Goldsmith's Generosity.

A beggar once asked alms of Oliver Goldsmith as he walked with a friend up Fleet street, and he gave her a shilling. His companion, knowing something of the woman, censured the writer for his excess of humanity, saying that the shilling was misapplied, as she would spend it for liquor. "If it makes her happy in any way, my end is answered," replied Goldsmith.

Another proof that the doctor's generosity was not always regulated by discretion was at a time when, after much delay, a day was fixed to pay the £40 due his tailor. Goldsmith procured the money, but a friend calling upon him and relating a piteous tale of his goods being seized for rent, the thoughtless but benevolent author gave thim all the money. The tailor called and was told that if he had come a little sooner he could have had the money, but that he had just parted with every shilling of it to a friend in distress, adding, "I would have been an unfeeling monster not to have relieved trouble when in my power."

Heart Protectors.

Many persons are puzzled to know why policemen wear their badges so low on their coats instead of on the flap made for that purpose. As a matter of fact the badge or star, as he calls it, of many a policeman is right enext to his heart. Some of the bluecoats can thank their "stars" for being alive. This little metal shield has deflected the bullet of burglar or highwayman, and at times, too, has stopped the knife thrust of would be assassins. During the last twenty or thirty years there are many cases on record showing that the little badge has been a life saver. Even bullets fired at close range, as a rule, cannot penetrate the shield. That's why a bluecoat always Meels safer in keeping the star at a vital spot. When off duty some policemen wear their stars on their vests, but always directly over the heart. They are so accustomed to the little protector that they feel uneasy without it.

Scott's Wise Dog.

So veracious a man as Sir Walter Scott had a wise dog, a bull terrier. Said the novelist once: "I taught him to understand a great many words, inasmuch that I am positive that the communication betwixt the canine species and ourselves might be greatly enlarged. Camp once bit the baker, who was bringing bread to the family. I beat him and explained the cenormity of his offense, after which, to the last moments of his life, he never heard the least allusion to the story in whatever tone of voice it was mentioned without getting up and retiring to the darkest corner of the room, with great appearance of distress. Then if you said 'the baker was well paid' or 'the baker was not hurt, after all,' Camp came forth from his hiding place, capered and barked and rejoiced."

The Wealthy Angler's Tackle Outfit. The wealthy angler who wants the best of everything has a special six foot oblong case or trunk for his fishing rods, which, being the best, cost about \$30 each. He has a heavy surf casting rod, a lighter bay casting rod and a set of fly rods for fresh waeter fishing. His reels, of which he must have various types, cost \$75 each and upward. For his fishing tackle there is a special trunk, in which are the best Irish linen lines, hooks and flies of all descriptions, sinkers, swivels, squids, spoons, spinners, floats, artificial bait, etc. Such fishermen generally carry duplicate tackle and several duplicates of pole tips and such things sas may be most likely to break. The ttotal cost of a wealthy angler's tackle soutfit ranges from \$250 to \$1,000.

Fire and Water.

Water will extinguish a fire because the water forms a coating over the fuel, which keeps it from the air, and the conversion of water into steam draws off the heat from the burning fuel. A little water makes a fire fiercer, while a large quantity of water puts it out. The explanation is that water is composed of oxygen and hydrogen. When, therefore, the fire can decompose the water into its simple elements it serves as fuel to the flame.

A Hard Drinking Bout.

Among the songs of Robert Burns is one upon a whistle used by a Dane who visited England in the retinue of Anne of Denmark. This whistle was placed on the table at the beginning of a drinking bout, which was won by wheever was last able to blow it. The Dane conquered all comers, says the story, until Sir Robert Lawrie of Maxwelton, "after three days and three nightst hard contest, left the Scandinavian under the table."

Preference.

The Court-Six years at hard labor. You'll get a chance to learn a trade, my man. Burglar-Judge, couldn't I be permitted to learn it-er-by correspondence course?

For the burdens which God lays on us there will always be grace enough. The burdens which we make for ourselves we must carry alone .- A. W. Thorold, D. D.

Too High For the Barber.

"I heard something new in the barbering business this morning," said the gray headed man. "I am occupying a room on the top floor of a skyscraping apartment hotel. This morning I sent for a barber to come up and shave me. He came, but when he saw to what an altitude he had attained he looked uneasy.

"'Would it inconvenience you to come down to the regular barber

shop?' he asked.

"I answered that it would not particularly put me out, but that I would like to know the reason for his request.

"'The fact is,' he said, 'I never like to shave anybody at this distance above the ground. No barber likes to. We seem to be particularly sensitive to height. It makes us nervous. Most barbers will not undertake a job above a certain number of feet in the air. Of course if you insist I will shave you here, but you would probably get a better shave ten floors below this one.'

"Well, just out of natural cussedness I refused to humor the fellow's whim. As a consequence he nearly cut my throat. Whether he did it through nervousness, as he claimed, or pure cussedness of his own I don't know. Whatever it was, that is a peculiarity of barbers that I'd like to have explained."-

Disappointed.

An aged colered man who had business in the News office ambled into the editorial rooms-yes, ambled is the word. He sat for several moments gazing at the pneumatic tube stations set up like horns of an orchestrion at the desks of the city and telegraph editors. There was a buzzing sound as a copy boy pulled a lever, and the old man smiled as if expecting something pleasant, then took on a look of disappointment. A few minutes later the boy sent another piece of copy whirling upstairs, and again the visitor's expression passed from anticipation to disappointment, then bewilderment. Finally he accosted the telegraph ed-

"'Scuse me, suh, but mout I ax yo' what dem things is?"

Certainly he might and was enlight-

"Well, I 'clah t' goodness!" he exclaimed. "I thought dey was some sort o' music box t' entertain yo' gemmens whilst yo' worked!".

A Plain Hit.

An elderly gentleman on his way to a quiet watering place in Scotland met in the railway carriage an old worthy who turned out to be a native of the place and, wishing to have a talk and at the same time learn something of the coast village, accosted him thus: Elderly Gentleman-I suppose the air

is very bracing where you live? Village Worthy-Graun' an' healthy,

I should think sae.

E. G.-Then it's considered one of the healthiest quarters around here? V. W.-I should think sae. There's no muckle seekness there.

E. G.-I should think not. Have you never been sick?

V. W.-Neever!

E. G.-How do you account for that? V. W.-Weel, ye see, it's like this: The doctor's kept me a' my life, an he jist lets me alone.

How He Got a Drink. An Indiana traveling man told a story the other day of an incident on the road. He was in the smoking car of an express train reading his paper when a man rushed in from the car behind the smoker, evidently in great agitation and said: "Has anybody in this car any whisky? A woman in the car behind has fainted!" Instantly dozens of flasks were produced. The man who had asked for it picked out the largest one, drew the cork and put the bottle to his lips. With a long, satisfied sigh, he handed the flask back and remarked, "That did me a lot of good, and I needed it, for it always makes me feel queer to see a woman faint away!".

The Bat.

Nearly all bats have the faculty of hibernating. Their hibernation, however, is not perfect-that is to say, that when the warm days occur in the middle of winter they wake up, together with the insects which are their food. Still theirs is a true hibernation trance, differing from sleep, with very low rate of pulse, heart action and respiration. Probably they would endure immersion in water for an hour or two without drowning, as other hibernators have been found to do.

Just the Other Way. "I am delighted," said the old friend who had called, "to find that you agree with your husband in everything, Mrs.

Henpeck." "Indeed!" answered that estimable lady. "If you will take the pains to investigate our domestic relations, sir, you will find that it is Mr. Henpeck who agrees with me in everything."

His Size.

"Sam, what would you do if you had a million dollars?"

"Fo' de Lawd's sake! I'm sho' I dunno wot I'd do ef I had a million dollahs, but I know wot I'd do ef I had \$2. I've bin waitin' two yeahs ter git married."

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