CURIOUS PLEASURE.

Sympathy That May Be Excited by a Paroxysm of Hysterics.

Some persons derive pleasure from cerned the younger son of a peer, who receiving sympathy, and this often thought that a berth in the diplomatic causes them, especially if they are service was as desirable a place as any women who have suffered some affliction, to affect a very demonstrative grief, its paroxysms timed with shrewdly selfish cunning so as best to attract the attention and secure the sympathy least the promise of a lark. As far as of those about them. Often from being simulated or exaggerated these fits become real.

And there are other persons who derive a strange satisfaction from exciting the anxiety and even the distress of their friends. This is not uncommon among small children, who are, however, easily cured by ignoring their outbursts. Petting them makes them worse. Hysteria in young women is often simulated. In his work on "The Influence of Education on Diseases of the Nervous System" Dr. Carter says:

"When once a young woman has discovered her power to produce a hysteric paroxysm at will and has exercised it for her own gratification without regard to the anxiety or annoyance it may entail on her friends a very remarkable effect is speedily produced upon the whole mental and moral na-The pleasure of receiving unwonted sympathy once tasted excites desire for it that knows no bounds." -New York World.

ESCAPED THE MADHOUSE.

Daguerre's First Photograph Cam Just In the Nick of Time.

If old Mme. Daguerre had been as quick to act as she was to suspect, Louis Jacques Daguerre might have ended his days in an insane asylum. and the world might have waited a century longer for a means of preserving family likenesses on bits of paper, and live throughout the dangerous age or glass.

Up to the early thirtles of the last century M. Daguerre had behaved as any well balanced decorator and scene painter and steadygoing busband should have behaved, and then he began to experiment with liquids and attempted to fasten sun shadows on glass or copper sheets. He talked of wonderful day when he could make portraits of his friends without either brush or pencil.

In great trepidation Mme. Daguerre hurried to a doctor and, weeping, told the medical man these symptoms. To the doctor's discerning mind they spelled nothing less than insanity, and in 1838 they set about preparing M. Daguerre for a visit to the asylum at

But just then the unsuspecting victim of this plot succeeded in fastening the shadow on the copper plate, and the art of photography was born .-New York Sun.

The Oldest Book.

The oldest book in the world to which a positive date can be assigned is an assortment of proverbs somewhat after the style of the proverbs collected by Solomon. The work is accredited to Ptah-hotep, an Egyptian king, and Egyptologists assign to it an antiquity of at least 300 B. C. Abraham was called to leave his home in Ur of the Chaldees 1921 B. C., so that this volume was written 1,100 years before the beginning of Jewish history. The deluge is placed by most chronologists at B. C. 2348, so the book, if its dating is correct, must bave been written before the flood. Methuselah was born B. C. 3317, so that this papyrus was prepared and these proverbs were collected when the oldest man on record was a lively young fellow of 300 years.

Trousers Forbidden.

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Strange though it may appear to the present generation, it seems that trousers when first introduced into England were regarded as anything but a mark of respectability. In the original trust deed, drawn up in 1820, of Bethel chapel, Cambridge street, Sheffield, there was a clause containing the following prohibition: "Under no circum stances whatever shall any preacher be allowed to occupy the pulpit who wears trousers." It is scarcely necessary to add that knee breeches and galters were then the correct attire .-London Opinion.

The family of Mr. Torrance was about leaving the town of Strathbaven for America. Tibby Torrance, an old malden sister of Mr. Torrance's, was to accompany them. Before they left ome of the neighbors were talking to Tibby of the dangers of the "great deep," when she suddenly exclaimed, "Aweel, aweel; it's been a dry summer, and I think the sea'll no' be very deep."-Argonaut.

Shaky Collateral. An advertisement taken from a morning paper shows to what a pass a us may come in a great city: Wanted-A collaborator, by a young playwright. The play is already writen; collaborator to furnish board and bed until play is produced."-Argonaut.

A Linguist.

"Mrs. Gabber speaks seven lan-Cages." "Fluently?"

"Almost simultaneously." - Birmingham Age-Herald.

Pretty Busy. "Is be making good?"
"He must be. He never seems to have time to stop and tell anybody about it."-Detroit Free Press.

To be of service is a solid foundation or contentment in this world.-Charles

WAIL OF THE DONKEY. A Labouchere anecdote is given in the volume of recollections by Sir

The Makings of a Diplomat.

it was told by Labby himself. It con-

for one who took life rather easily.

He knew nothing of the special sub-

he could make out, he did not supply a

single correct answer to the long list

of questions. Nevertheless he came

out first in the competition. It was a

surprise even for a confident young

lordling. Meeting one of the exam-

iners at dinner a few days later, he

ventured to ask how the thing came

about. "We at once saw you knew

nothing," was the reply. "But your

manner was so free from constraint

under what to some people would have

been peculiarly embarrassing circum-

'That's the very man to make a diplo-

The Dangerous Age.

as it once was and requires more

thought and care. The reason that so

many men suffer from ill health in the

fifties is that they neglect these signs

at the same pace and with the same

ties. The abuse their systems receive

in the "dangerous years" leave them

with no reserve stamina and vigorous

health to support them into a hale and

hearty old age.-London Family Her-

Three Ideas of Nothing.

In an Irish school not long ago a

"Well, Thady, what is nothing?" said the teacher. "You may tell us."

gotten to make, sor!" was the trium-

Down From Noah.

from the Red Kings, and every Welsh-

man from Noah. The last claim has

been made for the family of the late

Lord Tredegar. Coxe, writing in 1800,

when touring in Monmouthshire, wrote

that "fanciful genealogists derive the

origin of the Morgans from the third

son of Noah," but that there was a di-

vision of opinion in favor of the first

Future Troubles.

Rounder-Funny what ideas come

into a fellow's head. This morning

while dressing I was wondering how,

in the future life, I could get my shirt

on over my wings. Bounder-Don't let

that worry you. What you want to

think about is how to get your hat

on over your horns.-Boston Tran-

Plausible Theory.

came to write me such an elaborately

sarcastic letter about so slight a mat-

"Very possibly," replied Miss Cay-

enne, "he has just employed a new

stenographer and is trying to show

The Boss' Idea.

"Young man," said the boss, "I like

"But let it end there. You have a

bad habit of keeping your freshness

Didn't Believe It.

The Young Man-Yes, I kissed her

then the wasn't expecting anything of

the kind. The Elderly Man-A young

man, a young woman, nobody about

be kissed. H'm! Ha! Rubbish!-New

Fine Recommendation.

yourself under the care of a physician

who reduces superfluous flesh. Did be

recommend any special diet? New

Boarder-No, madam; he simply rec-

ommended your boarding bouse -- Lon-

Every Man Carries Gasoline.

more, some less-and the spark of in-

spiration, if touched at the right time.

is apt to start something.-Trail Blazer.

Toward evening the tazy man begins

to be busy .- Greek Proverb.

Every man carries gasoline - some

Miss Slimdlet-So you have placed

up all day."-Kansas City Journal.

to see you arrive in the morning feel-

off."-Washington Star.

ing fresh.

'Yes, sir."

York Telegraph.

don Tatler.

"How do you suppose Steggins ever

son.-London Standard.

fellow's hand shot up.

phant reply.

"chiel" in Scotland.

then just says, 'Thank yel' "

ald.

your career."

Harken to It In China if You Want to

Henry Lucy (Toby, M. P.), to whom Tremble In Terror. In all the east today the donkey is a favorite means of transportation both for travelers and merchandise. It was so in the days of the patriarchs Isaac and Jacob, says the Louisville Courier-Journal, and so it will probably rejects upon which the preliminary exmain for ages to come. amination was based, but there was at

But nothing in China is just like the same thing anywhere else in the world, and the donkey is no exception. Dr. Chester of Nashville, who while evangelizing in Arkansas in his younger days had become familiar with the easy amble of the long eared American species, was induced to make trial of the Chinese type during a visit to China a few years ago. His experience was disappointing. The gait was rough, insufferable jog, and the characteristic bray was a painful phenomenon in the realm of sound. Dr. Chester reports his impressions as follows:

stances that we said to each other, "The power of heredity, working matist' So we gave you a start on through millenniums of isolation, with no modification from foreign admixture, has developed in the bray of the Chinese donkey a quality all its own. As the thirties slip behind him the There are no words in English to dewise man will train himself to realize scribe the beartrending pathos of it. that the "good old days" when he could It was as if an appeal to heaven do exactly as he liked and not pay for against the cruelty and oppression of it have gone forever. Gone are the ages were at last finding utterance in days when fatigue from extra work one long, loud, undulating wail. And and loss of sleep speedily passed off when our party of three met another when the stress of work had ended. party of six and all nine of the don-At forty recuperation takes longer. keys began at one time to exchange the compliments of the day then pa-Both brain and body when once thoroughly overworked and tired out are thos gave place to terror, and you likely to remain below par for days or could only sit, appalled and trembling. weeks. The body may not be in the as the mighty reverberation rolled tain proportion of cases. As for the least diseased, but it is not so strong away on its journey round the world."

HOW TO GROW STRONG.

The Eight Natural Exercises Give the Best Physical Culture.

It is not logical for a man to swing waste of vital energies as in the twenin the air hanging on two rings by his ands, according to George Hebert, a French naval lieutenant who has devoted himself to the study of physical culture. Such exercise demands abnormal efforts, which must be harmful because they do not respond to any necessity.

For the same reason it is poor gymnastics to raise and hold the arm in the schoolteacher asked a class to define air while holding the rest of the body "nothing." He wrote the question on motionless. The result of such action the blackboard and did so quickly and is incomplete development. The arm rather carelessly. A little red headed should be exercised by throwing something, by climbing or by boxing, and the legs should be exercised by running or swimming, because these essen-"It's the dot on the i ye've just fortially natural movements have a happy reaction on the whole organism.

A particular movement may be inter-An equally good definition was that esting in the case of invalidism when of the lad who declared that nothing the subject is capable of ordinary exwas "a footless stocking without a ercise, but when people are in health He, too, was Irish. Less imagiand anxious to become strong there is native, but no less convincing, was the only one means of obtaining physical mercenary definition given by a canny improvement and only one form of ef-

ficacious physical culture. "It's when a man asks ye to haud That is to carry out such exercises as his horse," he explained ruefully, "and were imposed by nature upon the men of the forests and such as are in use now among savages. These are walking, running, leaping, climbing, lifting, The smaller a nation the longer the 'jumping, boxing and smimming. All the pedigree of the native. Thus every obligations of primitive life have a Scotsman of decent lineage is descend- place in these eight natural exercises .ed from the Bruce, every Irishman Harper's Weekly.

How Did She Know?

When the boarders were all gathered about the table fussy little Miss Mac- gushingly stammered to Mr. Mac-, her namesake, but who was no relation: "Oh, Mr, Mac-! You must pardon me for opening your mother's letter. I feel awful about it! But I didn't read a single word, I assure you. When I saw the heading 'Chicago' and 'Dear mother' and the signature I knew it wasn't for me, so wouldn't read a bit of it, for I'm sure I wouldn't like any one to read "Oh, that's all right. "Twas only from my sister. There's nothing a daughter writes to ber mother that anybody couldn't read." After again apologizing half a dozen times Miss Mac- said: "Your sister wrote that she was going to be married. I hope she's making a good match."-New York Tribune.

Dictionary at Fault.

An east end father interested in the home education of his children bought a little dictionary for his clever little twelve-year-old boy last week. A few days after the child had received his gift he brought it back to his father. "The dictionary is no good," he said. "You'd better take it to the store and get your money back."

"What's the matter? Is there some slang term you can't find?" "Naw. I can find all the words I want, but they ain't arranged right. In this dictionary divorce comes before

marriage."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mean Thing. "I don't like that disagreeable Mrs. Parker." "I thought she was very pleasant.

and the young woman not expecting to What's happened?" "We lunched together downtown today. She said she'd pay, and of course I mumbled 'Let me,' and she said 'Very well.' "-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

> Boiled Down. "It used to be forty acres and a

"Intensive farming has the call now -forty square feet and a hen."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

His Last Words, "Does your wife always have the last word?" "Um, no. I most always say, 'Yes, dear,' or 'Very true, dear.' "- Puck.

Each one sees what he carries in his beart.-Goethe.

Tipping the Cook. In old times to dine with a nobleman

cost more in tips to the servants tuan a club dinner. Lord Poor, a well named Irish peer, excused blmself from dining with the Duke of Ormond upon the ground that he could not afford it. "If you will give me the guinea I have to pay your cook, I will come as often as you choose to ask me"-which was accordingly done. The duke, however, had not the pluck to stop the tipping practice. Lord Taafe, a general officer in the Austrian service, did what he could. He always attended his guests to the door. When they put their hands into their pockets he said: "No. If you do give it, give it to me, for it was I who paid for your dinner.' To Sir Timothy Waldo must be given the credit of putting an end to the monstrous practice. After dinner with the Duke of Newcastle he put a crown into the cook's hand. It was rejected. "I do not take silver, sir." "Very good. And I do not give gold." This courageous rejoinder "caught on," and the day of valls to cooks was over .-St. James' Gazette.

Worry Fills the Asylums.

'An eastern alienist told the Mental Hygiene society that if worry could be eliminated the number of our insane would be decreaased by 40 per cent. His assertion is corroborated by other experts.

The diagnosis, one sees, is delightfully simple, but the remedy is hard to apply. Worry is of two sorts-that which comes from within and that which is imposed from without. The nervous specialist treats the first, and mental suggestion succeeds in a cerworry incident to our mad scramble to survive, the doctors we look to in that case are the economists and the sociologists. The problem of the nerve specialist is not an easy one, but it looks almost simple when compared with the problem of the economists. Both sets of doctors are making headway, and at present we may look for much improvement in our insanity statistics. So let us not worry about worry, but work to remove its causes. -Chicago Record-Herald.

A Nelson Love Letter.

Mr. Algernon E, Aspinall in "West Indian Tales of Old" gives some notes about Nelson when at English Harbor, Antigua, It was while on the Leeward islands station that Nelson was taken with what he himself had described as "the disorder which is what the world calls love" and became engaged to Miss Frances Nisbet, whom he married at Nevis. Here is part of a love letter to his "dearest Fanny:"

As you begin to know something about sallors have you not often heard that salt water and absence always wash away love? Now, I am such a heretic as not to believe that faith, for, behold, every morning since my arrival I have had six pails of salt water at daylight poured upon my head, and instead of finding what the seamen say to be true I perceive the contrary effect, and if it goes on so contrary to the presciption you must see me before my fixed time. At first I bore absence tolerably, but now it is almost insupportable, and by and by I expect it will be quite so.

An Overhead Picture Gallery. Kuweit is situated at the head of the Persian gulf. It is an ordinary Arab border town, built of mud and plaster, with a few houses more than one story high and only the shelk's palace making any pretensions to elegance. One room in this palace is distinctly bizarre and, in a way, arabesque. It has a large and beautiful Persian rug on the floor and a ceiling covered with many chromos of queens and actresses and others in guilt frames, picked up in the Bombay bazaar. Only an Arab would have thought of that place for the pletures.-Christian Herald.

A King's Jests.

King George of Greece once observed. "The boredom of royalty is that other people watch what one is do-

The king was quite bald, and once said that his hair had come off because "it was tired of standing on end to please other people's consciences."-Liverpool Post.

A Consoling Thought, "When another man has succeeded where you failed to try you must feel horribly ashamed."

"No. I don't. I simply go around telling eyerybody that 'fools rush in where angels fear to tread,' and it's very consoling."-Detroit Free Press.

A Mean Man.

James-You say you write dunning letters to yourself and sign them with fictitious names. What do you do that for? William-You see, my wife is always after me for money, and when she reads those letters she becomes

Then She Gave Him a Look

Mrs. Gableigh-The minister impressed upon us this morning that we must all in time join the silent majority. Her Husband-Yes, and in view of that I think we should begin practicing silence while here on earth. - Boston Transcript

Extenuating.

A Frenchman was convicted of killing his mother-in-law. When asked if he had anything to say for himself before taking sentence he said, "Nothing, excepting I lived with her twenty-one years and never did it before."

He Got Savage. "No, I'm sorry, but I'll be a sister

"Pardon me, I have plenty of sisters. What I wanted was a mother."-Life.

Laws are made by old people and by men. Youths and women want the exceptions, old people the rules.-Goethe. cott.

A FAMOUS INDIAN CHIEF. Seattle, the Statesman, After Whom

the City Was Named. At Fort Madison, on Puget sound, fifteen miles northwest of Seattle, Wash., stands a monument to Seattle, or Sealth, chief of the Squamish and allled tribes. This aborigine was regarded as among the greatest of the many Indian characters of the western country. He ruled his people for more than half a century with superior taient and was looked upon as a states man who had no equal among the tribesmen.

At the time of his death, in 1806, he was the acknowledged head and chief sachem of all the tribes dving on or near Puget sound. He had reached the age of eighty when he passed away and bad made many warm friendships with the white pioneers in Washington. Over 100 white men were in attendance at his funeral

In 1890 his friends erected a mono ment of Italian marble, seven feet high, with a base or pedestal surmounted by a cross bearing the letters "I. H. S." On one side of the monu ment is the following inscription:

SEATTLE Chief of the Squamish and Ailled Tribes.
Died June 7th, 1866.
The firm Friend of the Whites, and for
Him the City of Seattle was Named

-Magazine of American History.

FATAL ELECTRIC SHOCKS. They Kill by Attacking the Heart or

Respiratory Organs. While every one knows that an electric shock, if powerful enough, will cause death, there are very few who know exactly the cause, and from a description given in a recent English magazine, quoting an authority on the subject, the whole matter is simple.

Death produced from electric shock, says this magazine, usually is the result of contraction of the fibrils or muscular fibers of the heart or of paralysis of the respiratory organs.

While doctors have been unable to find any treatment that will cure the former, artificial respiration often over comes the respiratory paralysis.

The effects of direct and alternating currents vary with the current strength, the duration of contact and the path through the body, and with alternating currents low frequency usually is more dangerous than high. The lower animals are more susceptible to electric shock than man, dogs often being killed by a direct current of seventy volts. In the average man a direct current of 100 volts is scarcely felt, 200 to 300 volts give rise to muscular cramps, while 520 volts will stop respiration suddenly.-New York Press.

Mistress and Maid.

"Be the friend of your house servant and let ber realize that you are interested in her well being," was the advice of a lecturer before a housewives' meeting at Vienna. A woman who attended and listened to the servant, problem discussion wrote a letter to the lecturer a few days later in the course of which she said: "I agree with you, but did you know that in this city a nursery maid, a mere child herself, threw the child intrusted to her care out of a window and then followed intending to kill herself? And that on the same day another child servant attempted to take ber And why? The first one had been denied a part of her earned wages because her lady wished to teach her thrift and the second was not allowed to leave the house after a certain hour at night. Our 'friendship' is often misinterpreted."

A Helpful Letter.

A letter that Rev. W. M. L. Evans, rector of Saxby, North Lincolnshire, wrote to the London Times added an amusing contribution to the discussion then going on in that newspaper concerning the alleged decay of handwriting. Mr. Evans says:

"The name of Dean Stanley will occur to many of us as that of a celebrated cacographist of the pretypewriter period. When Mrs. Kingsley was lying very ill her husband received a letter from the dean.

"He conned it carefully and slowly and then said: 'Here is a letter from dear Stanley. I am sure it is sympathetic and affectionate, but there are only two words that I can make any. thing of, and I don't think I can have got them quite right, for they seem to be "beastly" and "devil." "

American Colleges. Whatever the defects of American universities may be, they disseminate no prejudices, rear no bigots, dig up the buried ashes of no old superstitions, never interpose between the people and their improvement, exclude no man because of his religious opinionsabove all, in their whole course of study and instruction, recognize a world, and a broad one, too, lying beyond the college walls .- Charles Dick-

Three sons who traveled west to make their fortunes in cattle raising wrote home for an appropriate name to give their ranch. The reply, "Focus," did not seem especially suitable until the explanation was forthcoming, "The place where the sons raise meat "-Exchange.

She (getting ready to go out)-What

are you looking at? He-I'm just watching whether that house opposite will be finished first or you.-Fliegende

Success is sweet, the sweeter if long delayed and attained through manifold struggles and defeats - A. Bronson Al-

"Beef a la Mode" Defined.	
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Made It Good and L Neither man nor boy is ever n. 1 loss for excuses for not knowing wint he oing has no mind to know or for when he are no mind to d wittiest that is recorded in co an nais is the reason given in the house for not answering the "Who were the minor prophets?" "I do not fill this in.' wrote the candidate, "because the inquiry is -

A schoolboy has now improve upon this by a reling in a written medical certificate to excuse his nountter dance "I certify, the medical authority was made to say "that this boy is milt to attend school for 304 day schoolmaster thought it odd, the interim being so long and at the ame time so particular in its de inquiry it turned out that the dector had written "3 or 4" days, which the boy had altered to 304 Argon

A Foe to "Baby Tall.

It is not enough that a word be spoken It makes a great deal of difference how it is spoken. The proper vocalization of words has an effect upon children which is often, one may say generally overlooked Almost everybod; is fond of repeating the baby's efforts to talk, and oaby talk lingers in many homes, an innocent but costly pleasure for the parents and the children alike There are many persons of mature age at this moment who will never pronounce certain words properly since they became accustomed to a false pronunciation in childhood because somebody thought it was cute. There are many persons who will never get over certain false associations of ideas because somebody thought it was very amusing and funny to see the child mixing up things in such a beautiful childlike way - Dr A A Berle

Tigers' Whiskers, It is a fact that a lion's or a tiger's whiskers once taken off will never grow again These animals shed their hair ordinarily once a vent, all except the whiskers. The shedding depends entirely upon the climate and there is a peculiar thing connected Men who have taken wild animals from Asia and Africa to Europe say that they never knew a llon or a tiger or any animal of the cat species to go through the Red sea without changing coat. They will shed at Sunkin and come out with hair fresh and glossy as silk, and yet going through the Red sea they will shed again. No one has been abie to account for it, but it is a fact nevertheless .- London Tit-Bits.

Cause and Consequence An ambitious mother was trying to dissuade her son from becoming engaged to the girl of his choice because the girl had no fortune. "Well, mother." the young man expostulated, "I have heard you say that neither you nor father had a penny when you married." "That's so," the mother admitted. "But," she added, "I accepted your father because I knew he would get on in the world." "Exactly." the youth returned, "and she's ready to

A Durable Car. "I've used my car twice a day to my office and back, a distance of six miles, for seven years," said Waggley, "and I've never had to pay a cent of repatrs." "Great Scott, what a record!" said

accept me because he did get on."

Bildad. "What car is it?" "Trolley," said Waggley, and Rildad rang for the waiter.-Harpe

Told Him.

Lawyer-Have you ever been to this court before, sir? Witness-Yes, sir; l have been here often. Lawyer-Ha, ha! Been here often, have you? Now. tell the court what for. Witness (slowly)-Well, I have been here at least half a dozen times to try and collect that tailor's bill you owe me.

In the Wrong Place. Seedy Vagabond Mister, I hain't had a blame thing to eat fur two days, ceptin a bandful o peanuts. Dietetic Crank-That's all you need, you glutton!-Chicago Tribune.

Two Happy Men.

The Debtor-Well, old man, I'm go ing to marry a rich widow next week The Creditor-Indeed: Well-ah! Congratulate me, old chap.-Toledo Blade.

It May Be Done.

"It is impossible to satisfy a champagne appetite on a beer income." "It is - unless you own brewery stock."- Washington Star.