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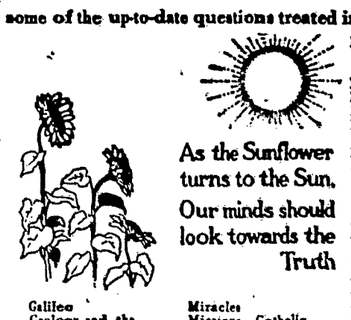
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NOTHING IN THAT FOR HIM

Lean Individual Knew Game That Had Service in the Army "Beaten a Block."

The recruiting office was having a slow day. Prospect after prospect had been interviewed, but all seemed to have some fundamental objection to joining up. Finally, there appeared a long, lean youth who studied the posters with more than the usual degree of interest. The recruiting officer perked up.

"Like to join the service, buddy?" he inquired. "Like to see the world?"

"Sure would."

"Like to get three square meals a day?"

"Sure would."

"Like to get your clothes and your rent and everything free?"

"Sure would."

"And have a chance to save your wages?"

"Sure would. Say, how much does she pay?"

"Thirty dollars a month."

The lean one shuffled away. "Aw, h——," he grumbled. "I knowed there was a trick in it somewhere. I kin borrow that much."—Home Sector.

MEANT TO SERVE AS BEACON

Statue of Liberty at New York Is Not Fulfilling Original Purpose of Designer.

The statute of Liberty, in New York harbor, is electrically illuminated—that is, so flooded with light as to be rendered brightly visible at night.

Originally, however, the idea was to make it serve as a beacon, and for this purpose the "flame" of the lady's torch was cut at the sides, the openings fitted with glass, and nine duplex arc lamps placed inside.

Thus was obtained a light which, upheld at a height of 305 feet above the water, was visible twenty-four miles out at sea, or ten miles beyond the anchorage of the outside lightship. Its maintenance was assigned to the government lighthouse board.

But the lighthouse board declared that it had little or no usefulness as an aid to navigation, its value being purely sentimental, and in 1902 the light was extinguished, the business of illuminating the statue being handed over to the war department.

Reflections of a Calf.

(After having been fitted out with a patent weaner.)

"The whole world is against me."

"I'd like to fasten this thing on the hired man's face."

"If I look as foolish as I feel with it on, I must be a sight."

"What were milk appetites made for, anyhow?"

"Even mother doesn't want me around with it on."

"May the kaiser wear one for life."

"I hope the fellow who invented this will choke."—Hoard's Dairyman.

The Cat in the Bag.

The day before Christmas little Bertram, eight years old, surprised his mamma by saying "I don't believe there is any Santa Claus. All the kids at school say there isn't." His mamma was properly shocked and said "Now, honey, I don't think Santa Claus will bring you anything at all. You've let the cat out of the bag this time sure." Nothing was said for some time. Imagine her surprise when he finally said: "Mamma, I do believe in Santa Claus and have put the cat back in the bag."

"Coffee" From Cotton Seeds.

A chemical engineer in one of the New England states has just reported the discovery of a new "coffee" which utilizes cottonseed as a basis. It is said that when cotton seeds are roasted they have an aroma and a taste resembling coffee. The new commodity requires boiling of the seed, just as the coffee bean requires boiling, and processes are sought for converting it into an "instant" state, without loss of its beneficial qualities, and at a not too great cost of conversion.

Wise Youth.

Dick and Jimmy were visiting their grandmother. One night when they were saying their prayers Jimmy voiced his petitions for Christmas presents in a tone that could be heard a mile.

"Why do you pray for your Christmas presents so loud?" interrupted Dick. "The Lord ain't deaf."

"No," whispered Jimmy, "but grandma is."

Health "Preservatives."

For ages a raw potato or a horse-chestnut carried in the pocket was held to be a great palliative, if not a complete cure, for rheumatism and, indeed, even to this day there are not a few who believe in it and who gravely talk of the power of the tuber or the nut to absorb uric acid or other poison. A bit of the horn of a narwhal was long highly esteemed as a talisman of health.

Too Bright.

"I thought you said that new boy was very bright?"

"So he was, but he was too bright."

"That so?"

"Yes. He hadn't been here a month before he wanted to tell me how to run the business."

A Great Surprise.

"So Uncle Titewad gave you a penny, did he, Tommie?"

"Yes, mamma."

"And what did you say?"

"I was so surprised, mamma, I couldn't say anything."

Sea Serpents Really Exist.

Although many of us may have an idea that sea serpents exist nowhere but in fiction, that is not the case, and of all snakes they are the most venomous. In tropical waters they are vastly numerous, especially in the Indian ocean, where they are often seen literally by hundreds swimming at the surface of the water. They are six to eight feet long, very fierce and will commonly attack human beings. Their bodies are flat and almost wholly filled by the lungs.

Wrap All Tools.

All good tools should be wrapped up, otherwise they will rust, and rust dulls their cutting edges. The careful carpenter wraps his tools in a woolen cloth well oiled. The careful chauffeur wraps all polished tools before putting them in the tool box and keeps them away from the storage battery, the fumes of which will quickly rust them.

Food Values of Potatoes.

That potatoes differ widely in food value is shown by a report of the government's scientific committee. It is laid down that the most useful potato for food is one which contains the largest amount of dry matter. Where two varieties are practically equal in this respect, the nitrogen they contain enters into the estimation of their feeding quality.

Resignation Benefits.

True resignation, which always brings with it confidence that unchangeable goodness will make even the disappointment of our hopes and the contradictions of life conducive to some benefit, casts a grave but tranquil light over the prospect of even a toilsome and troubled life.—Humboldt.

New Cold Compress.

A new kind of cold compress for a sore throat is made with a thin piece of gauze or an old handkerchief about 2 inches wide. Over that one layer of absorbent cotton is laid and a strip of cold wet cloth is placed inside. This is pinned together carefully with tiny safety pins.

Beautiful Belief.

"We are born to a higher destiny than that of earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will spread before us like islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beings that pass before us like shadows will stay in our presence forever.—Bulwer Lytton.

Fingers With Only One Joint.

Dr. C. F. Oddie reports to the archives of radiology and electrotherapy (London) the case of a boy of fourteen whose fingers have only one joint. His mother had similar hands, as have four of her nine children, the fingers of the five others being normal.

Read Meaning of Word "Bible."

Almost any child that has attended a religious school knows that the word Bible means book, but it really means "books," as the collection bound within one volume is a library of books written during more than 20 centuries.

Days of Gluttony.

Seventy-five years ago it was not unusual for a formal English breakfast to last two hours, while a dinner might start at 8:30 o'clock and be protracted till midnight. And the courses were as many and substantial as the meals were lengthy.

Promises of Spring.

It is not the variegated colors, the cheerful sounds, and the warm breezes which enliven us so much in spring; it is the quiet, prophetic spirit of endless hope, a presentiment of many happy days.—Margaret Opitz.

Character in Jewish Folklore.

"Lilith" is a female demon of Jewish folklore. The name means "night monster." In Rabbinical literature Lilith becomes the wife of Adam, but flies away from him and becomes a demon.

Selfmade and Homemade.

Our observation is that most girls would rather go out with a self-made man than a home-made hat.—Dallas News.

Helpfulness Its Own Reward.

Never let yourself worry as to whether those you help will be sufficiently grateful. Think of helpfulness as its own great reward.

Daily Thought.

Not what has happened to myself today, but what has happened to others through me—that should be my thought.

Fishing Bed 600 Miles Long.

The famous fishing grounds of Newfoundland, the Grand banks, are 600 miles long and about 200 wide, with a bottom of shifting sand.

Guidance That Must Be Heeded.

Men are inexcusable if they do not pursue that which their judgment tells them is the most laudable.—Joseph Addison.

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NAMED AFTER ENGLISH CITIES

Boston and Lynn, Massachusetts, Are Neighbors Here as They Are Across the Water.

The oldest place bearing the name Lynn is Lynn Regis, or King's Lynn, to give the English meaning of the Latin word "regis." It is a town of about 20,000 inhabitants still possessing considerable commerce but a place of importance three centuries and more ago, when it was often visited by kings. It is a seaport of Norfolk county, England, situated on the Great Ouse river not far from the Wash, which is a great bay indenting the east coast of England. Lynn Regis is near the south side of the Wash and directly across the Wash is the ancient city of Boston.

In early colonial times a settlement sprang up near Boston, Mass., to which was given the Indian name, Saugus. In 1636 a minister named Samuel Whiting came to Saugus, and from that time until his death in 1679 he was the pastor of the congregation. He was born and brought up in Lynn Regis, Norfolk, England, and a year after his arrival at Saugus the name of the settlement was changed to Lynn in honor of the pastor's birthplace. And so Boston in the New World came to have a Lynn as a neighbor, just as ancient Boston in England has Lynn Regis a neighbor across the waters of the Wash.

INTELLIGENCE OF HIGH ORDER

Remarkable Stories of Sagacity Shown by Animals in Connection With the Great War.

The high intelligence of horses was superbly demonstrated during the war, and some day a lover of the horse will collate the many wonderful incidents in which he played a leading part. One of these will be the vagaries of a Canadian general's thoroughbred, which again and again refused to budge to the spur at times when there was apparently no evidence of the slightest danger. Twice he saved his master's life by deliberate acts of insubordination. The latest yarn about a pony that had a race-track reputation is worth repeating in this connection. Every morning its owner brought this pony into the dining room of the house in which the narrator was billeted, and led him round the table. The pony was offered all sorts of dainties, but he would only touch slices of bread and butter, of which he was inordinately fond. It was not a big room, and there was not much space between the wall and the table, so if he had shown any restlessness the table and all that was on it must have been demolished. He, however, behaved always with the manners of a retriever dog, and only the slices of bread and butter had to be replenished.

Heligoland Dismantled.

A dispatch from Berlin to the Associated Press states that the Heligoland defenses are today dismantled. The island and its thousands of tons of masonry and gun emplacements is all that remains of this once most formidable fortress. With the guns dismantled, the destruction of the military harbor works and various fortifications has proceeded. Although this stronghold cost over 175 million dollars, its guns were fired but once throughout the war, when the British warship Shannon was the target. The allies recognized that it would have been impossible to silence its batteries. The artificial harbor works and the ground on which the barracks stand are to be removed and the site returned to the sea.—Scientific American.

NOT SO BAD.

"This is a terrible business."

"Oh, I don't know. I've lived with my wife's relatives for the last four years."

Statue to Balboa.

Panama is to have a statue of Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific ocean. The contract for the work has already been signed at Madrid and the monument has been intrusted to the sculptor Benilliure. That there is to be no undue haste in the matter is signified by the fact that the contract does not call for the delivery of the monument until two years after the signing of the agreement. The opportunities for a most effective piece of work are many, with the likeness of the man overlooking the ocean of his discovery. The grandiose setting would seem to call for a grandiose actor to dominate the scene.

Demand for Change.

The total number of coins of American money produced in 1919 was [illegible] 842,000 and their value was [illegible] 000. They included 8,879,000 half dollars, 15,104,000 quarters, [illegible] dimes, 76,395,000 five-cent pieces, [illegible] 568,836,000 pennies.

[illegible]

[illegible] "When the absent [illegible] man Henry Ward Beecher [illegible] speak gold of them, [illegible] iron, some lead, some [illegible] dirt; for they have a natural [illegible] tion toward what is evil. [illegible] say that it is not Christian [illegible] heads of others' faults, and [illegible] over every day; I say it is [illegible] If you want to know how [illegible] feels, you do know if you [illegible] a one."

Nuts Not Properly Appreciated.

The reason why nut trees [illegible] being planted more extensively [illegible] this country is similar to the [illegible] why the automobile was [illegible] comparatively few years [illegible] had not thought much about it. [illegible] time is coming when nut trees [illegible] bear as important a relation [illegible] food supply as the automobile [illegible] to transportation.

Oils and Their Uses.

Crushing seeds to extract oil [illegible] been employed in Japan for [illegible] Rape seed oil has long been [illegible] frying fish and lobsters, [illegible] the principal fat in the [illegible] Cottonseed oil was [illegible] this for tapeseed oil [illegible] purposes. The ancients [illegible] understood the extraction [illegible]

All of the [illegible]

Johnny has [illegible] brothers, which is a [illegible] of regret to the little [illegible] neighbors, [illegible] next door he was [illegible] in to his mother [illegible] there's two brothers [illegible] goat's a boy, [illegible] Billy."

[illegible]

It has been [illegible] of Ludwig [illegible] astronomer [illegible] mentating [illegible] program [illegible] conservatory [illegible] professorship [illegible] in 1887.

[illegible]

It is said that [illegible] family spoke [illegible] for books, and [illegible] immediate help, [illegible] being established between the city and Boston.—Newark [illegible] vocate.

Lime Water Bread.

Lime is lacking in [illegible] erally speaking, and [illegible] a medical authority [illegible] of bread made of [illegible] means of supplying the [illegible] ment to the system.

Found Known [illegible]

William, looking [illegible] one day, was [illegible] a man walking up [illegible] her. He evidently [illegible] however, for he said [illegible] perhaps he is [illegible]

To Avoid [illegible]

If doors in swinging [illegible] wall with a hook [illegible] overcome by fastening a [illegible] wall, where the door [illegible] small nail so as not to [illegible] wall.

The Pity of It.

First lady—"Why, didn't [illegible] my husband was a [illegible]"

Second lady—"No. What [illegible] could have had the [illegible] a pair of sportsman's [illegible] only last week?"

Great Need of [illegible]

There is nothing [illegible] whatever [illegible] needs more, physically [illegible] and morally, than [illegible] tion.—Ruskin.

Not Fast Reading [illegible]

"How to be [illegible] newspaper [illegible] be better [illegible] tell the truth [illegible] Transcript.

[illegible]

From [illegible] ing and [illegible] certing in the [illegible] Transcript.

[illegible]

Nature [illegible] indicates [illegible] Bell [illegible]