

WIT AND WISDOM.

—Timid buyer—Is the horse shy or timid? Ardent seller—Not a bit of it. Why, he sleeps all alone in his stable.—*Boston Beacon.*

—It is the fashion to name children after flowers in Virginia. That is probably because they all start out as Virginia creepers.—*Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.*

—One of wise Dr. Franklin's wise sayings was: "It is the eyes of others that ruin us." It is a good thought to "chew on"—and also to act on—in these hard times.—*N. Y. Independent.*

—Teacher—Of what is the ocean composed? Boy—Of salt water. Teacher—Why is the water of the ocean salt? Boy—Because so many salt codfish swim about in it, I suppose.—*Tezas Siftings.*

—"I have here a letter directed to the prettiest woman in the house," announced the presidentess of a woman's convention. Four reporters on the front seat were trampled to death in the rush for the speaker's stand.—*Merchant Traveler.*

—We judge others by their faults and ourselves by our virtues. This is not righteous judgment, perhaps; but without some such arrangement, it would be difficult to discover, as we now do, that we are ever so much better than our neighbors.—*Boston Herald.*

—"Do you know a man by the name of Legion?" inquired Dumley of a friend. "Legion? No. I never heard of him." "Jenkins told me last night that I had been called the biggest fool-jackass on earth, and when I demanded the man's name he said it was Legion. I'm looking for him."—*Puck.*

—A lady who has been abroad was describing some of the sights of her trip to her friends. "But what pleased me as much as anything," she concluded, "was the wonderful clock at Strasburg." "Oh, how I should love to see it!" gushed a pretty young woman in pink. "I am so interested in such things. And did you see the celebrated watch on the Rhine, too?"—*Drake's Magazine.*

—"Why, Mr. Fogg," urged the landlady, "you are not eating anything. Come, now, try one of my nice biscuits." "Thank you, ma'am," replied Fogg, "but when I was child I was told never to ask for anything I didn't see on the table." The landlady remarked to the servant, after tea, that she wondered what Mr. Fogg meant; something hateful, she'd be bound.—*Boston Transcript.*

The Consequences if he Got Left.

"I would like," said the timid lover to the maiden who had just accepted him, "I would like, since we can not marry at once, to keep our engagement a secret for the present."

"Why?" asked the astonished damsel.

"Well, the fact is my parents would disown me —"

"Disown you? Am I not worthy to be their daughter? Is my family not as good as yours? Am I not —"

"One moment, darling, one little moment. You are mistaken."

"Mistaken? I would not marry you —"

"Stay, I implore you. You, my own, are better than I. You are rich; I am poor. My parents would disown me — if I got left this time."—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

—In archery a bow pulling thirty pounds is considered the correct thing for ladies. But we have known young ladies of very delicate constitution and physique to pull a beau weighing 250 pounds from one division of the city to its antipodes, and that seven nights in the week.—*Chicago Telegram.*

—Depends on the shoulder.—
He saw her first at the garden gate,
Six months ago.
Her charming face was as pure as snow,
And his heart was caught in the golden bow
Of the ringlets of saucy Kate.

He saw her last with her shapely head,
Two hours ago.
On a manly shoulder needing low;
And, seen 'gainst the cheek of another beau,
That hair was only red.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

—The German War Office has decided that all sub-officers must learn telegraphy.

—According to recent statistics, there are 4,570,000 more women than men in Europe at the present time.

—The French Chamber of Deputies has voted the adoption of the bill prohibiting the sale of oleomargarine and kindred substances as butter.

—Jewels to the value of 30,000 francs, deposited in the famous grotto of Lourdes, in honor of the Holy Virgin, have been stolen by thieves.

—According to the census of Saxony for 1885 the population of the Kingdom was 3,182,000. In Dresden the population numbered 246,946 and in Leipzig 170,340.

—Prof. Manassein recommends the watermelon as a cheap but effective substitute for grapes in the treatment of chronic congestion of the liver, chronic intestinal catarrh and similar affections.

—The Archaeological Society of St. Petersburg proposes to form a museum of Christian antiquities, of which it is believed a plentiful supply can be obtained from the numerous churches and monasteries of the Russian Empire.

—The Patriarch of Jerusalem is thus described by one who has just paid him a visit: "He is one of the most kingly men I ever saw, meeting one's conception of King David's appearance in middle life (he is about thirty-five years old), very strong in every way, tender-hearted and affectionate as strong."

—Recent soundings have given the following depths for the different Swiss lakes: Constance, between Uttwyl and Friedrichshafen, 255 metres; Geneva, between Rivaz and Sa'nt-Glugolphe, 256 metres; and between Lausanne and Evian, 330 metres; Brienne, 261; Thun, 217; Lucerne, between Geru and Rueteren, 214 metres; Zug, 198; Neuchatel, 153; Wallenstadt, 151; and Zurich, 143 metres.

—An analysis of 439 samples of wine in the municipal laboratory of Paris during the month of September showed that only 95 were unadulterated. Of 402 samples of milk, 290 proved pure, and salicylic ingredients were discovered in 96 out of 391 samples of beer. It was further found that 9 out of 22 samples of flour were adulterated, and 11 out of 24 specimens of preserves dyed with poisonous substances.

—A recent trial in Paris has disclosed some of the secrets of the dressmaking trade. Mlle. Lerask was "first hand" at Messrs. Raudinty's, at a salary of 12,000f per annum. She was made to sign a document avowing that she had robbed her employers, and that she was indebted to their generosity for not having prosecuted her. This document was held over her head to prevent her from joining any rival establishment. Finally, she left her situation, and on Messrs. Raudinty hearing that she was still in Paris, they prosecuted her. The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty," and condemned Messrs. Raudinty to bear all the costs.

China's Empress Dowager.

A short time ago it was announced that the Emperor of China, having reached his fourteenth year, was about to take over the reins of power from the Empress Dowager, and that nothing now remained but for the astrologers to select a lucky day. It has, however, now been arranged, at the Emperor's request, and the arrangement has been approved at a meeting of the imperial Princes, that the Empress Dowager shall govern in conjunction with the Emperor until he reaches the age of twenty. The officials have been ordered, therefore, in future to send their petitions, memorials, etc., in duplicate—one copy for the Emperor, the other for the Empress. The latter has been so successful as a ruler that the plan is a wise one. She is not the mother of the Emperor, but one of the wives of the last Emperor but one. The present Emperor is the son of Prince Tuan, the Prime Minister.—*Manchester Guardian.*

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