

Selection, the German Prodigy. The most wonderful of all the world's prodigies, was born at Lubek, Germany, in the year 1721. When but...

Instinct in Birds. In the stormy part of the year a boomer encountered rough weather, and, as often happens at such times...

S. A. Sale and His Epitaph. Among those autograph letters and historical documents sold recently were...

Passport to the North Pole. A passport to the north pole was issued some years ago by the governor of the province of Tobolsk, which...

Futility of Education. An eminent physician, at a recent convention of railway surgeons in Philadelphia, said of a safety device that...

He Assured Them. When Samuel B. Collier was preaching in an old schoolhouse in Johnson county, Missouri, in 1852, his congregation was quite small. One Sunday...

Proof of His Love. Arriet, (sobbingly)—Bill, you say you love me, but how do I know it to be true?

An Exchange of Compliments. Howell—Your head is pretty thick. Fowell—I don't think the inside measurement of yours would be any strain on a tape measure.—New York Press.

What men here do, what men may do, what men daily do, not knowing what they do!—Birmingham.

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The People of the State of New York, represent in Senate and Assembly, Assembled in Congress on the fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, That they shall be pleased, in the manner and to the effect hereinafter recited, to amend the Constitution of the State of New York in relation to the manner of electing members to the Senate and Assembly, and to amend the Constitution of the State of New York in relation to the manner of electing members to the Senate and Assembly, and to amend the Constitution of the State of New York in relation to the manner of electing members to the Senate and Assembly...

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The Sacred Codfish. The sacred codfish carved in wood is to be seen on the walls of the Hall of Representatives in the State House at Albany. It occupies a place of honor between two classic pillars immediately opposite the desk of the speaker. Bostonians say that this is the original sacred codfish of the old colony and that it had a place in the halls of the lawmakers of Massachusetts for over 150 years. It is a relic of the assembly hall that gave way to the present statehouse. The following is the original genealogy assigned to it:

One Captain John Welch of Boston was the creator and carver of the famous fish. In his time he was held to be a wood carver of no mean ability. He established himself in Stock Square in 1741. A member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Welch rose in time to its captaincy. He was called on to contribute to the decoration of the colonial assembly hall, and as at that period Boston was the colony's main article of export Welch conceived the notion of immortalizing it.—Harper's.

Youthful Authors. Although it was not published until a year or two later, it is probable that Keats wrote his famous "Ode to Autumn" in his sixteenth year, and, indeed, all his five great odes, among the greatest in any language, before he attained legal manhood. He died at twenty-five, so that all the great masterpieces which came from his pen may be regarded as the production of a boy. Robert Burns wrote that glowing satire, "Holy Willie's Prayer" when he had barely passed his youth, and indeed, the whole of the poetry in the famous Kilmarnock edition, a copy of which sold some little time since for \$500, were written before he was twenty-five. But even the precocity of Burns was put in the shade by that of Chatterton, who committed suicide in a fit of despair in a London garret when he was seventeen. He wrote the whole huge volume of the Rowley poems when he was a schoolboy at Bristol.

An Underground Canal. Between Worley and St. Helens, in the north of England, is the most remarkable canal in the world. It is underground, from end to end, and is sixteen miles long. In Lancashire the coal mines are very extensive, half the country being undermined, and many years ago the Duke of Bridgewater's managers thought they could save money by transporting the coal underground instead of on the surface. The canal was constructed and the mines connected and drained at the same time. Ordinary canal boats are used, but the power is furnished by man. On the roof of the tunnel arch are cross-pieces, and the men do the work of propulsion by lying on their backs on the coal and pushing with their feet against the cross-pieces on the roof.—Aeronaut.

Thrice Wrecked in One Week. In 1833 as the schooner Albatross was driving east across the Banks in a murky storm the mat her end, from a low lying berg. Of her crew of ten only two escaped, having cut clear the dingy and launched it safely. Next day they were picked up by the fishing schooner Energy, making for the Newfoundland coast. Driven south by bad weather, she sighted, two days later, the steamer Liddeasdale, with a load of cotton. She agreed to take the castaways, and in closing with the Energy sank her, but saved her crew. Thirty-six hours later the Liddeasdale herself went ashore near Cape Race and became a total loss. Thus the two men were wrecked three times in one week.—Berg, steamboat and rock.

The Servian Swineherd. In any Servian village there is only one swineherd, and he leads all the pigs of the community. In the morning he goes through the streets plowing his horn, and the pigs come out of their own accord and fall in behind him and follow him to the pasture. At night he brings them home, and they disperse to their sties in the same orderly way as they pass the houses to which they belong. They require no attention and no singling out.

Domestic Science. She—Here is a woman who says that a girl to marry is one who has taught domestic science. He—What sort of education is that? She—It's the sort that turns a kitchen into an experimental laboratory and makes the garbage can a retort of waste dishes and discarded calories.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Graduates. "You and Bigwater were boys together?" "Yes. There was a time when we were satisfied with a cream puff between us, but now he wants a baseball franchise and I long for a private yacht."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Impatience. In all evils which admit a remedy impatience should be avoided because it wastes that time and attention in complaints which if properly applied might remove the cause.—Johnson.

Helpfulness. To be a helping hand in the dark to another in the time of need, to be a cup of strength to a human soul in a crisis of weakness, to be the story of the day.—Hick Black.

Power of Words. She—Ah, what power there is in words! He—Yes, you're right, from a woman's mouth words are like magic. She—What? Was it "No"? He—No, it was "Yes".—Exchange.

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