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STARTLED THE BISHOP.

An Untimely Letter and the Bishop of Orleans. One of the bishops of Orleans was amused by a royal courier who had in his hands a slip of paper on which was written the name of the king.

Value of New Ideas.

Some large business firms employ a man whose sole duty it is to read every trade journal, every technical paper or pamphlet and every magazine in order to get new ideas about the conduct of their business.

Gold That Blackens.

Blackening of cuffs and shirt fronts by the rubbed off of gold is a matter of such annoyance to jewelers when their customers come back, thinking they have bought brass.

Where Bluebeard Lived.

Most of our readers have heard of Bluebeard, the enterprising gentleman, who made a hobby of marriage and had a way of his own for getting rid of his numerous wives.

Not Playing the Game.

Mrs. Fitz Suburbia—The next door neighbor must be a very suspicious character. Hubby—Why so? Mrs. Fitz—She employs a maid who is deaf and dumb, the mean cat!

A Matter of Color.

"Why do you refer to your youngest son as the black sheep?" "Because he paints the town red." Toledo Blade.

The Motto on the Clock.

The old Temple clock in London bears a curious inscription, the origin of which is ascribed to a chance remark. Some 200 years or so ago a master workman was employed to repair and put in a new face upon the clock.

The Exceptional Young Man.

The exceptional young man, says Orion Sweet Marlow in Success Magazine, is the one who looks upon his employer's interests as he would his own.

Labrador's Short Summer.

How brief is the summer on the highlands of Labrador! says Fleetford Priebard in the Wide World. Snow does not melt till July, then with a rush midsummer comes.

Found Out His Man.

A southerner who was visiting St. Louis wandered into the dining room of a hotel and, seeing a negro servant who had all the importance of an army officer standing near the door, asked him who the "head negger" was around there.

First Calculating Machine.

The first calculating machine was invented and constructed by Blaise Pascal, a Frenchman, in 1642, in which year he was but nineteen years of age.

Flow of Solid Metals.

Metals flow into each other just as gases and liquids mix, though more slowly. If a cube of lead is placed on one of gold, the surfaces of contact being kept smooth and clean, and left for a month a small quantity of gold will be found to have penetrated the lead.

The Cornstalk.

"I have no money, but I will give you a little advice. Better it will, if you ain't got no money yet, advice can't be very valuable."—Christian Advocate.

A Dream of a Hat.

She-I dreamed last night you bought me a new hat. He-Well, that's the first dream of a hat you ever had that didn't cost me money.—Club Fellow.

Civilizing the Indian.

The following is from "The Soul of the Indian," a book by Dr. Charles Alexander Eastman, himself an Indian. "Long before I ever heard of Christ or saw a white man I had learned from an untaught woman the essence of morality."

Business of Big Ben.

Big Ben, which marks the hours for parliament at the top of the clock tower at Westminster, is bigger than it appears from below. Looking at the dial of Big Ben from the northern roadway of Great George street or from the Thames embankment, it appears as if its diameter might be equal to the space that a man of medium size could cover with outstretched arms.

He Took the Cue.

He was a man who gave little and got much. Today, for instance, he had got a clothes brush, a basin of water, a towel and a shave, and he had given nothing at all.

A Herculean Katydid.

Experiments conducted by a naturalist attached to one of the government's scientific bureaus at Washington produced an interesting example of the strength of the katydid. He harnessed a katydid to a kind of sled made by taping a piece of ordinary note paper and then loaded the sled with various articles.

Net a Parallel Case.

A writer in the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post tells of a big overgrown, bushy body of a farmer's boy who was afraid even to speak to a girl, and whose father one day finally lost patience and scolded him roundly for not looking about a d d finding some girl to marry.

Conferring on This.

While he was governor of Kentucky Proctor Knott sent to the Hon. Stoddard Johnston a certificate, officially signed and bearing the impress of the great seal of the state, duly commissioning him as "Mister," which he said was a distinctive and honorable title that no Kentuckian had ever previously borne.

Light Men.

At a certain hotel in Liverpool an Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman were arguing as to which of their respective countries had the lightest men.

His Ways.

"My husband," sobbed Mrs. Frivol, "is the most contrary kind of a man." "How so?" asked her sympathetic friend.

Hidden Danger.

Owner—How did you come to puncture the tire? Chauffeur—Ran over a milk bottle. Owner—Didn't you see it in time? Chauffeur—No; the kid had it under his coat.—Town Topics.

Whistler's Eccentricities.

Whistler's remarkable genius is no doubt responsible for his many eccentricities. He quarreled indiscriminately with friend and foe, and for him the public were a set of ignoramuses who had no right to any opinion whatsoever.

Why Thackeray Was Moved to Tears.

A lady, an intimate friend and a frequent visitor at the Thackerays home, called late one afternoon. She was shown into the study, and on entering perceived the novelist himself seated at his desk, his head bowed upon his arms. Fearing she was intruding in the presence of some great and unknown grief, she paused, hesitating. Then, thinking she might be of some help or at least express her sympathy, she stepped forward. Just then Thackeray looked up. His shoulders were shaking, the tears streaming from his eyes.

The Lobsters Were Common.

When lobsters were not always the aristocrat of the supper table and the most costly of delicacies. A man who used to live in Maine, but now lives in Ohio, has this reminiscence, according to a writer in the Cleveland Leader. "One day here in Cleveland I took a friend out to luncheon, and suddenly the old appetite for lobster came back to both of us, as we were both born on the Maine coast. We had two full portions, and the bill was \$2. And yet as a boy I've seen my father, standing on the wharf, bargaining with a fisherman for his lobster catch of the day, and often, for \$2 I've seen the lobster fisherman turn over to my father the entire catch, and the whole boatload—250 or 300 big, black lobsters, perhaps—would be dumped on the landing and taken back on our old farm as feed for the pigs."

What He Was Showing.

A young man sitting in a subway car with legs crossed and one foot showing a highly polished shoe and the other sock extended so far into the aisle as to make it almost impossible for people to pass without coming in contact with the protruding member was brought to a sense of his disregard for others by three young women who sat opposite him.

Laughter.

Laughter, while it lasts, slackens and unbraces the mind, weakens the faculties and causes a kind of remissness and dissolution in all the powers of the soul, and thus far it may be looked upon as a weakness in the composition of human nature. But if we consider the frequent reliefs we receive from it and how often it breaks the gloom which is apt to depress the mind and damp our spirits with transient unexpected gleams of joy, one would take care not to grow too wide for so great a pleasure of life.—Addison.

Suitor's Action to the Word.

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Origin of the Piano. The pianoforte was directly evolved from the clavichord and the harpsichord. In 1711 Scipione Maffei gave a detailed account of the first four instruments, which were constructed by Bartolomeo Cristofori. It was named by him the pianoforte and was first exhibited in 1709. Maria in France exhibited harpsichords, with hammer action, in 1716, and Schroeter in Germany, claimed to have invented the pianoforte between 1717 and 1720. Maria was at first generally credited with the invention. Pianos of that period were shaped very much like the modern grand variety. The first square piano was constructed by Frederick, an organ manufacturer of Saxony, in 1758. The first genuine upright piano was invented in England and the United States by John Isaac Hawkins, an Englishman, in 1800.—Detroit Free Press.

The First Money. Money is mentioned as a medium of exchange in Genesis, chapter 23, and is supposed to refer to a time as far back as 1800 B. C. The coinage of money is ascribed to the Lydians, a people of Asia Minor. It is, of course, quite impossible to fix any definite date for the first coinage. Long before any one thought to coin money it was made out of any durable substance that came to hand, such as leather, iron, tin, bronze and even the hard bark of the trees and stones of the fields. The Hollanders, so late as the middle of the sixteenth century, made money of pasteboard. In fact, pretty nearly everything in the shade of lasting material has at one time or another been used as the medium of trade known as money.

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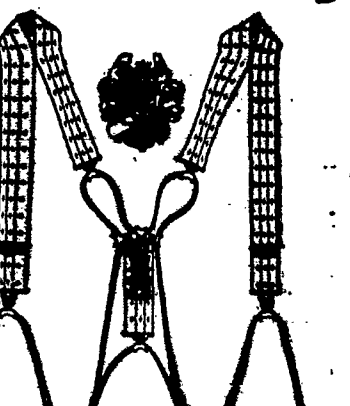
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