

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Zelle de Lussan is to appear in vaudeville.
 Rose Melville is playing in her ninth season in "Els Hopkins."
 Ralph Stuart, who is starring in "Strongheart," is to appear next season in a new play.
 Marie Tempest is to have the leading role in Alfred Suto's new play, "The Barrier," in London.
 The veteran American star, Oliver Doud Byron, has made a great hit as John Ryder in "The Lion and the Mouse."
 In his new sketch, "A Dull Day at the White House," Lew Dockstader gives a funny but good natured impersonation of President Roosevelt.
 James K. Hackett is directing the production of "A Fool and a Girl," but will begin his individual season in the new Suto play, "John Glyde's Honor."
 It is rumored that John Barrymore, now starring in Rida Johnson Young's play, "The Boys of Co. B," is to marry the leading lady of the company, Josephine Drake.
 Arthur Donaldson, who sang the role of Carl Otto in "The Prince of Pilsen," is to be starred in a new play by D. B. Sorlin this season, entitled "The Norseman."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

A cloth dipped in strong cider vinegar will clean mica.
 The electric clothes drier is now being put in the houses of the luxuriant class.
 Ordinary fine salt should be kept on every kitchen washstand since it is splendid in cleaning stains from the hands.
 Remember in removing stains that all alkali stains can be removed by a weak solution of citric acid, while acid stains can be removed with ammonia.
 Have a small horseshoe magnet fastened to the end of a tape of ribbon of sufficient length so that it can be dropped to the floor to pick up scissors and needles.
 If a hair mattress has once been thoroughly fumigated with carbolic acid an infestation of bugs will be warded off for years. Sometimes this is done by the manufacturer, and in buying a new mattress it is well to make inquiries about it.

FACTS FROM FRANCE.

In Paris there is a Buddhist temple with 300 members.
 A good glove cutter will make as much as \$100 a week in Paris.
 In the south of France wine is now sold by the half hour. On payment of 2 cents one can go into a wine cellar and stay there for half an hour.
 French physicians are recommending their patients to use in their baths perfumed tablets containing carbonic acid gas. In dissolving these make the water bubble vigorously.
 Submarine signal bells have been ordered by the French government. They are actuated by pneumatic power and are to be placed at the ends of the piers at Calais, Boulogne and Havre. Also a submarine signal buoy is to be placed for trial off Havre.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Short coats of fur made with a circular peplum are wonderfully smart for slim figures.
 The negligee is now so elaborately made that one can scarcely tell it from the dinner gown.
 Fur trimmed hats will be in order to an extent not known for several years. In fact, fur, broadcloth and velvet will reign supreme, separately and in various combinations.
 It is considered immensely smart to wear a silk shirt waist suit in the middle of winter. The suit can be made upon the simplest of shirt waist lines, with no trimming at all, except a band of silk or a few rows of velvet. A fur coat for the street gives this suit the crowning touch of smartness.—*Baltimore Eagle.*

NEW YORK CITY.

New York city's bonded indebtedness is now close to the \$500,000,000 mark.
 New York city's old tenement house blocks have twice as large a population as they had fifteen years ago.
 There is enough money in the New York savings banks to give \$240 to each man, woman and child within its borders.
 There is a "Tinpot" alley on the lower end of Manhattan Island. The name is a corruption of "Tuyt Paat," meaning "Garden lane" in Dutch.
 New York's official extreme temperatures, taken in Central park, are 101 degrees above zero and 6 below. The mean temperature during the last year has been 53 degrees.—*New York Herald.*

PITH AND POINT.

No man's credit is so good that the cash is not better.
 It is always a temptation to mock any one you dislike.
 A man's word may be as good as his bond and yet have no special value.
 Man is disposed to believe that while he helps others no one ever helps him.
 Every day thousands of people exclaim, "I can't stand it!" But they do.
 After a man reaches seventy living must be a good deal like waiting to go to a dentist's to have a tooth pulled.
 A good deal of sympathy is wasted, no doubt, but a good deal of sympathy is counterfeited, making its extravagant use unimportant.—*Atchison Globe.*

THE MODERN WAY.

He stayed till 2 a. m., and she seemed in no haste to part, And also it was plain that he was in no haste to part. Nor did her father give a shout And ask him then and there If he should come and put him out— I guess he didn't care.
 She did not whisper, "Darling John, I guess you'll have to go," And so he simply stayed right on— The light was turned down low, Although the hour was very late, Her father did not swear Nor tell her to dismiss him straight— I guess he didn't care.
 For years the jokesters bold have told How fathers fumed and fussed And often kicked those lovers bold Straight out into the dust. But nowadays such scenes as these Don't happen, I declare, For lovers do just as they please, And parents do not care.
 —*Detroit Free Press.*

The Ideal



"Here's a piece of pie I made myself."
 "Dat's all right, lady. I'm so hungry I don't mind what I eat."—*New York World.*

Disappointed.

A diffident looking man from one of the suburbs stepped up to the ticket office in one of the railway stations in Chicago and asked the man inside in a hesitating way if he sold round trip tickets to the Jamestown exposition.
 "Yes, sir," answered the ticket seller.
 "Give reduced rates?"
 "Yes, sir."
 "I suppose there will be special days now and then?"
 "Undoubtedly."
 "Going to be a Pocahontas day?"
 "I guess so."
 "Well, what I want to know is this," said the stranger, clearing his throat: "Will there be a John Smith day?"
 "I don't know as to that," gravely rejoined the ticket seller, "but I am inclined to think not. Hotel accommodations in the neighborhood of the exposition are limited."—*Youth's Companion.*

Making a Sale.

"Your case," remarked the salesman to the reluctant customer, who said he was in a rush, "reminds me of a dog my uncle possessed out on the ranch. He would start running around the rain barrel very slowly and would increase his speed until he was finally running so fast that about every third lap he had to jump over himself."
 He clinched the sale.—*Judge's Liberator.*

Taking Ways.

"I met that popular young doctor at my uncle's the other day, and I certainly was taken with the way he acted."
 "What did he do?"
 "He took uncle's temperature, next he took aunt's word about paying his bill, and then he took his leave."
 "Humph! No wonder he is taking with people."—*Baltimore American.*

Tiresome.

"I suppose," remarked Knox sarcastically, "that you're busy with your society stunts, as usual?"
 "Oh, yass," replied Cholly wearily, "but I'm beginning to discover, don't you know, that society is a deuced bore."
 "Well, most of us discovered that about your society long ago."—*Catholic Standard and Times.*

The Close One.

"He's almost as wealthy as you are, isn't he?" asked Jigley.
 "Yes," replied Richley, "but he's awfully tight chested."
 "Why, he said he'd give \$50 to that charity if you would."
 "Exactly. That just shows that he doesn't expect to contribute at all."—*Philadelphia Press.*

Uncertain.

"There is no telling how fame is going to be acquired," said the ambitious citizen.
 "No," answered the sardonic person, "sometimes it comes from doing something great and sometimes from saying something foolish."—*Washington Star.*

Another Rich Strike.

Fake Oil Capitalist (smilingly)—How's your latest gold mine panning out?
Fake Mine Promoter—Beyond expectations. Why, old man, it's assaying over a thousand suckers to the ton of literature.—*Puck.*

In the Enemy's Country.

Stubb—My wife sent me to a remnant sale last week.
Penn—Did you see any remnants?
Stubb—No, but if I hadn't seen the door pretty soon they would have picked me up in remnants.—*Chicago News.*

The Noose.

Teacher (expectantly)—Now, children, how many of you can tell me what a lasso is?
 Willie (hurriedly raising his hand)—Please, ma'am, it's a long rope with a running nose at the end.—*Judge.*

The Terms.

"The payments ain't so hard."
 "What terms?"
 "A dollar down and a dollar when the collector ketches me."—*Washington Herald.*

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Telling Tales.

The teacher was giving them a practice lesson in the art of conversation, and every little girl was expected to tell of some incident in her recent experience. In the class there was one bashful little girl who finally was induced to tell of an experience she had when the family were out riding:
 "We were riding along, having a nice time," she said, "when we saw another horse and buggy coming very fast. And pretty soon the buggy ran into something and was upset, and all the people were thrown out. Then papa said: 'Good enough for them. I never liked those people very well anyhow.'"
 There was a burst of laughter in the room, for everybody knew who the people in the accident were.—*Columbus Dispatch.*

The Same Old Mother.

"Now, Jamie," said the schoolteacher, "if there were only one pie for dessert and there were five of you children and papa and mamma to divide it among, how large a piece would you get?"
 "One-sixth," replied Jamie promptly.
 "But there would be seven people there, Jamie. Don't you know how many times seven goes into one?"
 "Yes'm, and I know my mother. She'd say she wasn't hungry for pie that day. I'd get one-sixth."—*Youth's Companion.*

A Disappointment.

Rich Uncle (to his physician)—So you think there is hope for me?
 "Not only that, but I can assure you that you are out of danger."
 "Very well. I wish you would inform my nephew, but break the news gently to him."—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

Unaided.

Dr. Slicer—Shocking! This paper says that 8,000 people died lacking medical services last year. Mrs. Slicer—Well, well! You wouldn't think that possible, would you?—*Cleveland Leader.*

Had Heard It Before.

"She looks very young to have a grown daughter."
 "Yes; she was just telling me"—
 "I know. That she was married when she was just barely fifteen years old."—*Pittsburg Post.*

Didn't Affect Him.

Stella—Mrs. Jones wants a new coat because Mrs. Smith looks so well in one. Jack—Yes, but Jones won't sign a check merely because Smith looks so pretty when he is writing one.—*Harper's Bazar.*

It is sometimes advisable to employ a night watchman to look after men who are as honest as the day is long.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

Tolstoi predicted that this country is going to smash, and some one circulated the report that Tolstoi is dead. A great deal of guessing is being done by people not connected with the weather bureau.

So far none of the newspaper artists has considered it necessary to furnish us with a diagram showing just which part of Japan's neck will need a poultice if she gets too gay.

According to telegraphic dispatches, Governor Chamberlain will discontinue the holidays on December 14. Well it is about time. There was no pressing necessity for it in the first place. Perhaps in one particular instance it was of advantage to declare a bank holiday, but there is no reason why the entire state should be inconvenienced to protect one individual. The ban's as a rule have for sometime been demanding that the proclamations cease and business be permitted to take its course, but it would seem that there was sufficient influence at work to cause the Governor to continue them and at one time we were threatened with an extra session of the legislature, called for the purpose of amending the attachment law. This, however, met with such vigorous opposition that the plan was called off. There are a lot of skins throughout the state who are taking advantage of the holidays to avoid paying their honest debts and the proposed amendment to the attachment law was only another move by these bilks to make it more difficult for creditors to collect honest debts. If after a reasonable suspension of the holiday program there are indications of an unsettled condition among bank depositors in the larger cities, then it may be returned to without any criticism, but the consensus of opinion seems to be that no such necessity will arise. In this city, as in all other small cities throughout the state, there is no fear for the future. Depositors are certain they are safe, and this feeling of safety has been produced by the banking institutions in these places practically ignoring the holidays and meeting all demands that were made on them.

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