

**Seized His Chance.**

The county courthouse was burning, and the judge was very anxious to arrive at the scene of much of his life work as quickly as possible and posthaste sent the negro house boy to saddle Sintram, his horse. The judge's sons, seeing Sintram in process of being saddled, pre-empted the remaining horses and rode off. The little negro considered the matter for a moment and rode Sintram off, thus forcing the judge to take a hurried and, as he considered it, an entirely unnecessary walk of half a mile.

To the surprise and chagrin of the small negro, when the judge caught him he gave him a good thrashing. When one of the young men remarked: "Zack, you should not have ridden father's horse off. You might have known he would have whipped you, and you deserved it."

"I know dat, Mr. Dave," responded Zack, "but I kin git er' whippin' mos' any day, an' I never will see de cotehouse burn ag'in."—Los Angeles Times.

**Flags at Half Mast.**

Did you ever stop to think what connection there could be between a flag that was not properly hoisted and the death of a great man? Ever since flags were used in war it has been the custom to have the flag of the superior or conquering nation above that of the inferior or vanquished. When an army found itself hopelessly beaten it hauled its flag down far enough for the flag of the victors to be placed above it on the same pole. This was a token not only of submission, but of respect. In those days when a famous soldier died flags were lowered out of respect to his memory. The custom long ago passed from purely military usage to public life of all kinds, the flag flying at half mast being a sign that the dead man was worthy of universal respect. The space left above it is for the flag of the great conqueror of all, the Angel of Death.

—New York Sun.

**Wasting Time.**

"What!" exclaimed the young man whom we shall call Bill. "You got engaged last night? Why, Archie, my dear old friend, tell me how you ever came to do it!"

"Well, Billie," blushed the fellow we have already named as Archie. "I really hardly know myself. But it was just as easy as falling off a log. I was on the edge of a proposal—she gave me a gentle push—and there I was—engaged!"

"Gee! I never had any such experience. Every time I try to start my knees knock together, my teeth chatter, and my tongue gets stuck in my throat. I've tried a dozen times to propose to Marguerite Dempster, you know, and I get stuck every time."

"And she lets you get stuck?"

"Why, yes."

"Then you're courting the wrong girl."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Married His Grandmother.**

There lived in the village of Arreton, Isle of Wight, many years ago a young man who was betrothed to a young woman. Both were poor and in humble life, but the grandfather of the young man had money, and he fell in love with the young woman and proposed marriage to her. The girl told her lover. He was displeased, but, having pondered over the dilemma, saw a way to extricate himself and his sweetheart from the same. "Marry him," said he to the girl. "He is rich. He cannot live long. When he dies you'll have his money and I'll have you." She took the advice. By the marriage she became the young man's grandmother. Not long after the old man died, and then she wedded her first betrothed.

**Rather Emphatic.**

In a Virginia courthouse a negro was describing how a cutting scrape started.

"Dis here Johnson nigger started toward me," said the witness, "and es he done so he stuck his hand down in his hip pocket. And I says to him, 'Nigger, I says, 'whut ever you has got your hand on now better be a chicken, 'cause I suttinly is gwine to make you eat it!'"—Saturday Evening Post.

**Giant Spider Crab.**

The giant Japanese spider crab is the ugliest looking shellfish in the world. Its body measures about one foot across, and the claws have a "spread" now and then of over twelve feet. These spider crabs inhabit the Japanese sea and often live 2,000 feet below the surface of the waves.

**One Less to Foud.**

A lady said of Mrs. Calhoun Clay: "How can a washerwoman like her afford to dress so well? She didn't eat to."

"No, I know she didn't use to," another lady explained, "but, you see, her husband has left her."—Exchange.

**Last Control.**

Reed—Did you hear about my neighbor losing control of his automobile? Greene—No, I didn't.

"Well, he did. The sheriff's got it now."—Yonkers Statesman.

**Same as Ever.**

Miss Gaddie—Enemies, are you? Yes, I thought she loved you not long ago. Miss Bright—So she did, and she loves me not now.—Catholic Standard Times.

**A Soft Answer.**

Collector—Sir, this is the two hundred and fiftieth time I called on you. The Man—That's a good score. What's the game?—Chicago News.

Do you know the peace of years when we sat after the rupture of momenta.—Lytton.

**How to Keep Roses Fresh.**

Proper care of cut flowers will double their lease of life. Even hot-house roses, usually the shortest lived of blossoms, can be made to retain their beauty and fragrance for two weeks if one will take the trouble to boil the stems. To do this set a pan of hot water on the stove and when the water begins to boil place the stems of the flowers in the water to the depth of one inch. Hold the flowers carefully to prevent their touching the sides or bottom of the pan. Allow them to boil fifteen or twenty minutes. Remove the flowers and clip off the portions of the stems that were in the water. They are then ready to be arranged in the vase or bowl. Many persons have poor success in keeping cut flowers because they do not put fresh water into flower vases every day. The stems of the flowers should be clipped every day to enable them to take up more water. Never leave cut flowers in a warm room overnight. Set them in a cool place.—Kansas Industrialist.

**Mecca's Polluted Well.**

A scientific analysis has been made of the Zem-Zem water from the sacred well at Mecca, which, according to the Arabs, is the well that the angel showed to Hagar and whose water saved the life of Ishmael. After reading the results of the analysis one cannot wonder that pilgrims who drink the water frequently are attacked by cholera. The specimen examined contained sixty-nine grains of chlorine to the gallon. Water which contains so little as nine grains of chlorine to the gallon is ordinarily regarded as scarcely fit for human consumption. Moreover, in the case of the Zem-Zem well it is believed the chlorine originates from the custom of pouring the water over the pilgrims and allowing it to run back into the well. The sacred water was found to possess an extraordinary degree of "hardness," three times as great as that of average water. It also held twenty times as much ammonia compounds as drinking water should contain.

**A Touch of Human Nature.**

The doors which open from the sidewalk into the lobby of a big building are heavy ones and are very hard to open. Yesterday a little hunchback stepped out of an elevator on the first floor, followed by a great big man. The hunchback reached the doors first and threw himself against one. Although he pushed with all his might, he couldn't open it. Chagrined, he stepped back, and the big man stepped up. Noticing the look of humiliation on the face of the little fellow, the big man said:

"I've got a sore wrist. Come on; let's see if we both can't open it."

The hunchback and the big man both pushed on the door, and of course it opened. The two went out smiling.

The big man had no sore wrist at all. Two or three people looking on felt like cheering for him.—New York Telegraph.

**How to Walk.**

There is no virtue in a dawdling saunter. The slow and languid dragging of one foot after the other which some people call walking would tire an athlete. It utterly exhausts a weak person, and that is the reason why many delicate persons think they cannot walk. To derive any benefit from the exercise it is necessary to walk with a light, elastic step which swings the weight of the body so easily from one leg to the other that its weight is not felt and which produces a healthy glow, showing that the sluggish blood is stirred to action in the most remote veins.

**Domestic Strategy.**

"I suppose you try to make your home so attractive to your husband that he will wish to spend all his spare moments in it."

"Yes. I keep matches and cigars where he may always find them handy; there isn't a tidy or a sofa pillow or anything of that kind in his room, and I allow him to have portraits of his father and mother hung in places that are just as good as those which are devoted to the pictures of my own parents."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Starling Merit.**

"I bought my wife a fine arrangement for long motor rides."

"What is it?"

"A sort of trap to wear over the mouth called a dust protector."

"Does it work?"

"I don't know about the dust part of it, but it keeps her from talking!"

**No Need.**

Priscilla—Jack is the oddest fellow! He took me driving yesterday, and when we were seven miles from home he said if I wouldn't promise to marry him he'd make me get out and walk back. Penelope—Did you walk back? Priscilla—No, indeed, but the horse did!—London Telegraph.

**Two Factors.**

Willis—I've got to cut out this high life while my wife is away. Gillis—What's the trouble now? Willis—The pace and the neighbors are beginning to tell.—Puck.

**An Extremist.**

Elcks—Matters is one of those simplified spelling cranks, isn't he? Wicks—I should say so! He spells wife "yf."—Boston Transcript.

**Household Talk.**

Husband—A fool and his money are soon parted. Wife—I haven't noticed any of the fool about you for some time.—Judge.

Humility is the virtue all preach, none practice and yet everybody is content to hear.—Selden.

**Bedouin's Three Treasures.**

There are always three things uppermost in the Bedouin's mind—his gun, his horse and his wives. The most modern arms of precision have replaced the primitive spear which, until a few years ago, was the usual weapon. The Bedouin is quick to realize the efficiency of modern weapons and soon becomes an expert marksman. So much has the spear fallen out of favor that the bearer of one would be ridiculed in his own camp. Such pride has the Bedouin in his weapons that even in his leisure hours he sits fully armed, examining and cleaning each piece in turn, making himself accustomed to carrying their weight. No youth considers himself a man until he has fully equipped himself. A sword is much esteemed, but generally only as an heirloom and as giving distinction to the bearer. There are to be found many excellent blades among the sheiks, some with a history of hundreds of years, having been handed down from father to son.—Wide World Magazine.

**Animals Attack the Lungs.**

Watch any flesh eating animal when it is attacking its prey or watch two animals having a fight to the death. You will notice one remarkable fact, and that is that they strike for the lungs. Most people, of course, are well aware where their own lungs are, but they haven't the slightest idea about any other lungs. Animals instinctively know, however, the position of the lungs of almost every other animal. When a tiger or a lion attacks a man it does its best to get just below the shoulder blades. If it strikes without warning you will always find that its powerful paws have torn right through to the lungs. A cat has just the same instinct. It goes for the lungs—the vital spot—just the same as its bigger brothers. Watch it stalk a sparrow and you will see how cleverly it maneuvers so as to get behind the unfortunate bird and pounce on its back, where the lungs are.—London Graphic.

**Shooting the Seal.**

Seals are caught in a variety of ways, but they are very shy creatures and the greatest caution must be exercised in approaching them. Even when they have been struck by harpoon or rifle bullet the blow must be fatal and death instantaneous, or the animal will drop into its hole in the ice and be seen no more. Indeed, the fact that a seal seldom moves far from its hole adds considerably to the hunter's difficulties. The plan usually adopted by Eskimo hunters is to build up a kind of tent sledge. The sides and front are masked with bearskin, the top with the pelt of a hare. The native hides within this novel tent and inch by inch propels himself over the ice till he is near his quarry. The rifle with which he slays his seal is brought into use through a loophole in the sledge covering.

**Our Unknown World.**

Despite the marvelous advance of exploration in various parts of the globe, an estimate as submitted by a member of the Royal Geographical society in London shows that no less than 20,000,000 square miles of the earth's surface yet remain unexplored. The largest unexplored area is said to be that in Africa—8,500,000 miles—over North America contains 1,500,000 square miles of virgin territory. It is surprising to learn that there are three times as much land awaiting the foot of the pioneer in North America as in South America.—Harper's.

**Real Hard Luck.**

"Speaking of hard luck," remarked an official, "I had some hard luck once during my early days."

"Elucidate," said another official.

"I had just invested my last \$5 in a meal ticket."

"Yes, yes!"

"As I started down the street a gust of wind tore the ticket from my hand. A lumberjack was passing, wearing heavy, hobnailed boots."

"Yes; go on."

"And he stepped on my ticket and punched out \$4.85."—Kansas City Journal.

**To Save Money.**

Mark Twain's rules for saving money when one was tempted to part with some of his treasure were simple. Here they are:

To save half when you are fired by an eager impulse to contribute to a charity, wait and count forty. To save three-quarters count sixty. To save it all count sixty-five.

**Love.**

Love is the most powerful of spells. Every other species of sorcery must yield to it. There is but one power against which it is helpless. What is that? It is not fire; it is not water; it is not air; it is not the earth with all its metals. It is time.—Heine.

**What It Is.**

"Well, Johnnie, I hear you have another baby at your house."

"Yep."

"What is it?"

"The nurse says it's a girl, but pa seems to think it's hard luck."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Mistake.**

Pumpe—Why did Mrs. Armstrong snub you just now? Chumpo—I put my foot in it, introducing her to Vera Fathead. Pumpe—How did you slip up? Chumpo—Presented her as Mrs. Armstrong, see Wake.—Town Topics.

**Demonstrated Efficiency.**

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"Well," replied Mr. Meekton thoughtfully, "she has made a success of home rule all right."—Washington Star.



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