

Aged Preachers in Germany. The shamefully inadequate provision made for the support of the aged ministers of the gospel of most denominations in this country is in marked contrast to the superb provision made for them in Germany.

Formation of Long Island. According to geologists, Long Island affords particularly clear evidence as to the history of the great continental ice sheet which covered the northern states many thousand years ago.

Sprees. In the Sprees, that Holland of Germany, where the streets are streams and the people pole up and down the shallow, winding canals, the inhabitants cling to the old costume, and in their little colony, although there are differences in headress and the number of petticoats, the ancient custom is followed exactly.

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Real Sympathy. Juror—We acquitted him out of sympathy.—Friend—For his aged mother? Juror—Oh, no—for having such a lawyer.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"How old is she?" "I don't know exactly, but she can remember when the waltz and two-step were considered immodest."—Detroit Free Press.

"Nature's works are marvelous." "Yes, but it is fortunate that she provides every woman with some real hair to pin braids and switches to!"—San Francisco Chronicle.

The man who beats the printer Out of a single cent Will never reach the heaven land Where old Elijah went.—Morroe County (Mo) Appeal

"Why do you call him a misguided youth?" asked the boot. "He's engaged to be married," replied the grouch.—Chicagoan Enquirer.

She placed a tramp upon his ace. "That's a very all," said he. "Exactly how much confidence? My good wife has in me."—Detroit Free Press.

Father—I like to meet young men that do things. Daughter—Then I know you'll like Ferd, pa. He makes the most wonderful salad dressing you ever tasted.—Puck.

A maid there was in our town Who modestly was rare. Of autumn leaves she'd never speak Because their limbs were bare. When night its sable shadow threw She'd tumble in a swoon If curtains did not hide from view The man up in the moon. A plumber caused her death one day—So the story goes—By asking in a careless way "To let him see her hose?"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Madge—Science teaches us that a man becomes what he eats. Do you believe it? May—How can you doubt it? There's Harry, for instance. He's eaten a lobster every night for years.—Judge.

We're for our men in congress. They're wise to all our needs. For in spring they never fail To send us garden seeds.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

The Idea of Suggestion. Richard Mansfield once said that when he was a lad in London he often nearly starved. There was a certain bakeshop where he would go and feast upon the odors coming from the door.

Nature's Little Ship. While man makes the largest ocean vessels, nature makes the smallest. This is a species of jellyfish, found only in tropical seas, which has a sail.

Veterian of Church Bells. The church bell has its votaries. Tennyson sang of "the mellow litanies of the evening bells." And do you remember that experience of "Henry Bycroft"?

Going Fast. Once there was a hypochondriac who used to think that he was dying about three times a week. One day he was driving out in his automobile, and one of these spells came over him.

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She doted while in the tonneau, Awary of sight and sound. "Like me," quoth the rim as it spoke to the hub. "She's tired with the rubbering around."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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A Check With a History. A curious souvenir is preserved in the Bank of England in the shape of a note for £1,000 with which Admiral Lord Cochrane paid his one when he was falsely accused of spreading with an interested object a rumor that Bonaparte was dead in 1814 so as to cause a rise in the price of stocks.

An Anticlimax. Sir Henry Irving was frequently a victim to the interjections of gallery gods. When playing "Macbeth" one night he had reached that dramatic moment in the banquet scene when in dreadful fear he bids the ghost of Banquo to vanish.

Social Puzzle. Why is it that a man will willingly wait a half hour for a girl to get ready for a show before they are married and then fuss because the breakfast is ten minutes late after they have been married a year or so?—Macon Telegraph.

Feminine Intuition. Hattie—I'm positive George loves me and wants me to be his wife. Ella—Has he told you so? Hattie—No, but he has taken such a strong dislike to mamma.—Chicago Tribune.

His Weak Point. The Stage Manager—He can play "drunken parts" better than any man on the stage. The Business Manager—Yes, but he's too fond of rehearsing.—Illustrated Bits.

Everybody Does It. "I understand he's writing a play." "Oh, yes. Everybody has to go through that period of life."—Detroit Free Press.

Better be poisoned in one's blood than to be poisoned in one's principles.—Confucius.

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