

**Awful Blunder.**

"Yes," remarked Amber Pete, as he took another chew, "he left town rather suddenly." "What was the cause of the sudden departure?" asked the agent for the ore crusher. "Well, you see, he received an announcement from Bad Bill that the latter had married old Pete Bink's fighting widder. An hour later he sent a message in reply." "And was that the way he left town?" "You bet. He scribbled off, 'Accept my congratulation in the hour of glory,' but the chap in the telegraph office was half asleep and he deciphered it to be, 'Accept my condolence in the hour of grief.' Don't you think it was time to make tracks, stranger?"

**Quiet Speaking.**

It is impossible to over-estimate the value of quiet speaking. Quiet, gentle dignity can accomplish a great deal, and when face to face with those who possess this calm, self-reliant manner of speaking we can not fail to realize its tremendous importance. It

is perfectly cultured and sympathetic—a voice that rings with kindness. It is an advantage, a valuable asset in both the social and business world.

**Football in 1583.**

The gentle game of football is described thus in a work entitled "Anatomic of Abuses," published in 1583: "For I protest unto you it may rather be called a friendly kinde of fight than a play of recreation, a bloody and murdering practice than a sport or pastime, for dooth not every one lye in waight for his adversaries, seeking to overthrow him and to picke him on his nose, though it be on hard stones, so that by this means sometimes their backs, sometimes their legs, sometimes their armes, sometimes one part thrust out of joynt, sometimes another; sometimes the noses gush out with blood; sometimes their eyes start out."

**WOMEN IN MEDIEVAL TIMES.**

**In Many Ways They Had Easier Lives Than Their Descendants.**

The women of the sixteenth century and earlier times had easier lives than those of our generation. To be sure there are a hundred labor saving devices to-day which were unknown to them. But in at least two important respects they had the advantage over their descendants. They waged no conflict against dirt such as we carry on from morning till night. The Elizabethan had no prejudice against garbage in his front yard, vermin in his bedroom, decaying rushes on the floor of his banquet hall, or soiled lace in his sleeves. The strength of arm and spirit which now goes to keeping clean was left to the medieval lady for other tasks. Moreover, although her clothing was gorgeous—rich with embroidery and lace, and heavy with jewels—it was not subject to rapid changes of fashion. The cut of a sleeve or the

was then free from the modern terror of "looking like a last year's rag bag." —Youth's Companion.

**Real Wealth Is in the Heart.**

Relying on outward things to bring you happiness is indeed a big mistake. Earth's real wealth lies in the heart and there alone and it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

**A Safe Conclusion.**

It is safe to conclude that the girl has a very strong reason for doing so if she breaks the engagement after her wedding outfit is ready.

**"No Good on Earth."**

Insurance Agent—Possibly, madam, you might like to insure your husband's life. Mrs. Grogan—Insure me husband's life, is it? Faith, a big fool I'd be to insure his life. He's no good on earth at all, at all! His life ain't worth a sixpence to me!—Illustrated Bits

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