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BAD HABITS

A houseless bad habit went searching one day
For a spot where it could settle and stay.
It hung round Fred's door for three hours by the clock
But never had courage to step up and knock.
His day was too busy and crowded,
With really no minutes that seemed
To be free.
Trifles, trifles, trifling and games, good
Habits to be read.
But no time to be idle from breakfast till bed.
Jack's front door was open, not far
From the road.
No crowd was about it no bustle it showed;
The hall was deserted, the study was
The bad habit stepped in with a satisfied air.
"Now, now what I want," he said
"I can settle in peace and grow into sin.
Jack's life so idle and empty, you
It is just the right place for a habit like me."

You Practise Your Habits.

A dear old lady woman in Chicago is the proud mother of a successful politician, who, no matter how busy he may be, never fails to write to the old lady regularly.

When he was in Washington last year she kept him fully advised as to everything that went on. Finally there came a letter wherein he described his presentation to the president. The old lady read it with eagerness, hardly able to restrain her tears. The next day she got through the letter she hastened to a neighbour's home and announced:

"I have just got a letter from Washington, and do you know, the president has seen Richard!"—Lipson's.

A Story With a Moral.

Here is a little story with a moral. A young man who was known among his fellow workers as somewhat of a pravocative did not appear one day at the door. He sent a letter, however, to the editor announcing that his absence was caused by his children having scarlet fever. He got in reply a note which gave him two weeks' leave of absence without pay, the manager sympathetically explaining that he feared the contagion might spread into the homes of some of the other employees.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Bananas and Oysters.

A hiking for oysters is supposed to indicate a man's advanced gestatorial condition, and yet a man, recently titled "Monkey Folk in South Africa," by F. W. Fitzsimons, banishes share this predilection with gormandises. Shellfish of all kinds are welcome food to these and true sons of behemoth often make excursions to the markets to get these salty delicacies, opening shells either with their strong teeth or by striking them on the rock.

A Long Pedigree.

Mr. Williams, the well known soap manufacturer, once remarked that when he got his baronetcy, the coldest of barbs had no difficulty about his pedigree.

"All they had to do," he said, "was to take away the 'U' in front of my name and add 'Sir' at the end, and there it was! E'en!"—London Answer.

Excuse.

Willie—"What are the cruelties of barbers?"—He—"Having the barber cut you and then charge you a dime for sticking plaster."—Excuse.

Idleness is the refuge of weak minds and the holiday of fools.—Chesterfield.

The game with which corns and warts can be removed by Holloway's Corn Cure is its strongest recommend. It is said to be safe.

EXCITING TIME

Mrs. Jones ran out of the back door and sped across the lot to the dividing line.

Mrs. Beckett, oh, Mrs. Beckett, come out! Come out quick! There's something happened to Mrs. New wed's across the street."

"For the land sakes! What is it?"—puffed Mrs. Beckett, hurrying toward her neighbor.

"Well, I just can't make out," chirped Mrs. Jones, "whether it's baby or her first cake."—Judge.

Children Cry

FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA
TO ENCOURAGE MOTHERHOOD

An act passed by the Commonwealth of Australia came into force October 10th last which provides for the payment of \$33.15 to every woman who gives birth to a child either in Australia or on board a ship proceeding from some point in the Commonwealth to another. During the first four months that the act was in force 29,427 claims were allowed and \$113,135 paid out. New South Wales comes first with the payment of \$33,720, and Tasmania last with a payment of \$6,405.

For Sprains and Bruises.—There is nothing better for sprains and contusions than Dr. Thomas' Electroic Oil. It will reduce the swelling that follows a sprain, will cool the inflamed flesh and draw the pain as if by magic. It will take the ache out of a bruise and prevent the flesh from discolouring. It seems as if there was magic in it, so speedily does the injury disappear under treatment.

Even the shrewd should have a little horse sense. A man's relations seldom bother him if he is poorer than they are.

It is tough luck when a tailor has to enter suit in order to get his money for one he has made.

Some people are always burying the hatchet and then digging it up to see if it is still there.

Even the man who feels that he was born to command might hesitate before marrying a suffragette.

BE BIGGER THAN YOUR TROUBLES

Learn to be bigger than your troubles. Some people are totally eclipsed by trouble. Even a comparatively small disaster results in shutting off the light completely. With some people disappointment acts as an exciting drama to a reader. It puts them out as far as illuminating qualities are concerned.

It does not speak well for us that very little trouble eclipses all the cheeriness of our disposition. As a rule, facts we should be big enough to bear our own weight, not make us smaller in our way. While one of the moons of Jupiter crosses the planet, the observers on the earth see a black spot, but this brilliant planet is not eclipsed, because it is so much bigger than that spot of darkness. There must be shadowed spots in the experience of us all, but it is not right that those shadows should blot out all the brightness. Bigger than your troubles.

