

Origin of Firewater.

When the Hudson Bay Trading Company began its trading among the Indians it was found that by selling the Indians liquor they could more easily be induced to trade their pelts...

Symbolism Didn't Appeal.

"Charlie," sorrowfully sighed the young lady in the parlor of the concrete house on Washington avenue. "It is nearly 12 o'clock."

Vernet is a Stern at Sea.

Vernet, the celebrated painter of sea pieces, eager in the study of nature, made several long voyages in his younger days in order to observe the various scenes which the changing elements exhibit...

Knife Duels in Mexico.

A duel between cattle herders on the Mexican plains is about as savage and deadly a manner of fighting as one could possibly imagine.

The Suicide of Hannibal.

Defeated at Zama, Hannibal fled to the east to avoid falling into the hands of the Romans and found temporary security in the dominions of Mithridates.

Amalant Repartees.

A union of discordant particulars is laughable, as what is wanting to him except fortune and virtue? Similar to this is the friendly admonition by way of giving advice...

An Exciting Contest.

Henson-I bet my wife that I could thread a needle before she could sharpen a lead pencil.

Bill Stronger.

Greener-Good morning, Mr. Poppo. How are those eggs I sent you? Poppo-Better, thank you. They are coming stronger every minute.

Life in a Plant that grows out of earth.

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Raw Musk.

Musk in the raw looks a good deal like grease and smells worse. The popular notion that the musk of commerce is obtained from the muskrat is a mistake.

Fine Language.

In the school year of 1896-7, in the town of Topsfield, Mass. there was at least one committeeman whose command of language was unusual.

An Ancient Die.

In the museum at Athens is shown what is probably the only genuine antique die used for coinage that is now extant.

Making a Locomotive.

A young lady once visited the Baldwin Locomotive works and then told how a locomotive is made.

Napoleon's Peepholes.

A curious Napoleonic relic still preserved in St. Helena is a pair of shutters, each with a peephole.

Hard to Deny.

As Miss Hypatia Squarrottes lectured on "Woman's Rights and How to Wield Them" she threw back her head and stood in an attitude of defiance.

Found a Rhyme.

A bold poet once tried to overcome the difficulty of finding a rhyme for carpet by the following: "Sweet maid of the inn, 'tis surely no sin to toast such a beautiful bar pet; believe me, my dear, your feet would appear at home on a nobleman's carpet."

A Fine Haul.

"Back from your fishing trip, I see," "Yep."

The Cook Ignored.

The prodigal son's father got a lot of applause for killing the fatted calf, but his mother didn't get a line or praise for cooking it.

The Milk in the Coconut.

Probably everybody has wondered at times what kind of stuff the "milk" of the coconut is.

A Fine Talker.

"I like the looks of this parrot," said the lady who had stepped into the bird store.

The Early Drum.

Drums are probably an eastern idea introduced by the crusaders into Europe. They are frequently mentioned in accounts of the first crusade.

Beautiful as a Dachsband.

It is in the drawing rooms of the German diplomats and their friends that you meet occasionally the long-haired, aesthetic, masculine beings whom you have perhaps noticed skating in the Tiergarten.

A Grievous Request.

What is probably the strangest and at the same time the most horrible request ever made is to be found in the will of Lieutenant de Pap.

Phil May's Habit.

The all night and next day habits of Phil May, the artist, have furnished material for many a story.

Wear and Tear.

Griggs-After all, the difference between man and woman is one of wear and tear.

Books.

Be as careful of the books you read as of the company you keep.

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Passports in Russia.

Every person arriving in Russia is required to surrender his passport to the owner or manager of the hotel or house he stops at.

The Retort Legal.

"Sometimes the law seems unjust for the reason that it isn't comprehended," said a judge.

He Didn't Like Connecticut.

"I have always had a mild interest," said the lawyer, "in the origin of the Connecticut Yankee's reputation."

The Site of the White House.

The site for the president's palace as the first president name it, was selected by President Washington and Major L'Enfant when they laid out the federal city in 1792.

The Music of the Nightingale.

But the nightingale, another of my shy creatures, breathes such sweet melodious out of her little instrument that it might make man kind to think miracles are not ceased.

Real Tragedy.

"Mrs. Browne was very rude to an overdressed old woman she met on a car the other day."

They Didn't Help.

"Did the audience weep while I was singing?" asked the temperamental soprano.

Got 'Em Already.

An advertisement says every home should have a talking machine.

Which is Different.

Lawyer (slightly deaf) - You say your husband lately left you a widow.

Monstrous Banquets.

At the wedding feast of Richard, brother of Henry III., there were no fewer than 30,000 dishes, and scarcely less imposing must have been the banquet given on the occasion of the betrothal of Archbishop Neville.

Parrots in a Fire.

In all likelihood no fireman on duty is going to stand around with his hands in his pockets long enough to read the warning, nevertheless it is printed in large type above the bird fancier's desk.

The Menu Card in its First Form.

In its old fashioned form the menu was usually written large on cards of such imposing dimensions that room for one only could be found at each end of the board.

The Swedish Almanac.

The Swedish same almanac differs from English almanacs in giving, besides the usual information, a Christian name for each sex for every day of the year.

Sounded Bigger.

"How did you get that new clerk? He wouldn't accept an offer from me."

Moral Courage.

As to moral courage, I have very rarely met with the 2 o'clock in the morning courage.

Beginning Early.

Caller (viewing new baby)-Do you think he is going to resemble his father? Mother-I shouldn't be surprised. He keeps me up nights even now.

Ups and Downs.

"Oh, well, everybody has his ups and downs."

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Anne Boleyn and the Lemon.

Who ever thinks of connecting such a commonplace article of diet as the lemon with the romantic history of ill-fated Anne Boleyn? Yet indirectly she was the cause of its first introduction into England.

An Architectural Curiosity.

There are many churches throughout England which are without tower or spire, but there are few churches which can boast of having a tower and spire side by side.

She Played the Green.

The attitude of a European emba was very much attracted by a western girl of great beauty and still greater wealth at a summer resort.

Concept For the House of Commons.

There is nothing storable or exalted in the history of the house of commons. Indeed, a devil's advocate had he the requisite talent could easily deliver an oration as long and as eloquent as any of Burke's or Sheridan's, taking as his subject the stupidity, cowardice and, until recent times, the corruption of the house of commons.

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