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Baron Munchausen had just written a letter to a friend.

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Then, with a melancholy smile, he erased the word "truly."

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Gus de Smith—Those new boots of yours squeak awfully; perhaps they ain't paid for yet?

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Elsie—Are the sweetbreads made of loaf sugar?

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"Not yet. I've read the book. I shouldn't think it would make nearly so good a play as 'Unleavened Flags.' "

"I didn't read 'Unleavened Flags,' but if it was as poor a book as it was a play it wasn't worth reading. Still, you can't always tell. You've seen 'In the Palace of Harum,' of course."

"Oh, yes, indeed—I wasn't half through the book when I saw that."

"I didn't read the book. I was afraid they'd put the last chapter first as they did when they dramatized 'David Meredith,' you know. I don't believe in this dramatizing a novel by mixing it up until you can't recognize it."

"Oh, I do. It's ever so much more exciting all mixed up. I like the kind of dramatized novel where you can't tell which novel it is until the third act at least."

" 'To Shave and to Scold' ought to make a good play—don't you think so?"

"Oh, yes, indeed; much better than 'Carvice Janel' did. By the way, did you ever hear of a play by the name of 'Hamlet?' "

" 'Hamlet?' Why, I don't remember any novel of that name. Really? You don't mean it? Oh, if that's the case I shouldn't care to see it. Have you read Huxley's 'Life and Letters?' "

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Balzac's Convenient Trousers.

In a little village in the heart of Touraine lives a small, brown old man, says the London Onlooker, whose great pride it is that he once had the honor of making a pair of trousers for Balzac. The old tailor delights to tell of his meeting with the distinguished Frenchman.

When I got to the chateau where Monsieur Balzac was staying, I found him in the garden writing a novel. He was so busy that I waited a bit. Many sheets of paper, covered with fine writing, lay around him. He would write a spell then stare wildly about, and then go at it again as if he knew that a world was waiting for his words.

After standing near and watching him a while I had to interrupt him to get his measure for the trousers. Monsieur Balzac was very good-natured. He smiled while I measured him, but he spoke but once.

"No feet," he said, as I finished, and returned at once to his work.

I didn't know at all what he meant, but some way I didn't have courage to interrupt him again to ask, but I met a servant and inquired of him what his master meant by "No feet."

"Oh," says he, "Monsieur Balzac wants his trousers made without any openings at the bottom, so that he can sit and write without having to put on slippers."

Satisfied with His Job.

One of Cleveland's leading business concerns hired a new man the other day, and a little later, when the superintendent passed by, he noticed that the new man was smoking a pipe. The rule against smoking on the premises is a rigid one.

"See here, my man," cried the official, "you can't smoke here."

The new man looked up and nodded, and the superintendent passed along.

A half hour later he was back again, and lo! the new man was still enjoying his pipe.

"Say," the official cried, "didn't I tell you that smoking was not permitted here?"

"You did," replied the new man.

"Didn't you understand me?"

"I did."

"See here, perhaps you don't know who I am?"

"That's a true word."

"Well, I'm the superintendent."

The new man looked up at the official with an expression of deep interest.

"Are ye, sure?" he cried. "Superintendent, eh? Well, it's a fine job—take care of it."

And he calmly returned to his work.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Patriotism Versus Pounds.

Uncle Silas Penniwise had never seen Boston Harbor before. "This is the place, I suppose," he said, gazing over its blue waters, crowded with shipping, "where our Revolution forefathers threw that tea overboard."

"Yes," responded his city nephew, his eye kindling. "I don't wonder it stirs you to the depths to look at the scene of that historic event. It marked an epoch in the world's history which no patriotic American can recall without a thrill of pride."

"Ye-es," replied Uncle Silas, musingly. "I—I wonder how much the fellers lost who owned that tea."

Appreciative.

"You have a fine pedigree," said the American multi-millionaire to the nobleman.

"Yes," was the nonchalant answer.

"And I want to tell you, I appreciate such things. If there is anything I take an interest in it is a pedigree. Why, when I was younger I could go to the races and name over the ancestry of every horse at the track."—Washington Star.

Laureate Nonsense.

Tennyson is said to have been fond of foolish fun, that ever delightful sort of fun which is not wit but nonsense.

One day, at Burlington House, he asked the guests a conundrum which he had just made:

"Who are the greatest women in the world?"

The answer was:

"Miss Ouri, the Misses Ippi and Sara Gossa."

Pet.

The Princess' tame tiger eat
The brave Prince, her suitor, and yet
She gave it out cold—
Or so it is told—
That the Prince went away in a pet.
—Detroit Journal.

It comes as natural for a girl to like her school teacher as for a boy to dislike his.

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"Yes, if you think it will please your father. Financially I'm not prepared to get him down on me."

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Street car conductors are never beautiful. In fact, they are not even passing fare.—Philadelphia Record.

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Aluminum Bridges for Cavalry.

The Austro-Hungary war office has recently tried with success bridges of aluminum for cavalry. They are the invention of Captains de Vaux and de Vail, and are easily carried on wagons.

Beware of Them

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Woes of a Wife.

"Oh, that I should have married a funny man!" she wailed.

"What is the matter, lovely dear?" asked her most intimate friend.

"He came home and told me he had a sure way to keep jelly from getting moldy at the top, and when I asked him how he said turn it upside down."—Boston Traveler.

Garfield Tea is an excellent medicine to take in the spring: it produces a healthy action of the liver; it cleanses the system and purifies the blood.

To Play "Shopping."

The leader says: "I went shopping this morning, and everything I bought began with A. From the grocer I bought (points to a player and waits for response), from the druggist (points to another), from the dry goods store, from the baker," etc. The responses must be given quickly. The penalty is to take the place of the leader and start another letter.

Poison Oak Poison Ivy

are among the best known of the many dangerous wild plants and shrubs. To touch or handle them quickly produces swelling and inflammation with intense itching and burning of the skin. The eruption soon disappears, the sufferer hopes forever; but almost as soon as the little blisters and pustules appeared the poison had reached the blood, and will break out at regular intervals and each time in a more aggravated form. This poison will loiter in the system for years, and every atom of it must be forced out of the blood before you can expect a perfect, permanent cure.

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LONGEVITY IN 19TH CENTURY.

Professions Compared—Philosophers and Farmers in the Lead.

"Has the past century contributed toward the increase or the diminution of human longevity?" That was the question discussed the other day by a group of French scientists. In comparing the statistics of morality in the nineteenth century with those brought out by Duvillard at the close of the previous century it appears that the average longevity since 1789 increased by five or six years. Therefore, the question put by our medical celebrity would seem to be answered, the answer pointing to an increase of the average length of life. But the present effort is to reveal the mirage, if mirage there is, in the figures before us; and that is a thorny problem.

Dr. Vacher and M. Bertillon fix the average longevity in the nineteenth century at 73 years. All things being equal, the number of people who reached the age of 73 was greater in the generations of the nineteenth century than it was in those of the eighteenth. Vacher only arrives at approximations. He tried to find out if professions possessed any influence over the chances of life, and he was unable to come to a conclusion, because he found centenarians in all professions, even the most unremunerative. For all that, he thinks that he can give the palm to agriculture, because it was in the families of farmers that he found the greatest number of persons who had reached an advanced age. Here statistics are in accord with the most rational previsions.

The profession which presents a happy medium in the matter of longevity is that of the scientist. Among the savants one finds as many men who die young as the number who die very old. We know that Fontenello lived 100 years, and that Chevreul was 103. Among those who reached ages quite respectable, although their years were fewer in number, are Humboldt, who died at 90; Newton, at 85; Franklin, at 84, and Buffon, at 81.

The list of those who died very young, like Bichat and Paschal, is just as long; but it includes, unfortunately, the martyrs of science, those who fell upon the field of honor in the effort to harvest some new truth—Jacquemont and Commerson in France, Hasselquist and Abel in Sweden, Solokoff in Russia and many others. Such deaths are beyond the reach of the massive rules of statistics. It is noteworthy, however, that the celebrated Cassini family is about the only one in which the dual inheritance of longevity and scientific genius lasted through four generations.—Courier des Etats Unis.

A Boy's Composition on Girls.

Girls is things wat gets taken out for nothing to theyatres and cirkusses and parties and everything. I wish I was a girl. my sister Mary was one and she's got a soft thing of it too. Hank Wilson comes to see her every knight and he talks her out riding and dansing, and everything. He never talks me out altho I'd like it just as well.

When duff Gordon was hear I heard hank wilson tell him that his girl was an awful exkspense to him, and that he had to treet her to oisters and isekreem, and everything. Then Duff gordon winked and sed, never mind, her old man has got lots of tin.

Yes sed hank I'll have to Grinn and barrett til we're Marred and then if she wants chocklet kandie She'll have to get it herself. Then they Poked each other in the ribs and laffed. Wee had dinner rite after that and hank Wilson and Duff Gordon was there too. I askt pa. Please pa won't you sho me some ov your tin. Tin? Said pa what do you mein? Wel I said hank wilson said Mary was an orfel xpens to him and duff gordon sed never mind, that the old man is got lots of tin and then hank sed after he was Marryed Mary would have to bye her chocklet kandle herself, and then evribodi skolded me and kalled me naims and they got fighting amung thereselves and Mary kried and hank looked like if he was going to kry too and a after wile they made up and kissed and said I wuz a young liar and hank wilson give me a kuarter and tolled me to keep quiet and not to be 2 fresh. I never did like girls anniehow.

The Away-from-Home Girl.

"Write your home letters regularly and keep in touch with your parents and old friends by weekly correspondence," writes Margaret E. Sangster, in the Ladies' Home Journal, addressing girls who have gone from home into the world to seek their livelihood. "Never let a Sunday afternoon drift out without your hour spent in an intimate and loving letter to the dear mother. This is a good occupation for Sunday, and I can hardly tell you how minute and confidential and affectionate this writing should be. But there is no need. You know what you like to hear from home, and what mother and father most long for, when your letters come. I follow those letters. Mother is in the kitchen, washing the dishes. She wipes her hands and sits down in the low rocking-chair by the window where the lilac is beginning to bud. Father stands between the table and the door, waiting to hear what you have said, and aware that he must wait until mother has satisfied her heart with the first reading. Then it will be his turn. To them both you are, and you will always be, just their own little girl, and you can never send them a line which they will not scan with eagerness. So never put off your family at home with a scrappy, hurried scrawl; take time; and tell them everything."

Discordant Custom in Berlin.

Berlin is probably the only city of any size in which there is absolutely no attempt at anything like a general dinner hour, or even at uniform business hours. Each circle of professions has its own hours of business, which naturally regulate the household meal arrangements. Army and official circles have certain hours of duty; banking and commercial houses have their own hours; writers, actors and artists theirs, and the university and the schools form another set with other hours. If you have a wide visiting list in Berlin you may be asked out to dinner at any time from 2 until 7. Hopeless dyspepsia is the penalty if you do not keep in one set.

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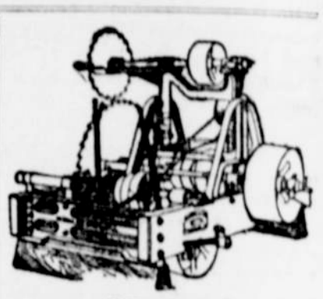

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