Marrying Ages.

Laws and customs that govern in many nations:

In Germany a man must be 18 years of age before he can legally marry.

In Portugal a boy of 14 is considered marriageable and a girl of 12.

In Greece a man must have seen at least 14 summers and a woman 12.

In France the man must be 18 and the woman 16. In Belgium the same ages.

In Spain the intended husband must have passed his 14th year and the woman her 12th.

In Switzerland men from the age of 14 and women from the age of 12 are allowed to marry.

In Austria a "man" and a "woman" are supposed to be capable of conducting a home of their own from the age of 14.

In Turkey any youth and maiden who can walk properly and can understand the necessary religious service are allowed to be united for life.

In Hungary for Roman Catholics, the man must be 14 years old and the woman 12; for protestants the man must be 18 and the woman 15.

In Russia and Saxony they are a little more sensible, and the youth must refrain from entering into matrimony till he can count 18 years, and the woman till she can count 16.

A New York City physician says one-sixth of the population of the metropolis has the grippe. A complication of the disease with pneumonia renders it very dangerous in numerous cases. Of course it will come west, but the wire edge will have been worn off by the time it reaches the Pacific. -Eugene Guard.

Bits of Honor.

"Thomas Tibbs is in a receiver's hands."

"What broke him up?"

"Oh, the tip system got started in his office, and he had to pay extra for every bit of work his clerks did." -Exchange.

"Grigsby took his Boston terrier over the other day and had him vaccinated."

"Did he have himself vaccinated too?"

"No; he doesn't believe in it. But he said he wouldn't take any chances with the dog." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Visitor—Say, are you de guy wot treats fellers as gets jagged? Dr Glitter—I treat inebriates.

Visitor—Well, I'm one of dem fellers, an' recia' it's your treat, you can gimme a little whiskey. -Chicago News.

She—John, dear, I have decided to make my old dress do me this winter.

He—You darling.

She—So I've bought me four new gowns and a hat for next winter. -New York Journal.

The Heiress—Oh, papa the Duke has proposed.

Papa—W'm! What are his prospects?

The Heiress—He says he can settle with his creditors for a shilling on the pound. -Brooklyn Life.

"What is your definition of satire?"

"Satire" said Miss Cayenne, "is something that compels you to laugh against your will in order to let it appear that you are not angry." -Washington Star.

"Are't you wor'ed a little over your daughter's mannishness?"

"Not a bit of it. I saw her try to throw a stone at a dog yesterday." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The editor of a western paper recently received the following: Dear editor: our cow has gone dry do you think we could sell her for dride beef? if so whear?"

A 5-year-old boy went with his mother to make a call. The lady of the house who was fond of children, told him she meant to ask his mother to let her have him. "Don't you think your mother would let me buy you?" she asked.

"No ma'am" answered the little fellow, "you haven't got money enough."

"How much would it take?" she continued.

"Three hundred dollars," said the boy promptly, as if that would settle the matter at once for all.

"Oh, well then," said the woman, "I think I can manage it. If I can will you come and stay with me?"

"No ma'am," he said with decision. "Mamma wouldn't sell me anyhow. There are five of us and mamma would not like to break the set." -Buffalo Enquirer.

"I notice you never criticize your wife's cooking," remarked the young benedict.

"No," replied the man of experience, "I have learned better. You see, when you criticize your wife's cooking, she is always trying to demonstrate that your criticisms are unjust, while if you say nothing about it, she has no object in going into the kitchen, and consequently leaves matters entirely to the cook." -Chicago Post.

A divorce suit makes an appropriate traveling dress.

"I'm afraid I made a blunder this morning," said Mr Meekton. "Henrietta asked me who, in my opinion, had written the greatest poetry in the English language?"

"What did you say?"

"I said 'Mother Goose'! You see she was the only lady poetry writer I could think of just at the moment." -Washington Star.

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