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Tailors Will Fight.
Tailors must unbend at times, and it seems that on the night of St. John's eve, June 23, 1896, the tailors of Oxford were in the habit of unbending very far indeed. It was their custom to celebrate on that evening a festival of so prolonged a character that they usually did not break up till dawn. Upon this particular occasion in 1896 after midnight, when they had a right to expect that they would find the streets in that part of the town deserted, they and their friends went out into High street and commenced what was apparently some sort of formal country dance. Their evolutions, however, were interrupted by a clerk, one Gilbert of Foxlee, who came upon them, the account states, with a sword drawn, determined, apparently in a spirit of pure mischief, to break up the dance. Some of the party, who knew him, held him back and did their best to get him away peacefully, but their efforts were fruitless. He tore himself away from them and sprang again at the dancers, aiming a blow at one as he came round in the figure, which, but for a prompt movement on his part, would certainly have cost him a hand. This was more than even an Oxford tailor could stand, and the whole party seem to have turned upon the clerk. One wounded him in the sword arm; a second stabbed him in the back; a cut on the head from a third brought him to the ground. It would have been well if things had gone no further. But a tailor's blood, one takes it, is as apt to boil as that of any one else, and a serving man struck at the prostrate student with some sort of an ax (called a spash), inflicting a terrible wound in the left shin, which, after a lingering illness of eight weeks, proved fatal to the notorious Gilbert—Macmillan's Magazine.

The Vague Laureate.
It would be pleasant to think of Spenser as poet laureate to Queen Elizabeth, and there are those who do so, but strict criticism cannot allow the claim. It is true that Spenser became a courtier and flattered the queen in the extraordinarily exaggerated style of the time, and that when he dedicated the first three books of the "Faerie Queene" to Elizabeth she gave him a pension of £50 a year. It is true also that Spenser speaks of himself as the wearer of the laurel leaf. In one of the sonnets to the lady who was to become his wife he says: "The laurel leaf, which you this day do wear, Gives me great hope of your relenting mind, For, since it is the badge which I do bear, You, hearing it, do seem to me to mind." But this is nothing more than the usual formal reference to the laurel as the poet's special tree. No such office as that of poet laureate, as it is now understood, existed in Elizabeth's time, and few poets who have flattered a sovereign have had such bitter experience of the fickleness and cruelty of a court as Spenser. Like some of his more formally appointed successors, he was indeed buried in Westminster abbey. Yes, but he had died of starvation.—Temple Bar.

THE UNKNOWN OUT OF ALL.
As Shakespeare says, it is to poke fun or sneer at people who are nervous, under the half-belief that their complaint is imaginary or an affectation. It is neither, but a serious reality. Impaired digestion and assimilation of the food is a very common cause of nervousness, especially that distressing form of it which manifests itself in want of sleep. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters speedily remedies nervousness, as it also does malaria, kidney, bilious and rheumatic ailments. The weak gain vigor speedily through its use.

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SLIPS IN SPEECH.
Sundry "Bad Breaks" That Are Made With the Best Intentions in the World.
In the hurry of speech and anxiety to be polite one is very often liable to slips of the tongue which may put an entirely different construction upon the sentence than was intended. For example, upon arriving at your entertainer's house, you say, "I beg a thousand pardons for coming so late," and are met by your hostess with the words: "My dear sir, no pardons are needed; you can never come too late."
Take another instance. At an evening party in Cork a lady said to her partner, "Can you tell me who that exceedingly plain man is sitting opposite to us?" "That is my brother," "Oh, I beg your pardon," she replied, much confused, "I did not notice the resemblance."
That was certainly putting one's foot in it, and yet was perhaps not so awkward as the following: After a certain concert a well known German cantatrice asked a gentleman to whom she had been introduced how he liked her duet. "You sang charmingly, madam. But why did you select a horrid piece of music?" "Sir, that was written by my late husband!" "Ah, yes, of course. I did not mean— But why did you select such an ass to sing with you?" "Ach, himmel, that is my present husband!"
A lady said something the other day at a friend's dinner that found mark the archer little meant. There were several strangers present, and in response to a remark made about a certain lady of a certain age, the fair guest in question exclaimed, "Why, good gracious! she is as old as the hills!" and could not imagine in the least what had caused the general consternation. She did a little later, however, when it was explained to her that two maiden sisters at the table, whose names she did not catch in the introduction, were called Hill, and were extremely sensitive on the subject of age.

"Here, my dear husband," said a loving wife, "I have brought you a little silver pig for luck. It's a charm, you know, dear, to bring happiness to a house."
"Ah, how kind of you, darling! But why should I need a little pig to bring me luck when I have you still?"
An awkward compliment recently rather disturbed the harmony of a wedding breakfast given by a substantial farmer blessed with five daughters, the eldest being the bride. A neighboring young farmer, who was honored with an invitation, thinking, no doubt, he ought to say something smart and complimentary upon the event, addressing the bridegroom, said, "Well, you have got the pick of the batch." The consternation of the four unmarried ones may be imagined.—New York Dispatch.

The Author of "Evelina."
Miss Burney, or Mme. D'Arbly, retains a place in literature partly by her novels, partly by her exceedingly interesting diary. Nor must it be forgotten that, although "Evelina" appeared so long ago as 1779, there are many people still living who were young men and women when she died. She has been praised by Macaulay for describing real life "with broad, comic humor," yet in language that is never "inconsistent with rigid morality or even with virgin delicacy," and it is true that "Evelina" possesses unique interest as a description of contemporary manners and is free from unnecessary coarseness. It is also true that the author has a keen eye for the ridiculous and a considerable gift of satire. Nevertheless Mme. D'Arbly is not entitled to any high place as a novelist. Her constructive skill is small, and her characters are for the most part what Johnson would have called "humorists"—that is, they are the incarnation of qualities rather than flesh and blood individuals. Moreover, the author herself is a "humorist." Her ruling passion is a morbid craving to be "genteel." She has no mercy for vulgarity or the vulgar, but she fails to see that her own worship of society conventions is itself vulgar. And hence one may doubt the propriety of assigning to her "broad comic humor." She was too much of a prig to be possessed of humor, which implicates geniality.

Still, Mme. D'Arbly claims respect on the specific ground that she did much to purify an important form of literature, while she has a certain additional claim to remembrance from her connection with Dr. Johnson. Did not Dr. Johnson kiss her, and has she not recorded, "To be sure, I was a little surprised, having no idea of such facetiousness from him?"—Cornhill Magazine.

A Cabby's Tip.
A sensitive cab horse and a four wheeler drew up in front of a theater the other night, and a portly old gentleman alighted.
Having handed the caddy his strictly legal fare, he turned round to make his way into the building.
"Excuse me, sir," said the weather beaten caddy, "but would yer oblige me by not passing in front of the old horse? If he sees what weight he's pulled for a bob, he'll simply drop down dead."
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MEN WORSE THAN APES.
Revolt of the Cannibals of the African Coast.
The cannibalism of the black secret society known as the Human Leopards in the country near Sierra Leone brings forcibly before us the difference between the east African and west African habits of eating human flesh. The Sherbo cannibals waylaid and killed their victims and afterward feasted on their flesh. The cannibalism of the east coast is of a very different kind. The flesh of the old people—the grandfather and grandmother of a family—is dried and mixed with condiments, and a portion of this is offered, with a dim sort of sacramental meaning, to travelers who become guests of the family. To refuse it would be a deadly insult. To accept it is a passport to the privileged position of a friend of the house. Many of our travelers in east Africa have eaten thus sacramentally of the ancestors of some dark skinned potentate.

The cannibalism of the west coast is of a more horrible kind, connected with fetishism, the worst developments of which are peculiar to that country. But there is a hideously genuine appetite for fresh human flesh still existing among the negroes of west Africa. This cannibalism manifests itself in a refinement of gluttony which has its mild analogy in the tastes of Europeans. Young boys are bought from the dark interior, kept in pens, fattened upon bananas and finally killed and baked. To these Thyesitean feasts come not only the savage chiefs of the interior, but also, it is whispered, black merchants from the coast. Men who appear at their places of business in English territory in broadcloth and tall hats, who ape the manners of their white masters, are said to disappear annually into the interior, where, we are told, they might be seen in naked savagery taking part in the banquets on plump boys, in which they delight.

Be this as it may, somehow the native of the west coast and its Hinterland is unlike the East or South African native in the deep lying savagery and the extraordinary facility for returning to it which are his leading and very unpleasant characteristics. The subject claims the attention of the anthropologist, and certainly suggests a curious reason for questioning the relationship of the black man and the ape or the gorilla, seeing that the race of monkeys seems to be singularly free from anything like cannibalism.—London Saturday Review.

HOLES IN THE CANVAS.
An Important Discovery Increasing the Efficiency of Sails.

An Italian sea captain, Gio Batta Vassallo of Genoa, has made a very interesting innovation in the use of sails of ordinary sailing vessels. He claims that the force of wind cannot fully take effect in a sail, since the air in front of it cannot properly circulate in the inflated part and remains stationary immediately in front of part of the sail proper. He avoids this stagnation of air, as he calls it, by the application of a number of small holes in that part of the sail where the depression is deepest when it is filled. These holes are re-enforced like a buttonhole, so that they will not tear out.

Football in Africa.
Englishmen are proverbial for taking their games with them into whatever part of the world they go. Golf, as we know, is played in the shadow of the pyramids and in the very heart of the Himalayas, but football in the middle of darkest Africa is something of an innovation. Yet football is rapidly becoming popular on the shores of Lake Nyassa, and at Kotakota, which a few years ago was notorious as the greatest depot for slaves on the western shore of the lake, mixed teams of black and white meet every Saturday with as much regularity as do our home teams, though the local chronicler omits to say whether Rugby or Association has won the suffrages of the Nyassa teams. One startling feature of the game is that the black players decline to hamper themselves with boots and find apparently no inconvenience in playing with bare feet.—London Cor. Manchester Guardian.

Brevet Rank.
The story is told of a soldier of the Army of the Potomac who had his own ideas as to his financial value, as well as the method by which that value could be realized.

He was a white man and was detailed for service as a teamster in a train which was driven for the most part by negroes. The negroes were hired at the rate of \$25 per month, but the white soldier received no more than his regular pay of \$16.

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