

HER VISIT.

...ady Meant Well, but She ... at a Severe Shock. ...ashioned woman from the ... recently packed some fried ... bread and doughnuts in a ... and went to see her ... who lives in a big city. She ... when the family stay- ... 11 o'clock and decided that ... tell her about it when she ... next day. "He might ... have fallen into evil ways," ... herself as she was going ...

HAWAII'S BIG VOLCANO.

Relics of Lava It Has Left in the Forests. ... possesses one of the greatest ... wonders of the present day ... five volcano as high as Vesu- ... twice its diameter. ... on the island of Hawaii, ... thirty miles from the sea in a ... range in which are three ... volcanoes and one partially alive. ... called Manna Loa, from time ... sends streams of lava down ... In 1881 three streams burst ... from the sides of this mountain. ... of them came within three ... of a mile of Hilo, the chief ... of the island. There have been ... outbreaks of Kilauea in the ... hundred years. In 1840 there was ... eruption of lava, the high- ... ch. It was said, could be seen a ... miles away, while at the dis- ... of forty miles one could read ... at midnight. ... the lava flowed through the ... it has left curious relics in lava ... bridges and great vases. These ... were formed by the lava piling ... about some lofty tree trunk ... away the wood within and ... the upper part of the tree. In ... course of time seeds were deposit ... on the open top, filled with decay ... until now there is a giant ... of pine, holding ferns and flower- ... vines.—Exchange.

A Coin Worth Millions.

...ewhere in the world possibly ... the relics kept by some lover of ... great Napoleon—there is a fortune ... unsuspected. Among the coins ... Napoleon had minted were some mil- ... of five franc pieces, and he deter- ... to popularize these in an ex- ... ordinary way. In one of the coins ... to a tiny size, was inclosed a ... signed by Napoleon and promis- ... the sum of 5,000,000 francs to the ... of that particular coin. Nat- ... everybody who changed a large ... demanded the new five franc ... in exchange and, as a rule, prob- ... and dog and sounded the metal in ... search for the hidden note. But ... years went on, and yet the note ... not appear. Napoleon's plighted ... is a sacred trust to the French ... and today the government ... ready to pay the debt, which ... interest, is now worth many mil- ... —London Answers.

A Grand Rout.

... is not always the largest foe who ... make the greatest disturbance and ... the most confusion. In his ... Hunting Grounds of the Great West ... Edward Irving Dodge tells of a little ... of the Mexican war which ... loves that it is quality, not quantity, ... which is most effective. ... While General Taylor's little army ... marching from Corpus Christi to ... at Matamoras a soldier of the rank of ... column fired at a bull. The animal ... charged, and the soldier, taking to his ... heels, ran into the column. The bull, ... adulated by the number of the ene- ... followed him headlong, scattering ... several regiments like chaff, and finally ... escaped unhurt, having demoralized ... and put to flight an army which a few ... days after covered itself with glory ... victoriously encountering five times ... number of human enemies.

Leigh Hunt's Grave.

... In the serene silence of Kensal ... green cemetery, London, Leigh Hunt's ... body lies at rest. A visitor, reaching ... over the iron fence to part the frag- ... rant shrubs that shadow the tomb- ... stone, reads these words: ... "Write me as one who loves his fel- ... low men." ... It was his own cheerful philosophy ... of life that Leigh Hunt expressed ... through the lips of his Abou Ben Ad- ... hem, and the sentiment is very touch- ... ing come upon in this way.

A Preliminary.

... Mrs. Ferguson—"Hark, what do you ... have to do when you want to draw ... money out of a bank? Mr. Fer- ... guson—You have to put some money ... in the bank beforehand. That's always ... been my experience.

... It is better to write one word upon ... the rock than a thousand on the wa- ... ter and the sand.—Gladstone.

His Discipline.

... "Pop, you must take this child in ... hand. I have had about all that I can ... stand. She has no notion of minding ... me; it is time you took her across your ... knee." ... "Send her to me," said Pop, with a ... frown. "It won't take me long to tone ... her down." ... But how could he punish her, tell ... me, do, when she looked at him with ... her eyes of blue? Looked at him in ... the same glad way that her mother did ... in that faroff day when she was his ... sweetheart and he her beau. How ... could he strike her? He'd like to know? ... But still he took her upon his knee ... and at once was lost in a reverie that ... carried him back to a shady street ... and a little maid whom he used to ... meet, a blue eyed maid whose count- ... erpart now sat on his knee with a ... beating heart, waiting for him to for- ... get those days and punish her for her ... willful ways. ... Mom peeped in through the half ... closed door. They were playing jacks ... on the parlor floor, playing jacks and ... quarrelling, too, just as two children ... are apt to do. She frowned, it was ... more than half caress, "I will have to ... punish them both, I guess."—Chicago ... Record-Herald.

Origin of Confetti.

... The history of confetti is rather curi- ... ous. Several years ago a large print- ... ing works in Paris was turning out ... immense quantities of calendars, through ... which a small round hole had been ... punched to receive an eyelet for hold- ... ing the sheets together. A heap of the ... little circular scraps of paper cut out ... by the punch accumulated on a table, ... and one of the machine men amused ... himself by scattering a handful of ... them over a working girl's hair. She ... immediately snatched up a handful ... and threw them in his face. Other ... girls followed her example, and the ... first confetti battle began. The head ... of the establishment came in when it ... was at its height, and, being what the ... Americans call a "smart man," he at ... once realized that there was "money ... in it." He ordered special machinery, ... placed large quantities of the new ar- ... ticle on the market, made a fortune ... and created a new industry.

The Ways of Moles.

... Among common animals few have ... been less studied in their life history ... than the mole. An English natural- ... ist, Mr. Lionel E. Adams, says that ... under the "fortress" which the mole ... constructs above the surface of the ... ground will always be found a series ... of tunnels running out beneath the ... adjacent field. A curious feature al- ... most invariably found is a perpendic- ... ular run penetrating about a foot be- ... low the bottom of the nest and then ... turning upward to meet another run. ... A mole is never found in his nest, al- ... though it may be yet warm from his ... body when opened. Guided by smell ... and hearing, a mole frequently locates ... the nest of a partridge or pheasant ... above his run and, penetrating it from ... below, eats the eggs. The adult mole ... is practically blind, but there are em- ... bryonic indications that the power of ... sight in the race has deteriorated.

An Arab Legend.

... "There is none so poor but there is ... one poorer." ... A poor Arab spent his last bars on a ... handful of dates and went up on a ... high cliff to eat them and die. As he ... threw the stones over a lean hand ... shot out below and caught them. ... "Ho!" said he. "Why do you catch ... my date stones?" ... "Because, O brother," answered a ... weak voice, "I have not eaten these ... three days, and Allah has sent these ... stones to save my life." ... "Praise be to Allah," answered the ... first man, "for he has saved me also, ... for here is one poorer than I." ... And both men went into the city.

First Test of the Air Pump.

... The first public test of the air pump ... was in 1664 by its inventor, Otto von ... Guericke, in the presence of Emperor ... Ferdinand of Germany. Guericke ap- ... plied the carefully ground edges of ... metallic hemispheres, two feet in ... diameter, to each other. After exhaust- ... ing the air by his apparatus he at- ... tached fifteen horses to each hemi- ... sphere. In vain did they attempt to ... separate them because of the enorm- ... ous pressure of the atmosphere. The ... experiment was a great success.

Schoolboy Definitions.

... Here are some definitions from the ... schoolroom: "A Jacobite is a man ... descended from Jacob." "Roaring is ... our breath meeting the air which is ... coming in our mouth." "Sneezing is ... a kind of 'coughing' in the throat." An- ... other boy writes, "When you are cold ... the inside of your body rumbles and ... then it makes a noise which is called ... sneezing." "A telephone is a kind of ... long wire with a spout at each end."— ... Westminster Gazette.

A Good Opportunity.

... "Your pa's coming down on Satur- ... day. I wonder if that would be a good ... time to speak to him?" ... "Yes. When ma tells him what she's ... spent down here he'll be glad to get rid ... of the lot of us!"—Comic Out.

Unfortunately Expressed.

... Violent tone of a trio of amateurs ... who have just obliged with a rather ... lengthy performance—Well, we've left ... off at last!

Hostess—Thank you so much!

... On the Line. ... "The artist over the way was boast- ... ing to me that his work is being hung ... on the line." ... "Humph! So is his wife's."

Fame is the perfume of heroic deeds.

... —Socrates.

Raising a False Issue.

... A story well known to lawyers of the ... last generation is about the "umbrella ... case." A man was charged with steal- ... ing an umbrella, and a number of wit- ... nesses went into the box to testify to ... the offense. The counsel for the de- ... fendant noted that each witness car- ... ried an umbrella (the time of year was ... midsummer, which explains the neces- ... sity for these impediments. As a mat- ... ter of fact, the prisoner had no defense ... to make. The barrister, thrown on his ... wits, exclaimed: "Gentlemen of the ... jury, did you not notice that each of ... the witnesses carried an umbrella into ... the box? Why is this, gentlemen? It ... is done in order to infect your minds ... with the idea of an umbrella, to prej- ... dice the prisoner in your eyes, to raise ... a false issue, and I appeal to you to ... signify your detestation of this con- ... cerned action by bringing in a verdict ... of not guilty." The judge, who has ... agreed that little attention would be ... paid to such a plea, took little time and ... less pains to sum up the case. The ... jury nevertheless brought in a verdict ... in accordance with the resourceful bar- ... rister's wishes.—London News.

Hot Air.

... The sirocco blows hot from the high ... lands of north Africa and falls on the ... Mediterranean as far as Malta. The ... salino jumps like a windy fireball ... from the heat of the Sahara desert ... and lands flatfooted in Spain. The ... harmlitan blows hot Sahara dust far ... into the Atlantic and gives nose-bleed ... and makes skin and lips parch and ... crack, while furniture and ship tim- ... bers groan and crack and scream in ... an agony of droughty despair. The ... khammin blows Sahara's ancient dust ... into Egyptian eyes every fifty days. ... The pampiros periodically blow down ... into Buenos Aires out of the unex- ... plored desert highlands of Brazil, and ... the blowing causes suicides and mur- ... ders to be more common and wounds ... to break out afresh, with a heavy ... death rate. Pampiros pass away in ... a second, leaving the air fine.—Ex- ... change.

The Bulldog.

... The bulldog, unlike the majority of ... dogs, very seldom barks. In fact, ow- ... ing to the construction of his throat ... his attempts at barking are more like ... a burlesque of the real thing. He ... wades into a fight without any vocal ... warning, and the only sound he emits ... is his heavy breathing. His courage ... is his heavy breathing. His courage ... is astonishing and the largeness of his ... opponent never acts as a deterrent ... when hostilities are imminent. Still, as ... he is not a quarrelsome dog, he very ... rarely indulges in street rowls, and, ... as he is exceedingly good natured, it ... takes a lot to rouse him. ... The modern bulldog is undoubtedly ... a different looking animal from his bull ... fighting ancestors. The most conspic- ... uous "improvements" introduced by ... the present day "fancy" are largeness of ... head, width of chest, heaviness of ... bone and more typical tail.

Why She Was Pleased.

... "Do you mean to tell me that you ... actually overcame that ancient antip- ... athy of yours for Mrs. Muggsy and ... called on her this afternoon?" said his ... wife's husband. ... "That's about the size of it," replied ... her husband's wife. ... "And she was glad to see you?" ... "There isn't any doubt about it." ... "Why do you think that?" ... "Well, I had on that old dress I've ... worn three seasons and a hat that is ... entitled to a prominent place in some ... museum for antiquities, while she had ... on a new gown just from Paris. Oh, ... you I'm sure she was tickled to death, ... figuratively speaking, when I called!" ... —Chicago News.

A Sample of Suggestion.

... A popular comedian and playwright ... was praising the numerous value of ... suggestions. ... "It is funnier to suggest a thing," ... he said, "than to say it out. Play- ... wrights should remember this. Sugges- ... tion, pregnant suggestion, is what ... makes really funny the little boy's re- ... mark to his father: ... "Pa, if you help me with my arith- ... metic lesson tonight I'll tell you where ... ma hid your trousers!"—New York ... Sun.

The "Best Girl" Habit.

... "Why," asked her anxious and excit- ... ed mother, "do you think he is coming ... to the point at last?" ... "Well," the maiden replied, looking ... demurely down at the rug, "when he ... took me in his arms and kissed me last ... night he said he'd got so used to me ... he didn't believe he could ever break ... himself of the habit."

Fellow Professionals.

... Phrenologist to fellow passengers— ... Excuse me, but am I right in taking ... you for a professional man? Fellow ... Passenger—Yes, sir. Phrenologist— ... Thanks! It's not often that I make a ... mistake in judging my fellow men. ... Er—lawyer? Fellow Passenger—No, ... sir; barber!

The Main Point.

... "I am glad to say that I bear no man ... a grudge." ... "But the point is this: Are you of suf- ... ficient importance to make any man ... care whether you bear him a grudge or ... not?"—Chicago Record Herald.

The Other Things.

... "Remember, my boy, there are other ... things worth while in college besides ... athletics." ... "I know. The mandolin and glee ... clubs aren't half bad."—Louisville ... Courier Journal.

... He that is ungrateful has no guilt but ... one. All other crimes may pass for vir- ... tues in him.

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