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Political Burglaries.

It was through a stolen document openly seized by the British ambassador in Berlin that the British government first learned of the recognition of the independence of America by France. The British minister was Hugh Elliot, and he had the desk of the French minister forced open to obtain the copy of the treaty he wanted.

In 1855 a sensation was created by the discovery of a plan by which secret documents were systematically abstracted from the Russian embassy in Berlin, being copied at night in the interests of another nation and replaced in the drawer at the embassy in the morning. The burglaries had been taking place for two years before they were discovered.—Exchange.

Lost Time.

A traveler, finding that he had a couple of hours in Dublin, called a cab and told the driver to drive him around for two hours. At first all went well, but soon the driver began to whip up his horse, so that they narrowly escaped several collisions.

"What's the matter?" demanded the passenger. "Why are you driving so recklessly? I'm in no hurry." "Ah, g'wan wid yez," retorted the cabby. "D'ye think that I'm going to put in me whole day drivin' ye around for two hours? Git up!"—Chicago News.

Tarring and Feathering.

The first recorded instance of tarring and feathering a human being was in 1189, during the time of the crusades. In that year, the first of the reign of Richard I., a law was passed that "any robber voyaging with the crusaders shall be first shaved, then hot pitch shall be poured upon him and a cushion of feathers shook over him." After this the criminal was to be put ashore at the first landing place the ship reached.

Making George Happy.

"George, dear, you remember just a few weeks before we were married you said that anything you could do to make me happy would make you very, very happy."

"Yes, darling. What is it?"

"George, I really must have another new gown. I hope you won't deny yourself that happiness."—Detroit Free Press.

Regular System.

"Nothing ever goes to waste in this house," said the landlady from her seat at the head of the table.

"What do you do, then, madam, with what's left over?" a new boarder asked.

"I hash it, of course," she answered.

"But what do you do," the boarder persisted, "with the hash that's left over?"

"Why, relash it."

Hugo and His Critic.

Victor Hugo once made a queer mistake in "Travailleurs de la Mer" when he mentioned the Firth of Forth as the "Premier de Quatre." He had confused the word "firth" with "first." The English translator of the book was at the pains to point this out to the great man in a letter, but Victor Hugo was indignant at the impertinence and absolutely declined to have the mistake corrected.

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