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Watch Competitions.

Very few people know that there are, in connection with the Geneva watch trade, competitions involving very large sums of money, a goodly proportion of which finds its way into England.

A certain number of watchmakers at Geneva nominate certain dealers in England who shall hold competition watches made by the former, and the names of such dealers are agreed to by the whole of the said makers. Prizes ranging from £300 downward are given to the makers whose particular watches shall keep the best time and remain in the finest condition during 12 months.

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—London Standard.

A Pine Knot Squirrel Hunt.

"A pine knot squirrel hunt is about the most exciting sport I know," said A. R. McIlvane. "In the pine woods of the south there are a great many squirrels, and the ground is covered with knots. These are very hard, and their shape renders them much easier than stones to throw straight. Frequently parties of expert throwers are formed to kill squirrels without guns, and it is remarkable how successful they are. When a squirrel is sighted, the man who discovers him has the first throw, and if the squirrel is not hit it belongs to whoever gets it. About one-half of the throws bring the squirrels down, and the party will often return with 100 of the animals. As the trees are high and the squirrels are generally on the branches, the difficulty of hitting them is very great, but the skill of a great many with these knots is remarkable."

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Comparative Antiquity.

"Mrs. Cashman has ceased to notice Mrs. Jones-Brown. Do you know why?" "It is because her son-in-law's family is so very much older than the family of Mrs. Jones-Brown's son-in-law."

THE KEYSTONE OF THE ARCH

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HUMOR

METHODICAL.

She Was All Right in Principle, but Not in Practice.

They had come down town on a shopping trip and had dropped into a restaurant for a cup of tea. While they drank it they explained to each other their various scientific ways of doing the thing.

"I go about it systematically," said the methodical woman. "First I find out just what I need and how much, then I make an accurate list and divide my money, for I know just how much I mean to pay for each thing, and I never take along any more than I need."

"But suppose you see some perfectly lovely bargains?" put in the extravagant woman, "but then you can take the money you had intended for something else."

"I never do such things. I buy just what I have originally decided upon."

"And I suppose you go straight to the department where they keep those particular articles," observed the careless woman.

"Of course I do."

"For my part, I think that's just like a man, and I do hate anything unfeminine," put in the widow.

"Stuff and nonsense! Then I always keep my tickets until my purchases arrive in order that I can exchange them if necessary. As for Kate here, she never even takes her tickets home."

"I don't," said the careless woman. "I find that I can always get my things exchanged if I ask prettily enough. Soft words are just as good as those rubbishy tickets of yours."

"I never return anything," said the extravagant woman. "If I don't like my purchases when I get home, I just give them to some deserving object of charity. We are entirely too selfish in this world anyhow, as I always tell my husband when he objects to giving me more money. I like to do a little good."

"Yes; how delighted that poor invalid was with the walking hat you sent her. She said she was really afraid she was losing all idea of the prevailing styles and becoming hopelessly old-fashioned," remarked the careless woman, with a smile in her voice.

The extravagant woman was busy putting sugar in her tea, so the methodical woman took up the conversation, saying:

"Then I always carry a number of cards with my name and address on them. It saves the shop people lots of trouble to have it plainly written out just where to send the goods."

"Yes, but it didn't the time you gave them one of Mrs. Jones's cards in mistake for your own and had all your winter fannels sent to her," observed the careless woman.

"If I remember rightly, you almost had pneumonia before the mistake could be set right."

"That was a mere accident," said the methodical woman severely; "the principle is all right."

"Of course, of course," said the widow soothingly. "I think I must be going now. I've lots to do."

"And I, too," said the methodical woman. "Kate does all her matching by eye, and it takes a long time. Just wait a minute, Kate, while I get out my list. After it is once made I dismiss it entirely from my mind, and I don't know where I must go first. Why, where can my list be?"

"At home on your dressing table, dear," said the careless woman blandly. "I saw it as we were starting out, but you were so busy lecturing me about my lack of system that I really hadn't a chance to mention it to you."

—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Colonial Episode.

"What!" exclaimed Pocahontas in justifiable wrath, when she discovered Captain John Smith making love to the daughter of the oldest settler. "I thought you loved me alone?"

"I love you both," said John dreamily, stepping behind a tree.

"No, I am not your only girl?"

"Then, my dear. This is my original; you are my aboriginal."—New York World.

A Treasure.

"There's a fine horse," said the owner of the animal proudly.

"Yes?"

"Most valuable animal on this track." "Is he fast?"

"Rather. But that isn't what makes him worth so much. It's his intelligence. All you have to do is to whisper 'Whoa' to him, and he comes to a dead standstill."—Washington Post.

Likely to Remember.

Proud Mother—You haven't kissed the baby. Bachelor Uncle—Um—er—I'll try to remember next time. I'll kiss her when I—er—come back from Europe.

"When will that be?" "Let—me—see. About 16 years."—New York Weekly.

A Quick Response.

Old Cusly (giving his son a check);—Now, be careful, my boy. Remember, a fool and his money are soon parted. Spendall Cashly—Yes, sir, and thank you for having obliged me so promptly.—Scribner's Magazine.

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