

FOR THE CHILDREN HUMOROUS QUIPS

How to See Sun Spots.

We are indebted to accident for many a useful discovery, and a Massachusetts gentleman has now by chance found out something which, if so valuable, is at least interesting. What he found is that it is quite possible to see the larger spots that appear on the sun's surface without glass or lenses of any kind.

It has long been known that when these objects attain unusual dimensions they can be glimpsed by direct vision through smoked glass, similar to the appliances used to view solar eclipses. But that sun spots can be seen without the assistance of this sort of something new.

The aperture of the observer's house happened to be closed, and through a day hole near the top of them a beam of sunlight found its way to the floor. There it left an image, clear and round, tinged at the circumference with a fringe of blue and orange. The whole appearance of the beam as projected reminded the spectator of the image of the sun taken on paper through a telescope, and he at once got a sheet of white note paper in order to test his surmise.

The result confirmed it. A beautiful round image of the sun fell on the paper, and near the center thereof could be seen a bluish spot which moved about with the image whenever the paper was shifted.

The bluish colored object was a veritable sun spot, and the observer, watching it by the simple means described for several days until the revolution of the sun had carried it out of sight.

Indoor Hunting.

Fred heard a sudden snapping clang, and then he saw something fly along above his head. Fred is a dog, and his business in life is going hunting birds with his master, who is the chief of police of Portland Ore. Fred saw the something above his head and quite naturally thought that it was a bird. So he set off to catch the bird. He did not stop to remember that he was in a drug store with his master and that a drug store is no place to go hunting in. He was thinking only about the bird. Over counters and displays he went, scattering behind him all the bottles and packages that drug stores usually have put out for people to buy, and he ended his chase at the cashier's cage. There the bird had stopped, and as the drug store proprietor looked the chief of police came up and asked the rules that he had laid down for the bird. Fred understood at once that he had a bird. It was only the bird that runs on wires from the cashier's counter to the cashier and back again.—Chicago News

Centuriums.

I am the captain of twenty-six soldiers. Without me Philadelphia could not exist. What am I? The letter A.

Why is the woodman's ax an inconsistent weapon? Because it first cuts a tree down and then cuts it up.

Why is an inkeeper like a multitude of people? Because he is a host himself.

Why is the blush of modesty like a little girl? Because it becomes a woman.

Why is a bad joke like a useless penny? Because it has no point.

If you should see a counterfeiter coin on the street, why should you pick it up? Because you might be arrested for passing it.

Why is a king like a hat? They both have crowns.

Why is love always represented by a child? Because it never reaches the age of discretion.

What key sometimes opens the prison? Whiskey.

Elastic Spider-Web.

The common garden spider, sometimes called the geometric spider, makes a beautiful radiated web, which shows great skill in the way it is placed. In its strong framework made of strong threads of spider web and its spiral between them. The threads are elastic so that they yield in the wind, eyes when the web is tightly drawn. When the wind is more than ordinarily violent, so that the web is dangerously stretched, the spider hangs pieces of wood of stone or other substances to the web to steady it.

The web is nearly circular and is composed of a number of straight lines radiating from a common center, and having a spiral line wound regularly upon them. The radiating lines are smooth and not elastic, whereas the spiral line is thickly studded with minute knobs and is elastic. The little knobs are made of a sticky substance which holds insect wings, and legs.

The Boy Who Forgets.

I love him, the boy who forgets. Does it seem such a queer thing to say? Can't he help it? He's one of my pets. Delightful at work or at play. I'd trust him with all that I own. And know neither worries nor frets. But the secret of this lies alone. In the things that the laddie forgets.

He always forgets to pay back. The boy who has done him an ill. Forgets that a promise is a debt. And smiles at him pleasantly still. He always forgets 'tis his turn. To choose what the others shall play. Forgets about others to learn. The gossip things that "they say."

He forgets to look sulky and cross. When things are not going his way. Forgets some one's gain in his loss. Forgets in his work time his play. So this is why I take his part. Why I say he is one of my pets. I repeat it with all of my heart. I love him for what he forgets! —St. Nicholas.

Some Don'ts For Christmas.

Don't send a grand piano to your fiancée in Chicago with a little note requesting her to put it into her stock list.

Don't send an electric runabout to a freezing widow with five starving children. This is like throwing a rope of pearls to a drowning man.

Don't give your wife a set of Russian sables or an ermine opera cloak if your balance at the bank is down to an overdraft of \$4.11.

Don't present your pastor with a copy of "The World's Best Sermons." He might preach one of them by mistake and interfere with your Sunday morning nap.

Don't send a blank check signed to your son in college. As a student of the arts it may be that he has learned to draw.

Don't undertake to impersonate Santa Claus for the delirium of your children and try to come down a 4 by 8 due if you have a waist measurement of fifty-seven inches.

Don't be ostentatious in your celebration of the day. The man who decorates his windows last year with wreaths of greenbacks dotted all over with marachino cherries instead of holly berries is adjourning this season at Bloomingdale.

Don't appear on the public highways with a piece of mistletoe decorating your winter hat unless you are a particularly angular old maid. There are a large number of freshmen home from college lurking about, and they might, well, you never can tell.

Don't fail to discriminate in your Christmas economies. If you are using last year's gifts for this year's presents be careful not to send to your rich maiden aunt the very same ear tabs she knitted for you last Christmas.

Don't look ungraciously on the bargain counter cigars your wife buys for you as a little surprise, but keep them either to smoke when her mother is visiting you or to augment your popularity with the electorate when you run for office. Many a man has been wafted into the state legislature on the strength of that kind of weed.

Don't be sarcastic in your choice of gifts for those you love. It is all right to send a copy of the Payne tariff bill, bound in pigskin, to your member of congress or a barrel of sand to your grocer, but it is bad policy to send your wife a rolling pin labeled "A Woman's Club For Mother to Spend Her Afternoons At." She might light upon your rolling pin some night on your return from your own club in a distressful condition.

Don't make any Christmas promises that you don't intend to fulfill. It is not good form to promise your daughter a ring and then give her a manila bag or to tell your son, who he fond of motorcars, that he shall have a new machine for Christmas and then present him with a vacuum cleaner or a newfangled automatic potato reaper.

Don't fail to investigate closely the antecedents of any strange Santa Clauses that turn up unexpectedly in your household after midnight. There are several impostors about impersonating the good old chap who are entirely unauthorized to represent him and who have no standing whatsoever in the Yuletide union. If they stir your heart to action give them what you have for them quickly and without stint, lest, actuated by the spirit of the hour, they get in their gifts first.—Puck.

Hard on the Mare.

Twice as the bus slowly wended its way up the steep Cumberland Gap the door at the rear opened and slammed. At first those inside paid little heed, but the third time they demanded to know why they should be disturbed in this fashion.

"What?" cautioned the driver.

"Don't spake so loud; she'll overhear us."

"Who?"

"The mare. Spake low! Shure O'm deavin' th' creature? Every time she opens th' door close she thinks was 'es 'es gettin' down ter walk up th' hill, an' that sort o' raises her spirits." —Success Magazine.

Seen.

Tourist (in Venetian hotel)—Boy, call a motorboat!

Boy—Nothing doing in that line, sir; the chaufferers are on strike.

Tourist—Butting public! What are they striking for?

Boy—They want all gondolas relegated to the crostowen canals and the speed limit of motorboats increased to thirty miles an hour. —Sunday Illustrated Magazine.

What Impressed Her.

"What impressed you in the sermon?"

"The way they brought the head of the prophet before the king on a salver."

"That is impressive."

"Yes, they trained servants properly in those days. Now, mine, when they bring me anything, are forever forgetting the salver." —Pittsburg Post.

A Genius Heroic.

"There goes a great genius!"

"Novelist?"

"No, but he reads all the novels the other fellows write."

"You call that genius?"

"Well, if it ain't exactly genius it's the patience of it!" —Atlanta Constitution.

Her Want.

"What does your wife want for Christmas?"

"Something that I can't afford, as usual." —Detroit Free Press.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Percy Haughton, Harvard's Head Football Coach.



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Great credit must be given to Percy Haughton, head coach of the Harvard eleven, for the showing of the team this season. While it must be admitted that Haughton was fortunate in having many veterans left from last year's team, it was his splendid idea of the opportunities that the new rules offered that enabled the Crimson eleven to win the eastern football championship. Every day during practice three squads could be seen at work on the new rules. So good were Haughton's second and third teams that the head coach said several times that he could have won the championship with No. 2 or 3. With the death of Hatterall in the 1919 season, Coach Haughton thought that he would capture the laurels next year.

Maher to Become a Trainer.

The present racing season will see the end of Denny Maher as a leading figure in the saddle on English racing tracks on the flat.

He cannot do less than 120 pounds, and this is almost a prohibitive weight for any man who aspires to be a leading jockey in England. The English racing track will, however, continue to know him as a trainer, and occasionally he may be seen in the saddle in hurdle races and steeplechase.

For some time he has been looking out for favorable training quarters in Ireland where he will combine the breeding of high class thoroughbreds with training horses for some of the owners who have so long and faithfully patronized him for his skill and integrity as a jockey.

He is at the moment in negotiation for the stables on the Curragh in County Kildare, which were at one time occupied by Richard Croker. But if these deals do not go through he means to build an establishment of his own near Nenagh in Tipperary.

It is computed that at the end of the present racing season Maher will be \$1,000,000 strong at his bankers, and there can be no question of monetary considerations to interfere with his scheme.

New Style Billiard Table.

New York amateur billiard club players are practicing on a new style table which is 5 by 5 feet instead of the regulation size—9 by 4½. On the new table ball the billiards are being played, and the square form does away with the long drive, so that there is no advantage which rail is selected by the player. It has opened the play of some of the cracks and puzzles them when angles and force are considered. The three cushion shot is very difficult to execute, and simple caroms, single cushion shots, draws and follows are about all the style of shots any one but an expert can make. Another innovation is the use of two red balls and one cue ball in some games. Each player uses the same ball and so eliminates very largely the safety play. This game has been popular in Paris for several years.

Jake Stahl Says He's Through.

J. Garland Stahl, better known in baseball circles as Jake, the Boston American first baseman, has quit baseball and gone into the banking business. He has accepted a responsible position with a Chicago national bank. His father-in-law has been connected with the institution for several years.

Sonoma Girl to Quit Track.

Sonoma Girl, the famous trotting mare, has been retired from the turf by her owner, Miss Lotta Crabtree of Boston. The mare's last race was at Phoenix, Ariz. It is understood that with her retirement Sonoma Girl will pass from the ownership of Miss Crabtree to a leading stock farm.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Novel Hooks and Eyes That Require No Sewing.

A new kind of hook and eye that has some distinct points of difference from the other types has been designed by a Pennsylvania woman. The chief feature of the new article is that, except in places where there is great strain, it is not necessary to sew either part fast to the clothing. Both hook and eye are equipped with safety pin devices, by which they are attached to waist or skirt, and it requires a very short time to attach them. Furthermore, if the positions are not exactly tight they can be easily and speedily adjusted without the bother of unripping thread and sewing it over again. If there is too much strain on the pins a few turns of thread will make the parts secure. The throat of the hook is unusually deep and protects it from being easily disengaged, while a bump, after the style of all modern hooks and eyes, retains the eye in its adjusted position on the hook.

Camphorated Vaseline.

In the early stages a cold can frequently be broken by rubbing the affected parts with camphorated vaseline. This is especially good to relieve the stuffy, tight feeling of a cold in the head. The nose should be well rubbed in the bridge of the nose, particularly between the eyes, and on the upper lip and upward on each side. An incipient raw throat, often a precursor of bronchitis, is also relieved by thorough greasing of throat and chest with camphorated vaseline or oil. Both of these mixtures can be bought at a drugstore and should be included in every medicine chest. For an emergency the mixture can be made at home, twelve drops each of turpentine and spirits of camphor into two tablespoonfuls of yellow vaseline.

Cranberry Pudding.

Pick over and wash one quart of cranberries and stew them just enough to break them up a little with two cupfuls of sugar and one-half cupful of water. Butter well some thin slices of bread; if a little stale it will do no harm. Place a layer of the bread on the bottom of a buttered pudding dish, then a thick layer of the hot berries, and so on until all are used, alternating, having the top layer of the bread buttered side up. Cover with a paper and bake about twenty minutes in a moderate oven. Then remove the paper and brown the top slightly. Serve hot with a sauce made by boiling one cupful of sugar and one cupful of water five minutes and cooling before serving.

A Washbasket Hint.

Keep in your washbasket several large-sized safety-pins and use them to string loose buttons, hooks, eyes, etc. Keep those of the same size on the same pin. Black hooks on black pins, white eyes on white pins, etc. Thus you never will have an unfastened button or be delayed by not being able to find instantly what you are looking for. Fasten the safety pins to one side of the lining of your basket and your method of securing neatness will be complete.

Sweet Pickled Limes.

One gallon of salted limes, one gallon vinegar, three pounds sugar, one-quarter pound stick cinnamon, one-half pound allspice and three ounces cloves. Boil the limes in water till very tender, and to get rid of the salt drain and pierce. Boil the vinegar and spices together and pour over the limes. —Riv. Post for twenty minutes, but do not boil the vinegar again.

Mocha Caramel Butter.

Mocha caramel butter for filling cakes is made by adding one cupful of fresh cream to one cup and one-half cupfuls of confectioner's sugar and beating together until creamy. Then mix with two tablespoonfuls of mocha caramel filling.

A delicious frosting may be made by using whipped cream and mocha caramel butter in equal portions.

Mocha Sugar Biscuits.

Make a biscuit dough with one quart of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of butter, and just enough milk to make a soft dough. When ready to roll out stir in quickly one cupful of mocha sugar and in pieces the size of a pea. Roll out on thin small biscuits and bake quickly in a hot oven.

Brain Remedy.

Two cupfuls of bran, one cupful of flour, one-half cupful of molasses, one and one-half cupfuls of milk, one tea-spoonful of baking soda, and a scant half-teaspoonful of salt. Bake in two pans or as biscuits twenty minutes in half an hour.

Remedy For Sunburn.

Wear shoes at least a size longer than you have been in the habit of wearing them and paint the burn on daily with this lotion: Carbolic acid, two drams; tincture of iodine, two drams; glycerin, two drams.

Salt Pork in Ketchup.

Boil four or five slices of salt pork until brown, beat two eggs, add a heaping tablespoonful of flour, two to three cupfuls of milk and salt and pour over the pork. Turn so as to brown on both sides.

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