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How He Painted the Name. They tell a good joke on a Maine captain of a little coasting vessel. The vessel was lying in port, and the captain decided to show the old "salts" about there how the name should be painted on a boat. He was fully able to pay a painter to do the job, but he was stingy, and moreover, he wanted to let people see how readily he could "turn his hand to anything." So he dropped a float overboard, but finding that he could not reach high enough on the bows to do the painting from that standpoint, he went on deck and leaned over the side to do the work. The name that he desired to put on was MAGGIE, and having finished the lettering, he went on shore to take a look at his work. To his amazement he saw it thus: 'MAGGIE' Of course you understand how he made the blunder. One of your greatest critics is that, without thinking about it, you have people

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IMPOSSIBLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR AS THEY WALK THE STREETS.

It sometimes happens that the poor man dresses better than his employer, "that he may make a good impression"—a utilitarian reason for good clothes as truly as the demand for a visored cap by the sailors is based on business reasons.

One of the most interesting of recent railroad enterprises was the building of a cut-off for the Southern Pacific across Salt Lake. This road above the water is some thirty-five miles in length, is carried along in places where the water has a depth of thirty-odd feet and was made safe for travel only after many difficulties had been overcome. Soon there will be another railroad with a course above the sea. It is being built by Henry M. Flagler as an extension of an existing line from Miami to Key West. The entire distance between the two points is 150 miles, but it is not all open water. The road goes by a chain of islands, and forty-two of these keys, as they are called, and seventy-five miles of water will be crossed. The depth of water is from one to thirty feet. Much interest attaches to the use of concrete in the work, and the Cement Age says that "by far the most important part of this wonderful undertaking is the six miles of concrete viaducts that span the deeper and more exposed parts of the gulf and ocean." Certainly the illustrations which go with an article on the road in that magazine reveal a most substantial looking structure and the figures on the material used are big enough to arrest attention—280,000 barrels of cement, 177,000 cubic yards of crushed rock, 106,000 cubic yards of sand, 62,000 lineal feet of piling, 5,700 tons of re-enforcing rods and 3,000,000 feet of dressed lumber for arches and forms. At the time when the article was written seventy of the 184 arches in the viaduct had been constructed, and it was reported that the work was progressing at the rate of one arch, or fifty feet, a day. Where the water is shallow embankments are constructed and thoroughly protected with rock, and so much of the road is already built across the islands that construction trains run over seventy miles of track. The width of the greatest water gap is 15,100 feet. This is a remarkable addition to Mr. Flagler's many costly Florida enterprises, and it is said that it has been carried on without the aid of a single contractor, the full responsibility for its organization and direction being placed on J. R. Parriott, vice president and general manager of the Florida East Coast railway.

Doing good to others, says Mr. Rockefeller, brings the greatest happiness in this world. Kindly notice that he does not say "doing others good."

Miss Emma James says she doesn't believe she will ever marry again. However, she has gone to Europe and there are many hard-up gentlemen with titles over there.

Somebody wants the United States to build a 40,000-ton battleship. Who ever he is, he may safely conclude that he is enthusiastically admired by Richmond Pearson Hobson.

We doubt the world is small, yet few of us know much about what is on the other side of it. An English paper, in paying tribute to Mark Twain, calls one of his books, "Life on the Mississippi."

A spinner who died at Dayton, Ohio, not long ago left her estate of \$14,000 to a pet horse and a pet dog. A curious feature of the case is that the heirs are not likely to do any fighting over the money.

A race suicide wave is reported to be spreading over Germany. In Berlin during the past twelve months the number of births was 44,000 less than during the preceding year. The fashionable quarters of Berlin must be rapidly expanding.

President Castro of Venezuela has been an asphalt company \$5,000,000 for being implicated in a revolution against his government. He might have sentenced the officials of the asphalt company to death, but he has probably concluded that \$5,000,000 will come in handier than a lot of commo-places.

In Denmark it is planned to turn the walking-courses in railway stations into branch museums of art, by hanging on the walls reproductions of the work of Danish artists. The pictures are to be changed at regular intervals, so that there will always be something new to look at. Passengers will thus become familiar with the art of the country, and in contemplating the beautiful may forget to be impatient with the ticket agent when the train is late.

The fact is that to the average traveler and his friends the picture posted in each car is a joy and a time-saver. The fact that it is gradually displacing the long, tedious letter is really to be regretted, for although a few passengers have been distinct blessings, it is easy to recall plenty more that are not.

Here as in Michigan beans have partly taken the place of wheat as a staple crop. They have proved more remunerative and they have had the additional recommendation of improving the fertility of the soil through their ability to gather nitrogen from the air. As a paper prepared by D. C. Corbett for the Department of Agriculture remarks, it is the bean's peculiar distinction to provide food for both man and beast, and at the same time to improve the soil. That makes it invaluable in a scheme of crop rotation.

To the average American, beans mean string or snap beans, plucked when green from the small gardens or canned in their green state. Thus produced they yield largely, as much as 200 bushels to the acre, the price ranging from \$1 to \$5 a bushel, according to the season and nearness to a market. Yet the bean means something more. Certain varieties, like the cowpea, are valuable for grain, for hay, as good as alfalfa, and for green manuring unsurpassed. The kidney, the marrow bean and the pea are prime foods in their dry state.

Like other of the ancient crops of mankind, the bean requires more hand labor than the more recent food staples. In the advance of farm science, however, satisfactory harvesters and thrashers have been devised. As an item of diet in this country beans will figure more as meat figures less, and the annual production is sure to be much enlarged.

Shop Without a Name. In the Devonshire town of Modbury there is a butcher's shop which has no name nor has it had one for the last 120 years. The reason affords a striking illustration of the superstitious nature of west country folk. When this particular business was started, the owner for some reason or other did not give his name inscribed on the premises. Whether this fact had anything to do with the success of the business or not it would be difficult to say. Trade, however, was brisk, and the butcher duly retired, leaving the nameless shop to his son. The business has been handed down from father to son for more than 120 years, but none of these men whose connection it has continued have his name put up on any sign, or on the premises, in fact, the present owner does not say that such procedure might bring the spell of good fortune with which the business is blessed.—London Standard.

They pass a plate of cakes to Freddy at dessert. He puts out his hand, hesitates, then draws it back and begins to cry. "What are you crying for?" asks his mother.

"Because you are going to scold me when I choose the biggest one."

Long Ago. Lady—I suppose, sir, you have seen better days? "Tramp—Yes, there was a time when I could get a hand out without a lecture."—Detroit Free Press.

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