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An Object Lesson.
 "Johnny," said Mrs. Bobbs severely, "I am going to punish you. Please open the windows."
 "What for?" said Johnny, beginning to cry.
 "I heard our next door neighbor say that I had no authority over you, and I want her to hear you getting a spanking. Come here, sir!"—Toledo Blade.

Different.
 Daughter—Since it is your wish, dear parents, that I should marry the rich old brewer I consent, although he is seventy years old. Mother—But he is only sixty. Daughter—Sixty? Tell him to ask me again in ten years.—Magendorfer Blatter.

It Would Come.
 "I'd like to go away for the rest of the week, sir," said the tired book-keeper.
 "There is no need for you to do that," replied the employer. "Stay here, and the rest of the week will come to you."

PILED IN THE PILLS.
 Samuel Jessup Swallowed 226,934 in Twenty Years.
 People were greatly addicted to patent medicines 100 years ago, and a case that was tried in 1817 in England gives some idea of the pill taking proclivities of the time. An apothecary sued one Samuel Jessup for payment of a long standing account. The bill extended to fifty-five closely written columns and showed that in twenty years he took 226,934 pills, beginning with the modest number of twenty-nine a day and advancing by easy stages to a daily consumption of seventy-eight. During the same period he consumed 40,000 bottles of mixtures, besides juleps, electuaries and other infallible specifics. The apothecary won the day, but Jessup died soon afterward at the age of sixty-five, no doubt from stopping the medicine.
 In the advertisement of their wares the eighteenth century quick medicine proprietors were quite as resourceful as the modern representatives of their craft. Newberry, the proprietor of "Dr. James' Powders," was a publisher and managed to make one branch of his business help the other by inducing his authors—including Goldsmith—to scatter references to the powders throughout the pages of their books.
 Thus, in "Goody Two Shoes," the heroine's father "perished miserably because so unfortunate as to be seized with a fever in a place where Dr. James' powder was not to be had."—Chicago News.

PRICKLY PEARS.
 Eat Them as Indians Do if You Like Their Peculiar Flavor.
 Nobody but an Indian knows how to eat a prickly pear. The fruit grows on the edge of a thick green leaf and bristles with myriads of closely set thorns, sharp as needles and fine as hairs. Though they cannot be seen with the naked eye, they can certainly be felt, as any one who has tried the usual method of picking them with a pocket handkerchief can testify. The fine thorns penetrate the fingers, and the flesh swells, festers, becomes inflamed and, if neglected, often develops into a serious case of blood poisoning.
 When an Indian wants to eat it he cuts a small stick, sharpens it and thrusts the point into the ripe fruit. Slicing off the pear with a sharp knife and holding it on the stick, he peels it, taking care to avoid touching the end with his fingers. He drops the peel on the ground to the bitter sorrow of any barefoot boy who happens to step on it.
 A liking for cactus fruit may be acquired, like the taste for olives, but it is not likely to rival the cantaloupe or even the humble grapefruit in popular favor. It resembles cracked walnut shells moistened with water, mixed with sawdust and cork and sprinkled with brown sugar, a little lemon juice and a dash of quinine. Any one who tastes it once is satisfied to let the Indian gather the entire crop.—New York Press.

Bulow's Wonderful Memory.
 Bulow had a wonderful memory, as was evidenced by his astonishing feat of memorizing Kiel's concerto, which the man who wrote it could not accompany without notes. His accuracy was almost infallible. He was once rehearsing a composition of Liszt's for orchestra in that composer's presence without notes. Liszt interrupted to say that a certain note should have been played piano. "No," replied Bulow; "it is storzando." "Look and see," persisted the composer. The score was produced. Bulow was right. How everybody did applaud! In the excitement one of the brass wind players lost his place. "Look for a b flat in your part," said Bulow, still without his notes. "Five measures farther on I wish to begin."

Fishing Things.
 The young man, breezed into the old man's library.
 "I met your daughter," he announced, "at a Fifth Avenue reception. I want to marry her next Friday afternoon at 3:30. She's willing."
 The old man turned to his card index.
 "Which daughter?" he asked.
 "It's Miss Ethel."
 "All right," said the old man. "Make it 4:30 and I'll attend the wedding. I have an engagement at the other hour."
 It was so ordered. This is a snappy age.—Pittsburgh Post.

The Proposal.
 Bertie—Edith, will you be my wife?
 Edith—Oh, Bertie, it all depends on the whether.
 Bertie—The whether?
 Edith—Yes, whether you can keep me in the luxury I am used to.—London Telegraph.

Sleighbells—How Made.
 It is a mystery to many how the iron balls inside of sleighbells get there. In making sleighbells the iron ball is put inside a sand core just the shape of the inside of the bell. Then a mold is made exactly the shape of the outside of the bell. The sand core, with the jinglet inside, is placed in the mold of the outside, and the melted metal is poured in, which fills the space between the core and mold.

Irre Father.
 "I'll teach you to kiss my daughter," Young Man—Not necessary, sir. I have just learned.—London Tit-Bits.

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BRITAIN'S CABINET
 It Really Has No Legal Warrant For Its Existence.

YET IT RULES THE NATION.
 This Most Powerful and Important Committee in the World is Without a Staff, a Secretary, a Seal or a Minute Book and Has No Fixed Home.

Sidney Low, the English writer, calls attention to the fact that the British cabinet has really no standing in law, though it is actually the body which rules England. He makes several interesting statements in describing the situation.
 The British cabinet has long been one of the mysteries of that greater mystery, the British constitution. To be quite exact, indeed, it is not correct to call it a part of the British constitution, for strictly speaking it is unknown to the constitution. The cabinet today rules the country, but it has no legal status. It was not until about 1901 that the word "cabinet" appeared on the notice paper or other official document.

A cabinet minister takes the same oath that every privy councillor takes. "To be a true and faithful servant unto the king's majesty as one of his majesty's privy council" and "to keep secret all matters committed and revealed unto you or that shall be treated secretly in council." The entire body of the privy council is supposed to advise the sovereign on affairs of state, but to be made a privy councillor today is practically an empty honor. It is regarded as a high compliment, but if a privy councillor is not a member of the cabinet he hears no secrets and performs no official functions.
 All the executive and political functions of privy councillors have passed into the hands of those of them who form the cabinet, which is really a secret committee of the king's servants who in practice collectively rule the country so long as they remain in office.

"But," as Sidney Low writes in an article in the London Daily Mail, "no act of parliament ever gave them these powers, which could not be asserted or defended in any court of law. They are due to prescription, accident and custom."
 "Technically the cabinet as a cabinet can do nothing. It cannot even write a letter or issue a signed order. It has not indeed the means of doing so, for it does not keep a clerk or a typewriter; it has no office, nor has it any money wherewith to buy a sheet of note paper. The most powerful and important committee in the world is without a staff, a secretary, a seal, a minute book or a fixed location.

"When a cabinet council sits it has no agenda before it, nor has it any record of what was done at its last meeting. No one keeps the minutes, and it is still deemed a little contrary to etiquette for any minister to take a note of the proceedings or indeed to write anything at the meetings at all.
 "In fact, the cabinet council is still treated as if it were nothing more than a casual private consultation between a few of the privy councillors. It bears the traces of its ancestry, for it was born over the dinner table.
 "It originated in the reign of Queen Anne in those famous Saturday dinners at which a select group of the privy council assembled to discuss the affairs of their party without the presence of the queen and of colleagues whose presence was not desired. The cabinet has always kept to the tradition. It is a secret committee of government and a secret committee of the dominant party in parliament, and where the one function begins and the other ends no one can ever say.

"All its members are collectively responsible for its acts of one of them, but there are no means of knowing what the decisions of the cabinet are at any moment till they are embodied in action, or how many of the ministers may dissent from the opinion of the majority, or whether indeed it is the majority or a minority that really directs the policy."
 The promotion of Sir Rufus Isaacs, the attorney general to the cabinet, was a double novelty. Not only was there no precedent for an attorney general being a member of the cabinet, but never before had the official announcement of the conferment of cabinet rank mentioned, as it did in the case of Sir Rufus Isaacs, the words "his majesty's cabinet." This appointment therefore marked a further development in the acquisition of a corporate existence by the cabinet.—New York Sun.

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