

Private Bramard's Ruse

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Tom Bramard was always full of mischief. He was at the bottom of all the mischief done at school, and when he was at college got into so many scrapes that at the end of his sophomore year the president informed him he couldn't come back the next term.

GETTING EXACT TIME.

A Very Simple Matter, According to This Man's Idea.

There is nothing like having one timepiece to correct the mistakes of another. Those people who keep a clock in every room of the house will no doubt be glad to learn of the expedient adopted by an old colored janitor in an office building in Chicago.

A WALKING BATTERY

By JULIUS D. WALKER

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When Johnny Barker was eighteen years old he enlisted in the United States navy as electrician. In the navy he learned two things. He learned all about electrical contrivances, and he learned what were and what were not his rights.

SAW ITS STRONG POINT.

Story of Harriman's First Purchase of a Railroad

One morning in the early eighties Harriman walked into his office and without any previous warning announced the purchase of his first railroad.

The Tales Turned

An Awful Revenge Turned on the Revenger

By WILLIAM G. EMERSON

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It was in buccannery times in the West Indies. An English ship, the Penguin, was sailing between Vera Cruz and Puerto Cabello, in Honduras, when she was attacked by pirates.

THRASHING SERVANTS.

Domestic Life in England in the Time of Henry VIII.

In that remarkably minute chronicle of domestic life in England in the time of Henry VIII Tusser's "Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry" the learned and pious author seems to take it for granted that the only way of dealing with maidservants is to thrash them unmercifully.

An Artist's Joke.

Holman Hunt, who began life as a clerk to an auctioneer and estate agent, was constantly drawing portraits when he should have been drawing leases.

Patchwork.

The idea that patchwork had its origin in America is not founded on fact. A thousand years before the Christian era a queen of Egypt went down the Nile to her last resting place under a wonderful canopy of skins that were dyed and pieced together in a mosaic pattern.

A Mighty Man.

Topham, the prince of English strong men, had knots of muscles which the arm-pits are in the ordinary man. He could take a bar of iron one and one-half inches in diameter and five feet long, place the middle of it over the back of his neck and then force the ends forward until they rested before his face.

A Bite and a Peck.

His wife—This paper tells of a woman who suffered two weeks from the effects of a mosquito bite. Her husband—That's nothing. I know a man who has suffered for years from the effects of a henpeck.—Chicago News.

Your Vocation.

It is well for a man to respect his own vocation, whatever it is, and to think himself bound to uphold it and to claim for it the respect it deserves.—Charles Dickens.

THE SOUP PLATE.

A Seventeenth Century Cookbook Tells Why It Was Invented

A valet of Louis XIV published a cookbook in 1663 in which he gives as follows the reason for the invention of the hollow soup plate.

Difficult Horseback Feet.

There are no better horsemen in the world than the cavalry officers of the Italian army, yet even among them there are very few who could perform the feat achieved by one of them.

Time For Stillness.

Mrs. MacLauchlan was kind to her employer, but she did not propose to allow her to overstep the limits of a boarder's privileges, and she made it very clear.

Too Strong.

"My boy tells me you discharged him," said the late office boy's mother.

His Fishing TIPS.

"Pa, where do you go fishing?" "My son, I never go fishing now days."

Courage.

Courage that grows from constitution often forsakes the man when he has occasion for it; courage which arises from a sense of duty acts in a uniform manner.—Addison.

Made Up by Herself.

Stillness—We hear of many self-made men, but seldom of a self-made woman. Curious—How about the woman whose face is her fortune?—William Makepeace Thackeray.

BRILLAT-SAVARIN.

Tribulations of the Famous French Epicure and Jurist.

Brillat-Savarin, the author of "The Physiology of Taste," was the absolute realization of the typical good liver.

His property was afterward returned to him, and he was made a councillor of the supreme court, an office which he held until his death.

LIBERTY WITH TIME.

Castelar's Interrupted Lecture in the University of Madrid.

In "Home Life in Spain" is a fine story of the University of Madrid, which once had among its professors that Senator Castelar who was for a time president of the short-lived Spanish republic.

The Sedan Chair.

The sedan chair is named after Sedan, the town where it was first used. The earliest mention of it in England occurs in 1581.

The Magnetic Pole.

The magnetic pole is not stationary. The northern one is slowly moving westward along the seventh parallel and in the course of three or four hundred years will probably have encircled the geographic north pole.

Earliest Use of Mineral Ink.

In earliest times India ink, made from lampblack and glue, was used for writing on papyrus, but inspection of the earliest vellum or parchment MSS. shows that iron gall ink was introduced not later than the ninth century.

Age and Youth.

W. D. Howells said of old age at one of his Sunday afternoons: "Age is modesty and youth I've often noticed that when I tell a mother or that her daughter is the image of what she is delighted, but the daughter looks startled."

Turn to the Light.

If there is anywhere on your horizon a spot of light, fix your eyes upon it and turn your thoughts away from the clouds which may cover the rest of the sky.

Just Like Shopping.

First Suffragette—If you were running for office, would you buy votes? Second—Suffragette—Not unless they could be changed or credited.—LMS.

Misfortunes Have Their Dignity and Their Redeeming Power.—Hillard.