

GRAMMAR.

Governor Butler, of Vermont, was once corrected in his grammar in a flippant manner by a very young man who had more grammar than common sense at his command.

Said the Governor, "You heard what I said, didn't you?"

"Oh, yes," said the young man.

"And you knew what I meant?"

"Oh, certainly," was the reply.

"Well, young man, that is grammar."

"Them city people," said Farmer Smiley, "think themselves pretty smart, but they are an ignorant set. For instance, when I was ridin' long Queen street west last Saturday, I seen a big sign out, 'Great sale of Jerseys, all wool.' Ha! Ha! What d'yer think of that? They act'ly think that wool grows on Jerseys. Why, any six-year-old boy on a farm knows better'n that."

TO PUSH BARROW 14,000 MILES.

Dad Gray, the Minneapolis wheelbarrow pusher, who is trying to make 14,000 miles in 700 days, so as to pay off a \$2,500 mortgage, passed through Chicago last night. When he arrived here he had traveled 517 miles in twenty-two days, being seventy-seven miles ahead of his schedule. He had gained seven pounds in weight since starting.

His 14,000 mile tramp will take him east to Portland, Me., south to Jacksonville, Fla., west to San Francisco, north to Tacoma, Wash., and east again to Minneapolis.

The mortgage on Gray's home is held by a rich but eccentric individual named John Holton, of Mankato, Minn., Holton offered to cancel the mortgage if Gray would show that he was willing, like the heroes of mythological lore, to undertake some arduous task to demonstrate his worth. The 14,000-mile tramp was decided upon as one sufficiently difficult to prove his courage and stamina. Gray has a wife and three children, whom he will not see for two years, if he completes his trip.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Condition of the National Debt.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business Feb. 28, 1903, the debt less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$937,972,898, which is a decrease as compared with Jan. 31, of \$5,969,665. The interest bearing debt is \$914,541,420.

Thoroughly Up to Date.

"But why does she want to study law?"

"Oh, she thinks there is economy in being able to try her own breach of promise suits."—Chicago Post.

Very Much Interested.

"Did the young man give you any encouragement, Constance?"

"Oh, yes, papa; he asked me what sort of a cook we had."—Yonkers Statesman.

Another Instance.

"Then they didn't arrest her for stealing?"

"No; they found she was in affluent circumstances, and called it a case of kleptomania."

"I see. Circumstances alter cases."—Chicago Tribune.

Jury Concerned Him Most.

During a big revival a sinner was greatly worked up. While the preacher was exhorting, the sinner arose in the audience and, with his face flushed with emotion, said:

"Dear friends, I feel the spirit moving me to confess what a bad man I've been, but I can't do it while the grand jury is in session."

"The Lord will forgive you," shouted the preacher.

"I know it, I know it," said the sinner, "but He isn't on the grand jury."—Atchison Globe.

A Sad Telle.

An infant from sunny Marselles Each night fills the air with its wailies, While its poor French papa And its petite mamma Weep enough to fill several pelles. —Brooklyn Life.

GENEROUS MR. CASEY.



"When Mr. Casey died he left all he had to the orphan asylum."

"Indeed! That was nice of him. What did he leave?"

"His 12 children."—Chicago Journal.

For a Change.

The summer time will soon draw near And 'twill be rather nice To drop this bother o'er the coal And worry o'er the ice. —Washington Star.

A Lurid Prospect.

"Br'er Thomas say dis worl' ain't bright enough fer him."

"Yes; en de trouble is, ever' time he look 'cross Jordan's stormy banks, he sees de next worl' blazin'!"—Atlanta Constitution.

The Not Available.

Would-Be Contributor—You did not read all my article that you rejected. I pasted a few of the pages together and they weren't opened. Editor—Do I have to eat a whole egg to know that it is bad?—N. Y. Times.

Knew the Brother.

Struggling Pastor—Brother Skinflint intends to give our new chapel a beautiful memorial window.

Wife—He probably wants something to look at when the contribution box goes around.—N. Y. Weekly.

Better Left Unsaid.

Mrs. Homer—You can't go home while it is raining so. Stay and have dinner with us.

Mr. Witless—Oh, no, thank you. It isn't as bad as all that.—Chicago Daily News.

Distant Relative.

Jack—You don't mean to say that pretty girl we just passed is your sister?

Tom—Yes; I'm her brother by refusal.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Echoes of Argument.

Dick—Did you ever get the last word with your wife?

Charles—Oh, yes; but I have to say it to myself when I get out on the street.—Detroit Free Press.

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