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Unwritten books. Goldsmith often raised money on some projected work, but put it aside and started another. He once drew up a prospectus for a "Dictionary of Arts and Sciences" and obtained promises of help from his friends, Johnson, Reynolds and Burke, but the booksellers were too wary for once, and the scheme fell through. One of his last proposals was the "Survey of Experimental Philosophy," which met with the same fate.

The more practical Dr. Johnson could himself devise and not undertake. He once thought of writing a life of Oliver Cromwell, but it is as well perhaps that he changed his mind. His constitutional indolence was too great to admit of his undertaking many great literary enterprises, and, unlike Coleridge, he was well aware of the fact. He dawdled over his edition of Shakespeare for nine years, although he had promised it in a year, and only finished it in consequence of the attack of Churchill, who accused him of cheating his subscribers:

He for subscribers baits his hook And takes your cash, but where's your book?

No matter where; wise fear, you know, Forbids the robbing of a foe. But what to serve our private ends Forbids the cheating of our friends?

—Chambers' Journal.

#### An Orator's Voice.

"In the church," says Emerson in his essay on eloquence, "I call him only a good reader who can read sense and poetry into any hymn in the hymn book." The test is a severe one, for there are hymns which are wanting both in sense and poetry. The essayist doubtless intended to call attention to that charm of a good voice which enchains attention and indicates a rare sensibility in the reader. "The voice, like the face, betrays the nature and disposition and soon indicates what is the range of the speaker's mind. Many people have no ear for music, but every one has an ear for skillful reading."

John Quincy Adams was said to be so good a reader that no man in his time could read the Bible with such powerful effect. Mr. Emerson, who heard the ex-president speak when his fine voice was broken by age, records that "the wonders he could achieve with that cracked and disordered organ showed what power might have belonged to it in early manhood."

#### Why the Gaffer Married.

"In Scotland," said an Englishman, "golf is almost a disease. I heard not long ago of an elderly bachelor in Edinburgh who had played golf from his boyhood up. He had never courted a girl because, he said, golf hadn't allowed him the time.

"Hence everybody was surprised one day to hear that the crusty old gentleman was to be married. A caddy—the caddies are men in Scotland—went to him, wrung him by the hand and said sentimentally:

"Man, I'm glad yer going to wed. I think ye must love her dearly. I know your life will be all bliss and sweetness now, and I envy ye the golden days o' romance in store."

"Pooh, pooh, Robert," said the other. "It's nothing of that sort. Macmann, the champion, took a wife last year, and it improved his game. I am just taking one in the hope that it will improve mine."

#### Bridge of the Evil Man.

Near Aberystwith, on the west coast of Wales, where the Monk river flows through a black, yawning abyss, there is a single arch bridge of unknown antiquity. The popular legend says that it was built by the devil, and far and near it is known as "the Bridge of Devils" or "the Bridge of the Evil Man." British antiquarians are united in the belief that it was built by the early monks, but that fact does not affect the popular legend in the least. "Old Harry's" part in its erection being never questioned by the inhabitants of Cardiganshire. Grose says that "the bridge is an honor to the hand that built it, whether that hand be Satan's or that of some monk."

#### Life's Changes.

The great novel, the great book of any sort, is no longer being written for exactly the same reason that the Gothic cathedral is no longer being built, not because men have become incapable of it nor because its possibilities are exhausted, but because unforeseen changes in social and economic conditions have rendered it impossible.—H. G. Wells.

#### Satisfied Her.

She—Stop! You shan't kiss me tonight—at least, not before I have had an explanation. I heard today that you had been engaged to sixteen different girls. He—But that was before I had seen your angel face, my love. She—So it was, to be sure. I never thought of that.

#### Samples Didn't Suit.

Neighbor—Did that artist who stayed with you last month paint your doors and windows? Farmer—He did not. At first he refused to do such common work, and after I had seen one of his pictures I refused to let him do it.

#### The Compromise.

She—How sweet of you to own that you were in the wrong! He (absent-mindedly)—Yes; mother always taught me that it was easier to give in to a woman than to argue with her.—Detroit Free Press.

#### A Hint For Health.

Physicians say that those who sleep with their mouths closed have the best health. If you awake in the night and find your mouth open get up and close it.

Among all forms of mistakes prophecy is the most gratuitous.—Elliot.

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