

Two Chicago hotel waiters who came to this country penniless a few years ago have bought a million-dollar hotel for cash. This may give them a chance to begin over again, penniless once more.

The Harvard scientists have been notified that a clergyman in England has discovered a new star. This is one of the happy results of following the excellent advice to "look up and not down."

An eastern newspaper says that a literary woman was never happily married. She may have been, but we always did have a lot of sympathy for the husband of a literary woman.

A Philadelphia woman wants a divorce because her husband allowed her only 25 cents a day. Evidently she isn't satisfied with her quarters.

Complaint is made of the cost of battleships. We do not have to have battleships, but we do have to have eggs.

The bigger the prize the greater the risk the reckless aviator takes.

Africa led all the rest of the world in gold production last year. The African output was \$175,000,000, or nearly double that of the United States.

Russia proposes to build a \$75,000,000 fleet of battleships for the Black Sea. They will be perfectly safe there if the Russian sailors can keep them afloat.

The thugs who beat a policeman, took his revolver away from him and left him lying unconscious in the street should be chidden for violating the golden rule.

"Medical records show," says a nerve specialist, "that persons who are not loquacious have always been remarked for their good health." Let him explain that to his wife.

If auto owners were more careful as to the kind of men they employ as chauffeurs possibly there would be fewer joy rides. Sometimes, however, the owner sets the chauffeur a bad example.

If things keep on going as they have been it may be necessary to substitute the letter "r" for "h" in the last word of the usual notice on the theater programs: "Ladies will please remove their hats."

That millionaire who has offered a large sum for the discovery of the grave of Eve may be credited with showing proper respect for a remote ancestress, and the display is not going to cost him a cent.

A man in Missouri has just died who in a married life of 69 years never quarreled with his wife nor told her a lie. The great majority of husbands will refuse to believe in such superhuman virtue, particularly as to the last detail.

Forty-five of the Brazilian sailors who mutilated have died from various causes since their surrender. Twenty-six succumbed to sunstroke while engaged in compulsory government work. This form of capital punishment is effective, if unofficial.

Now surgery is hailed as first aid in transforming criminals into good citizens, and the knife is the real moral uplifter. All evil tendencies will be removed by a surgical operation and the millennium will come, but not until the doctors have all become multimillionaires.

It is saddening, however, to note that the dear "Old Philadelphia Lady" who has been trying for more than eleven years to find out, through the columns of the New York Herald's Paris edition, "how to figure the temperature from Centigrade to Fahrenheit, and vice versa," has not yet succeeded.

Stocking rooms in banks which have many women depositors are nothing new, but a New York bank which carries 6,000 women's accounts and only 4,000 men's accounts has made an innovation by opening a large room for its women depositors, providing all the conveniences of an office combined with the features of a club. The fair depositors certainly ought to show their appreciation by remembering always to endorse their checks on the right end.

Often the joy ride ends in a cemetery.

Winter is staying as long as an unwelcome guest.

Late in March the largest battleship will be in commission. There is no telling how soon it will be obsolete.

Simultaneously with the opening of the postal banks a lot of old yarn socks opened.

That American who photographed cows inside England's fortifications made somewhat of a bull.

Seventeen-year locusts are due this year, but nobody will care if they fail to hear the alarm clock go off.

The aeroplane does not break down oftener than an automobile, but it breaks down in more inconvenient localities.

Some people are eternally fussy. An Indiana man wants a divorce from his wife because she bathes the dog in the dishpan.

Again it is reported that the hoop-skirt is coming back. Not if the wearers have to pass the Flatiron building in New York.

Aviation seems to be like some other methods of producing exhilarating effects; there is difficulty in recognizing the right time to quit.

Up to date the submarines of the world's navies have been chiefly remarkable for the many discouraging accidents which befall them.

It does not astonish us to learn that our sun is a "variable star." Even on this planet it has the reputation of being a highly capricious luminary.

The Chicago authorities have voted to limit all buildings begun after September 1 to a height of 200 feet, and if they mean Chicago feet that is surely high enough.

By way of giving the children of the city a chance to see all strange animals that inhabit the earth, the authorities of New York Central park have bought a cow.

Medicine Hat wants its name changed. If Kalamazoo and Oshkosh can be happy and prosperous, there seems to be no reason why Medicine Hat should not be comfortable.

Basket ball may be a perfectly lovely game, but when it becomes necessary to call upon the police to pry players apart it would seem that a revised rule of some sort might well be inserted.

An Austrian girl, who has just been naturalized in New York, says she became a citizen of this nation because she loves the United States and the American people. That is the kind of citizen we want.

Moisant and Hoxsey laughed at danger "as long as the machine was all right." When man becomes perfect, possibly he will invent a machine that is perfect. Until then it is safer to leave flying to the birds.

A man in a Philadelphia restaurant discovered 15 pearls in one oyster stew. It is evident that the restaurant-pearl fisheries expect to yield a good harvest this season, if this is to be taken for a sample beginning.

The chief forester says that 84 per cent. of the forest fires in 1909 were due to the carelessness of railroads and persons using the forests. This is about as bad as the percentage of house fires caused by carelessness.

The department of agriculture has been keeping tabs on the number of deer shot in this country during the year and has counted up to 57,500. Still there are people who love deer that have not been converted into venison.

A New York doctor says that if women continue to wear the quantities of false puffs, rolls and switches now in fashion the next generation may have little or no hair to start with. With rare exceptions the present generation had mighty little hair to start with.

Those persons who oppose the use of tobacco by women will find their argument strengthened by the case of that octogenarian lady in Chicago who set herself on fire with her pipe.

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UNCLE HIRAM TO HIS NEPHEW On Something Important for Him to Realize in His Relations With Men.

"Stevey, my boy," said Uncle Hiram to his hopeful young nephew, "you may not be old enough yet fully to understand or at least fully to realize what I am about to say to you, but I'd better say it now for I might forget to say it later, and some day, and perhaps to your advantage, you will recall it, the thing I would now say to you being this: "Other people think of us what we think of them. "Do you get that through your noodle? Other people think of us what we think of them. "This is highly important, because it applies to our inmost unuttered thoughts. If we think ill of a man he will think ill of us. So you want to think well of men. "Our thoughts of other people appear to form a sort of circuit returning from them to us. They go out from us to the fellow we are thinking of, who seems to relay them back to us. Whatever our feelings toward him may be, good or bad, he takes them in, reinforces them with strength from his own batteries and sends them back to us, with a feeling of friendliness if that was our instinctive feeling toward him, while if our feeling was one of antagonism that is the feeling that he relays back to us. "Don't think ill of men, Stephen; think well of them, as you may well do; there is more good in men than bad. Cultivate friendly relations and friendly feelings, and be sure that as you feel toward men so will they feel toward you."

QUEENS BOROUGH TIN HORSES How Nightmares, Hobbies and Ponies of Beer Were Put on the City's Pay Roll.

"What's all this talk I hear about tin horses in Queens borough?" "I'm surprised at your ignorance. Tin horses are a mere term used to designate equines which never existed, part of a graft game." "Explain some more, please." "Well, it was like this. If a fellow with a pull wanted some extra money he would have a couple of nightmares, report to the powers that be that he had a team, and they would be hired, at so much a day, for city work." "Did all of the grafters have to have mares?" "O, no; one of the gang had his wife's two clothes horses, drawing full pay." "He was a genius." "Yes, another man had a hobby about not wanting to work, his son had a hobby horse, and so he doubled them up and sent in bills for a team, at least, so I hear." "That's interesting." "Yes, rather. There was a rumor going around the other day that a man who owned a pair of ponies of beer also figured in the game." "I suppose if one of the gang's wife and daughters owned pony skin coats they could have got on the pay roll too." "Sure thing; it was a pony skin game, all the way through." "And all that these fake horses ever drew was pay?" "That's true, although they have set tongues wagging."—Brooklyn Times.

Some Korean Superstitions. The wildest superstitions are rife among the natives of Korea, says a writer in the Wide World Magazine. Everything is ascribed to the good or evil influences of invisible spirits, whom they strive to propitiate by incessant and petty sacrifices. The serpent is revered as sacred and fed as a domestic pet. Marriage is a question of etiquette and is arranged by the parents. A live goose is given as a betrothal gift, as a symbol of fidelity and long life. Filial piety is cultivated to a remarkable degree, a son considering it his duty to follow his father to prison or exile. Sacrifices of pigs, sheep and goats are offered to the firmament, to which they pray for rain or fair weather and the removal of plague and misfortune.

America Claims the Bean. Until 1883 the bean was believed to have originated in Asia. Researches among the flora of ancient Peruvian sepulchres show that it was known in antiquity in Peru. No fewer than 50 different species have been found in the old burying places and 49 of the 50 were distinctly American. The sepulchres explored date back to the period beginning with the twelfth century and ending with the fifteenth. Within them was a great number of beans—so many that it is reasonable to suppose that beans held an important place in the agriculture of the ancient people of Peru. Probably the common dried bean of modern commerce was well-known in the antique world long before the discovery of Columbus.