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Chicken Farming.

I started out to raise some hens; I first bought wire to make the Pens, You need nice pens to make hens thrive; Mine cost me \$40.25.

I bought eleven kinds of feed, For fowls a large assortment need, I bought cut bone and grains galore; The bill was \$19.84.

Of course hens need a chicken shed, A place to sleep and to be fed, Mine was a good one through and through, And cost me \$60.42.

I wonder if hen farming pays, I've had twelve eggs in sixty days, The bills, of course, have been immense; The twelve eggs brought me 30 cents.

—Judge.

A Persistent Tutor.

In 1870, when President Grevy took up his residence at the Elysee, he was investigating the shortage of accommodation in the palace when he was told that half of one of the stories was occupied by "a gentleman" who refused to leave. The gentleman had been there for four or five years.

Grevy went to ask him personally what his business was and learned that he was the tutor of the children of a former president, Marshal MacMahon.

"But the marshal ceased to be president some years ago," remarked M. Grevy.

"That may be," replied the gentleman. "But I was appointed Elysee tutor. The Elysee is still here, and so am I."

Eventually, in order to get rid of the tutor, the president had to give him a well paid job in one of the government offices.

Wouldn't Take a Dare.

Can a dog respond to a taunt? A Vermont dog, which was growing old, was in a barn one day with his master. The two were up in a haymow, from which a sloping ladder led down to the barn floor. The master walked down the ladder, but the dog went around another way.

When the animal reached the barn floor his master said tauntingly: "Poor old fellow! Daren't walk down the ladder any more!"

Whereupon the dog, with a quick glance at his master, walked clear up the ladder to the top, and then turned round and walked down it again. The proceeding looked very much like a deliberate demonstration on the dog's part to prove to his master that he was still capable of walking up and down a slanting ladder.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Answer.

Louis XIV. playing at backgammon had a doubtful throw. A dispute arose, and the surrounding courtiers all remained silent. The Count de Gramont happened to come in at the instant.

"Decide the matter," said the king to him.

"Sire," said the count, "your majesty is in the wrong."
"How," replied the king, "can you decide without knowing the question?"
"Because," said the count, "had the matter been doubtful all these gentlemen present would have given in for your majesty."—Life.

Tommy—Pop, are the bald eagles a distinct variety? Tommy's Pop—I can't say positively, my son, but I rather fancy a bald eagle is simply a married one.—Philadelphia Record.

Formosa.

Geologically speaking, Formosa is divided into three longitudinal belts. The western belt is on the average about twenty miles wide and is an alluvial formation containing no mineral deposits. The middle belt is of tertiary formation. This belt is about fifteen miles wide, broadening out in the north to include the entire north coast, and ranges in altitude from 200 to 3,500 feet above sea level. This strip contains all the mineral deposits which are at present productive. The eastern belt includes about one-half of the island and consists of high mountain ranges, reaching an altitude of 13,000 feet. The formation of these mountains is paleozoic limestone, granite and crystalline schist. Their mineral resources are practically unknown.—New York Post.

Tragic Applause.

Two friends, Juniors at Brown, were attending a French play one evening when the leading man suddenly appeared before the curtain and made a few brief remarks.

"Why did you applaud him so vigorously when he made his speech?" inquired the tall young man of his friend.

"So that folks would think I understood French," replied the other confidentially "What did he say?"
"He said the remainder of his part must be taken by an understudy, as his father was dying."—Boston Herald.

Where the Earth's Crust is Thinnest.

"Italy is visited by an excessive number of earthquakes and volcanic disturbances because it is the newest part of the earth's surface," declares M. Poprett of Paris, a French geologist of authority. People, especially those living in the western hemisphere, look upon Europe and all of the eastern hemisphere, in fact, as the "old world," which, taken one way, is right. But in the matter of the formation of the earth's crust, which geologists now agree is the result of the cooling of the great molten mass that makes our earth, it so happened that the section round about Italy was the last to cool and consequently has not yet cooled to so great a depth as other portions of the world. This, then, makes Italy the newest part of the world's surface, if our geologists are correct in their estimation regarding the tardiness in the cooling of that particular section.—New York American.

England's "Basket Justices."

Centuries ago justice in England was not administered nearly so impartially as it is now. There were the "basket justices," who received their nickname from the presents openly handed up to them in court by suitors. And in more recent times there were the "trading justices," satirized by Fielding in "Amelia." Townsend, the celebrated Bow street runner, in his evidence before a parliamentary committee in 1816 described how these justices used to issue batches of warrants every day "to take up all the poor devils on the streets so as to charge them 2s. 4d. each as bail. Only the penniless offenders were sent to gaol, and a morning's work would sometimes produce £10 (\$50)," after which the worthy magistrate and his clerk would adjourn to a neighboring hostelry for refreshment.—London Graphic.

Whiz!

The fat man puffed up to the window of the ticket office. He looked at the clock and saw that it was 2:31.
"Have I time to catch the 2:30 train?" he gasped.
"You have time," smiled the ticket agent. "But I don't think you have the speed."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Aeroplane Age.

"What's become of Yorick Hampt?" asked Susan Brett.
"I hear he's stranded on Saturn," answered Hamlet Fatt. "He went out with a planet storming crowd, the show busted, and he's never been able to get back."—Kansas City Journal.

Graphite.

Chemically graphite is a very interesting body and is known as one of the allotropic modifications of carbon. Carbon, like the magicians of old, has the power under proper conditions of assuming various forms called allotropic modifications without losing its individuality. So while its properties and appearance may have changed it is still chemically carbon and nothing but carbon. As ordinarily met with in the form of coke, coal and charcoal, it is called amorphous carbon, as graphite it is called graphitic carbon, and in the form of the diamond it is known as crystalline carbon. Coal is therefore very aptly termed "black diamonds," since chemically it is identical the same as the white diamond, though some change which has taken place in that infinitesimal particle called the molecule has caused its value to be rated in dollars per ton instead of dollars per carat. Exchange.

Written Under Difficulties.

Chateaubriand's celebrated pamphlet, of "Bonaparte and the Bourbons" was prepared under more than ordinary external circumstances. Though the gigantic despotism was tottering under the terrible blows dealt it in the Russian campaign, though the English had crossed the Pyrenees and the allies were marching upon Paris, within the walls of the city Napoleon and his police were still omnipotent. It was a dangerous occupation of the author at night the manuscript was concealed beneath his pillow, and when he went abroad it was always carried upon the person of himself or his wife.

Two Views.

"How dismal ye look!" said a bucket to his companion as they were going to the well. "Ah," replied the other, "I was reflecting on the uselessness of our being filled, for, let us go away ever so full, we come back empty!"
"Dear me, how strange to look at it that way!" said the first bucket. "I think, however empty we come back we go away full!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

So Generous of Him.

"So poor old Johnson has failed? Too bad! He promised me something yesterday, but now in his trouble I won't hold him to it."
"That's very generous of you. What was it?"
"His daughter's hand in marriage."—Boston Transcript.

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