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To protect wooden electric light and telephone poles from being gnawed by horses, it is customary to wrap the wood with wire. With a view to facilitating this work, which is quite slow and consequently expensive when done by hand, a pole-wrapping machine has been devised. The machine carries a reel of wire, and is mounted on four grooved rollers which bear against the pole, being held in contact by the tension of a spiral spring. A cutter wheel is mounted on the machine, which serves to cut a spiral groove for the wire. The pitch of the groove may be varied by adjusting the cutter. With this machine it requires but fifteen or twenty minutes to wrap a pole, and the wire is laid on so tightly that it may be held with a single row of staples. The machine also serves for splicing poles.

Difficult Advice.

Mrs. Bayce was talking to another young woman at a tea.
"How decidedly better off a man would be," said the other young woman, "if he would only take his wife's advice."
"Quite true, my dear," said Mrs. Bayce. "I've advised my George time and time again not to bet on horses that don't win, but he will do it."

Why He Quit.

"So you abandoned the simple style of spelling?"
"Yes," responded the former advocate of the fad. "I found it so difficult to make people understand that I knew better."—Philadelphia Ledger.

As Good as He Gave.

"Here is my seat, madam, but can you compel me to say that I think you are as well able to stand as I am?"
"Futurism compels me to say 'Thank you, sir.'"—New York Journal

Perfectly Correct.

A young minister in the course of an eloquent sermon on the pomps and vanities of the world staggered his congregation by exclaiming:

"Here am I standing, preaching to you with only half a shirt on my back, while you sit there covered with gewgaws and other baubles."

The next day a parcel containing several brand new shirts was left at his home by one of his hearers, a kind-hearted old lady. Meeting the donor a few days afterward, he thanked her exceedingly, but expressed much surprise at receiving such an unexpected gift.

"Oh," said the lady, "you mentioned in your sermon on Sunday that you had only half a shirt on your back."
"Quite true," added his reverence, "but you seem to forget that the other half was in front."—London Answers.

How to Prove Coins.

The lady behind the counter at one of the London stores wrote out the bill for my purchases on a little manila folding book, which reproduced her writing by means of a carbon paper on the page below. Then she took the half sovereign I tendered in payment and, placing it on the upper page, pressed it hard down with her thumb. I asked the reason. "We have instructions," she explained, "to take the impression of any coin received by means of the carbon paper in the book. See (turning to the duplicate of my bill); there's the impression of your half sovereign. You couldn't very well think you'd given me a sovereign after seeing that, could you? You'd be surprised," she said, "how often we have to show our books to people to convince them we've not made a mistake."—Manchester Guardian.

Parliamentary Procedure.

"How about my letter of proposal?" demanded the young congressman.
"It has been advanced to a second reading," answered the haughty Washington belle.—Kansas City Journal.

To draw a caricature of our contemporaries is not difficult. It requires only a small portion of talent and a great want of courtesy.—Detroit.

Three New Hats.

Milliners have other troubles besides the frequent difficulty of collecting bills. One milliner tells of a letter she received from the wife of a man who in a brief time had advanced from poverty to great wealth. His family was still in obscurity, but was preparing to emerge.

"I want you should make a bonnet and two hats right off," wrote the wife. "For me and the girls, and expense is no account."

"My bonnet is nearly twelve inches from ear to ear over the head and eight under chin and six from top of forehead to back hair, and that's near snuff for both the girls."

"I'm sandy, Jane is dark, and Lucy's got red hair. We want lively colors, and I want blue flowers and strings on mine, besides some plumes."

"Jane wants hers green, and Lucy wants pink. We don't care what shapes, but they must be becoming and so as they won't blow to pieces in the wind. Nor we don't want them fond for my husband won't bear to such."

"Please send within five days, and if satisfactory bill will be paid at once."

—Youth's Companion.

Curly Hair Means Obstinacy.

The curly-headed man uttered an exclamation of amazement.

"Strange," he said, "I have been drawn for juries time and again, but I have never served. They always challenge me. I wonder why?"

"It is your curly hair," said a lawyer. "A curly-headed man kills a jury. He always causes it to disagree."

"That is not true. You must be crazy," said the other.

"It is the gospel truth," the lawyer persisted. "Curly heads are as obstinate as mules. They think they know it all. They disagree with everybody. 'It is because,' he hastened to add, 'their curly hair makes them so good looking. In childhood they are spoiled by their parents, and in maturity women spoil them, falling in love with them on every side. So they become recalcitrant. They disagree with everybody. Lawyers the world over recognize that so jurymen they would never do.'"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Had an Answer.

This story is being told on a Swede in central Kansas who was given to excessive use of the bottle. He was working at a certain house, doing odd jobs, and the daughter of the house knew of his reprehensible habits. She thought it time for some one to remonstrate with him on the error of his ways.

"Why," she asked, "are you not ashamed to spend all your wages and make your wife take in washing? Why don't you give her some money?"

"Well," he answered, "I have an income besides my wages."

"Oh, is that so?" said the daughter, somewhat mollified.

"Yes," he said, "I have an income from the queen of Sweden."

"What for?" asked the girl.
"For minding my own business," answered the Swede, going on with his work.—Kansas City Journal.

The Troubles of a French Academician.

The candidate, once elected, is bound to pronounce a harangue before he is allowed to take part in the work of the noble body. The director who happens to be in office answers him. This oration is invariably, or at least should be, composed first of thanks, more or less humble, for the great honor conferred, then of a panegyric of the happy one's predecessor. And, oh, how difficult that sometimes must be! More than one has rushed to the encyclopedia, then to the libraries, so as to get some clear notion of the illustrious ex-antecessor! Then fate is often ironic. A historian may have to celebrate the talent of a writer of light comedies, a legitimist may have to praise a Socialist, or else the newly elected member may have to speak of his most intimate enemy.—Jeanne Malre in Atlantic.

Ancient Derricks.

Probably the oldest derricks still in use are the two built at Trier, in Germany, in the year 1413 and the one built in 1504 at Andernach, also in Germany. All these three derricks are built on the same principle. In the middle of a massive A frame tower is located the swinging or main boom, 20 by 20 inches, whose iron pivot moves in a pan-shaped bearing cup. On top are fastened the guy ropes and the cap, which is also movable. The derrick can be moved by crossbars fastened to the main boom. The load is chain lifted by tread wheel sixteen feet in diameter.

Wagner to the Musicians.

Wagner's little admonition to the musicians was most characteristic and worthy to be noted by many an orchestra of this day. "Gentlemen," he said, "I beg of you not to take my fortissimo too seriously. Where you see 'f' make an 'fp' of it, and for piano play pianissimo. Remember how many of you there are down there against the one poor single human throat up here alone on the stage."—Neumann's "Personal Recollections."

Get Even.

"I'll never offer to be a sister to another man."

"Why not?"
"The last one under the guise of brotherly advice told me some very unpleasant truths."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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