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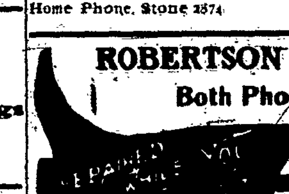
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The coin bestowed, the learned man said:

"You tell me you are a poor scholar?"

"Sure," answered the other. "I never went to school in me life. So long."

No Reason.

"Are hotel men always good looking?"

"No more so as a class than other men. Why do you ask?"

"Because I want to know why they call them Bonny-faces."

True Test of Character.

The test of your character should be that you are a joy bearing agent to the world.—Beecher.

THOSE TO BE ENVIED.

Those are most to be envied who soonest learn to expect nothing for which they have not worked hard and who never acquire the habit of pitying themselves overmuch, even if in after life they happen to work in vain.—Lord Macaulay.

The Retort Ironic.

The Employee—I've called for my time. I'm not going to work for you any more. The Sarcastic Boss—Have you been working for us? I thought you were merely drawing pay.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

More.

Cobb—Is it a privilege to know Jack Short?

Webb—Yes; an expense also.—Judge.

Pleasure at Death.

A wise man shall not be deprived of pleasure even when death shall summon him, forasmuch as he has attained the delightful end of the best life, departing like a guest full and well satisfied. Having received life upon trust, and duly discharged that office, he acquits himself at departing.—Epictetus.

Among the Elite.

"Then they never have a family jar?"

"They occasionally have what might be termed a family jardiniere. As aristocratic people, they only quarrel in a very refined way."—Kansas City Journal.

Audible Versus Visible.

"Her beauty is of the intellectual type." "Yes; heard, but not seen."—Philadelphia Ledger.

For the Children

Walter Gunther, Mascot of Battleship Band.

Photo by American Press Association.

This gay drummer boy is Walter Gunther of New York city, and he is considered one of the best drummers for his years in the great city, which is saying a great deal, for there are hundreds of boys who can wield the drumsticks with skill. Walter is the son of Charles Gunther, who is a member of the Thirteenth regiment, national guard of New York. It was in the drum corps of the Thirteenth regiment that Walter learned to drum with rhythm and precision. Walter also enjoys the honor of being the mascot of the military band of the battleship New York. During the recent parade of the marines and sailors in New York city Walter was in line with the battleship's sailors and played throughout the line of march.

Hidden Animals.

In the fourteen sentences following sixteen animals are hidden:

1. I went only by the naval orders.
2. Good Dr. Ambrose allowed me to go out.
3. Arthur, at what time will you meet me tomorrow?
4. The stone exploded and the saucepan therefore was badly broken.
5. Jack, all children should obey their parents.
6. Let us play hide and seek, as tag is so tiresome.
7. Oh, Leo, pardon that poor man for my sake!
8. Rebecca, take this present from me to John.
9. There is that bad German lad who stole my book.
10. I saw strange men in the wood, chuckling and laughing as I went by.
11. That squalling babe arrived yesterday.
12. Charles asked me if oxen ever were in deer parks.
13. After getting on the steamcar I bought some candy and a magazine.
14. Is Douglass ablebodied and healthy?

Answers: 1. Hen. 2. Ram, seal. 3. Rat. 4. Panther. 5. Jackal. 6. Stag. 7. Leopard. 8. Cat. 9. Badger. 10. Woodchuck. 11. Bear. 12. Fox, reindeer. 13. Caribou. 14. Sable.

Riddles.

When is love a deformity? When it is all on one side.

Why is London bridge like merit? Because it is so very often passed over.

When are eyes not eyes? When the wind makes them water.

Which is the best behaved fool, cake or wine? Cake, which is only occasionally "tipsy," while wine is always drunk.

What we all require, what we all give, what we occasionally ask for, yet very seldom take? Advice.

What is it that walks with its head downward? A nail in a shoe.

What is the best game for a Christmas party? A haunch of venison.

Why is a child with a cold in its head like a winter's night? Because it blows, it snows (its nose).

Why are poets like children's toys? Because they are given to a muse an indulge in fancy (infancy).

Weather Wise.

Wrinkled and old and gray,
With a magician's skill,
The spider toils each day
Weaving his threads at will.

Dew spangled on the lawn
His webs are all in place
Looking at peep of dawn
Like coverlets of lace.

Just at the rise of sun
His net he spins and spins,
And dewdrops, one by one,
Into the mesh he wins.

The day will then be fair,
No drop of rain will fall;
Children without a care
May picnic, one and all.

The spider's weather wise
And we can trust his sign,
The storms will not arise
To spoil the glad sunshine.

But had his webs be spun
Upright from spray to spray
No outdoor picnic fun
Could we have had that day.

—Philadelphia Record.

Sloth and Diligence.

Sloth said to Diligence: "You work too hard. For two days now you have been busy plowing that field. I hear Ingenuity has invented a plow driven by steam. Why not get one to plow for you while you sit with me in the shade and enjoy life?"

Diligence bought the plow which would plow a field in a fraction of the time it had taken him to do it. But instead of sitting in the shade he put more land into cultivation, and it took all his time to attend to the plow and see that it worked properly.

When harvest time came he had more to do than ever on account of the new land he had cultivated.

Harvest over, Sloth went to pay Diligence a visit, saying to himself, "Now he will have a little more time to talk to me." But he found him conferring with Ingenuity in regard to a larger, more powerful plow, that he might next season put still more land in cultivation.

Moral.—There is no cure for diligence.—Boston Journal.

Pigs as Watchdogs.

In some parts of Mexico the wild hogs, which the natives call jabalis (hah-bah-lee), savage beasts in their natural state, are used at watchdogs. If they are caught young and brought up with goats they will go out into the hills with the herd and fight off coyotes or other wild animals; if they are raised with chickens they will protect them, and round a ranch house at night they are as useful as any dog.

Although fierce by nature, they can be tamed until they follow their master round like a dog. The landlord of a hotel in one of the border towns even keeps one of the wild hogs as a playmate for his baby son.

The jabali is only first cousin, however, to the domestic pig. Swine are divided into two main branches. In one line is the farmer's pig, descended from the wild hog of Europe, and in the other is the jabali, which is really a peccary. But the jabali is quite "piggy" enough with his small flexible snout, long mottled bristles and long sharp tusks.

Ways of the Butcher Bird.

Some call it the butcher bird, but the real name is shrike. It is one of the oddest birds we have, because it represents a creature that is changing its type. Should you happen to walk through the country and come across a thorn tree with a small garter snake or a mouse impaled on a spike you may know that a shrike is around. Originally the bird was insectivorous and spent its time eating grasshoppers and such like. Somehow it got a taste of mouse or perhaps a smaller bird that it killed in a fight. It liked the meal, and naturally the bill of fare was extended to include mice, snakes and lizards. Very foxy is the shrike. It had no talons to tear its prey apart, so it hit on the plan of impaling the victim upon a thorn, where it could dine leisurely and on the installment plan. The butcher bird is about nine inches long and looks something like a mocking bird.—Philadelphia North American.

The Tyranny of Wills.

Many petty tyrants have sought to impose their will on posterity. Henry Budd, who died in 1862, gave proof in his will of a prejudice against mustaches. "In case my son Edward shall wear mustaches," he stipulated, "then the devise hereinbefore contained in favor of him of my estate called Pepper Park shall be void, and I devise the same estate to my son William, his appointees, heirs and assigns. And in case my said son William shall wear mustaches then the devise hereinbefore contained in favor of him of my estate called Twickenham Park shall be void, and I devise the same estate to my son Edward." Presumably the sons accepted that close shave for a fortune.—London Spectator.

A Mighty Workman.

Mrs. McTavish (to neighbor)—Is it true that your Jock startit to work in the pit last Monday? Mrs. Christie (her face glowing with pride)—Quite true, Mrs. M., and, what's mair, I see by the papers that there's been twa thoosand mair tons o' coal shipped last week than ever has been before! I aye said Jock had the makin's o' a guid collier!—London Globe.

Fires In Holland.

Fires of any size are so scarce in Holland that the city of Rotterdam, with a population of over 400,000, has practically no fire department, while the prevalence of canals offers an ever ready water supply to fight any fires which might occur.

Long and Short of It.

"Mr. Blinks," said she, "do you think that anticipation is greater than realization?"

"Well," replied Mr. Blinks, "anticipation is broader and higher, but realization is longer and flatter."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Pitched Battle.

"From the viewpoint of an innocent bystander," philosophically remarked the old codger, "I believe that the keenest competition I know of occurs when two chronic dyspeptics get together and compare their symptoms."—Judge.

War Lances.

The war lance of the middle ages was about sixteen feet long. The present day lance rarely exceeds eleven feet.

There is no greater delight than to be conscious of sincerity on self examination.—Mencius.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Larry Doyle, Captain of the Giants.

Photo by American Press Association.

Lawrence Doyle, captain of the New York Giants, is one of the heavy sluggers of the National league. Early in the season Larry did not do so well with the bat, but in the last month very few fair ones have evaded his eagle eye. With the exception of Merkle, Larry is the only one of McGraw's players who is handling the club with any great success. Larry was born in Caseville, Ill., twenty-nine years ago and joined the Giants in the midseason of 1907. He came from the Three Eye league. At the start his work was poor, but McGraw stuck to him on account of his batting, and the next year he came to the front with a rush. Since then Doyle has been one of the foremost batters of the big league. He played third base in the Three Eye league, but since joining the Giants has held down second base.

San Francisco Wants Boxing.

The business men of San Francisco—that is, a great many of them—have finally come to a realization of the fact that the boxing game was a great thing for that city in a business way, bringing thousands of country people and also other visitors into the city during the winter months. A prominent merchant of that city was in Milwaukee recently and stated plainly that an effort would be made soon for the business men to revive the sport, but on a different plan than before. "There is a feeling among the merchants," said the Frisco business man, "to try to bring the boxing game back, but under up to date methods. We do not want the ten round no decision games, but contests of, say, fifteen rounds, with a referee's decision and under the auspices of a strong commission, the same as is in vogue in Wisconsin and New York."

Yale's Football Plans.

Aleck Wilson, captain of the Yale eleven, has announced plans for the gridiron campaign of 1915. A squad of 125 players will report on Yale field Sept. 20 and will get ten days of aggressive football before the formal season opens. Yale's coaching staff as finally selected by Wilson will be headed by Frank Hinkey. Billy Bull will direct the back field work. Nate Wheeler and Percy Cornish, coaches last year, will again be on the resident staff, as will Red Brann, and last year. Tad Driscoll and Pat Osborn will be on the resident squad as lieutenants. Hoffinger will be at New Haven for a week or two, and Johnny Kilpatrick, Jack Field, Guy Hutchinson and Hal Glass will make a couple of visits a week to the field. Nelson Talbott, captain last year, will be with the squad all the fall as line coach.

Greatest Golf Shots.

Some one has opened a discussion as to the best shots played by the American big three of golf—Travers, Ouimet and Evans, says Grantland Rice.

They might be ranged as follows: Travers, driving iron and putting; Ouimet, brassie through the green, and putting; Evans, mashie shot up to the hole.

Travers is the best man with the driving iron in the world. Ouimet is far and away the best amateur at handling a brassie for a long shot to the green. Evans is exceptionally good with both wood and iron, but the one shot where he rises above all other American amateurs is in the use of his mashie.

Mack Hopeful For Next Season.

While the managers of the Red Sox, the Tigers and the White Sox are battling and scheming in the hope of taking part in this year's world's series, Connie Mack is doing a little quiet work on his own account. He says that if he can get just two more players whom he can turn into first class pitchers 1916 will find the Athletics again in the race for the American league bunting.

Tris Speaker's Rival.

Tris Speaker has a rival in going back and catching a fly ball. He is Happy Felsch, White Sox outfielder. Speaker has more experience and is a little faster than the White Sox [illegible]