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GOOD BUSINESS.

A capital story, illustrating a keen business deal, is told by a well-known playwright. He says:—

"I met a friend of mine who had bought up a stock of cast-off clothing, and was burdened with 49 overcoats, of which he could not dispose. 'I have priced them down 50 per cent,' he told me, 'and nobody will take them.' 'I'll tell you what to do,' I said. 'Here is a list of seven gentlemen in Mar-seilles, Lyons, and elsewhere. Send each of them seven of your overcoats, and send each one an invoice for six only. They will be pretty sure to keep them.'"

A few days afterwards I met my friend again. He was very rude to me. Each one of the seven gentlemen had kept an overcoat, and returned him the six mentioned in the invoice!"

TAKING MOTHER'S ADVICE.

A strong and rather brutal-looking young man was charged with assaulting a policeman.

"Please, sir, I ain't got no defense, but I should like to make an excuse for myself. My mother told me to do it," the prisoner pleaded.

"Nonsense!" said the magistrate sharply. "I know your mother, and I am sure she would not tell you to do such a thing!"

"But she did, sir," said the man in a low voice. "Sam," she says, 'you're no good at book work, and you don't like the Army, and ain't got the temperament for an actor, you should go for a policeman.'"



ABSENT-MINDED.

"Doctor, I believe there is something the matter with my brain."

Doctor—Did you bring it with you?"

A NEW USE FOR THE HYPHEN.

"Here," said the teacher, pointing with her cane to the blackboard, "we have an example of a compound word—'Birdcage.'"

She paused dramatically, while her pupils bent forward in their seats and read the bold, white letters in profound silence.

"In compound words," she resumed, as though she were reading from a book—which is exactly what she had done just before the class assembled—"a hyphen is employed to show relation between the two terms that form it. Ahem! For instance—Thomas," she broke off suddenly, "you're not attending!"

"Yes, I was," murmured Thomas. "Well, if you were," retorted the teacher, pointing again to the blackboard, "perhaps you'll tell the class why the hyphen is placed between bird and cage?"

For a thrilling second Thomas racked his brain for light. Then he exclaimed: "I know! It's for the bird to perch on!"

ASKING TOO MUCH.

"I'm in the licken of a hole!" said the habitual borrower to a brother merchant. "I've promised to oblige a customer—see? And now, bless me, if I can let him have the goods!"

"Ah!" replied his friend thoughtfully. "Seems to me I've heard that sort of thing before!"

"Don't cut up rough, old chap!" whined the borrower. "I relied on you!"

"Did you? Well, I'll not thank you for the compliment!" snapped the other. "See here. You can have the goods as soon as you pay me for the last I gave you."

"Great Scott, man," cried the borrower despairingly. "I can't possibly wait as long as that!"

FOR THE WIFE.

A man went into a draper's the other day for some lady's gloves. "Are they for your wife, or shall I show you anything better?" asked the shopman.

REMARKABLE TRIP OF A SCIENTIST

R. W. Williamson Tells of His Observations of the People in British New Guinea

Mr. R. W. Williamson, fellow of the British Anthropological Institute, who has returned from a scientific expedition through hitherto unexplored parts of British New Guinea, has given an account of his journey to the institution which, by reason of the thrilling personal experiences of the narrator, and the remarkable conditions prevailing among the Mafulu people, the most retrograde tribe on the island, surpasses in interest most trips of the kind undertaken in these modern days, most of the world's race secrets have been revealed.

Accompanied only by a Cingalee servant and two of the most civilized natives of Papua, he spent nearly five months in the country.

After a long and perilous tramp through almost impassable bush and undergrowth, infested by most venomous reptiles and wild beasts, the party who had been attacked by leopards and other denizens of the forest, reached the Mafulu Mountains.

"By this time," says Mr. Williamson, "my legs were covered with sores from bites of animals and tears of the scrub. There is, I am sure, subtle poison in the atmosphere, and every step hurt me."

"It was between 4,000 and 5,000 feet up the mountains that we came upon the Mafulus, a small people entirely naked save for a strip of bark worn around the loins and under the legs."

"Their skin is a dark, sooty brown color, hair a grizzly, frizzy brown, and across their faces are weird splashes of color, chiefly bright red."

"Here in these wild out of the world regions I found two French Jesuit priests. I cannot express my immense admiration for these two men who lived there quite alone and unprotected."

"The Mafulus, I discovered, though they are cannibals, are not actually head hunters. They only eat human flesh when the victim is killed in battle or private vendetta; but then the actual slayer is not permitted to assist at the feast."

"At the big feasts pig flesh is largely eaten. One village of about 100 houses killed 120 pigs for their meal."

"The religion of the Mafulus is simply primitive fear of ghosts and spirits. They have not reached the stage of idolatry."

"They believe, for instance, that the fig tree and certain trailing plants are spirit haunted."

"A Jesuit priest who wanted to build a hut was warned by the Mafulus not to cut through one of these trailing plants. He laughed at their fears and cut it through."

"Strangely enough he was taken very ill the next day and had to be removed to the coast. And the natives were only strengthened in their superstitious fears."

"Marriage is a very simple process. A boy sees a girl he wants and goes to her house. A price is arranged for her, some pigs or a tomahawk, and the girl's parents accompany the boy back to his home."

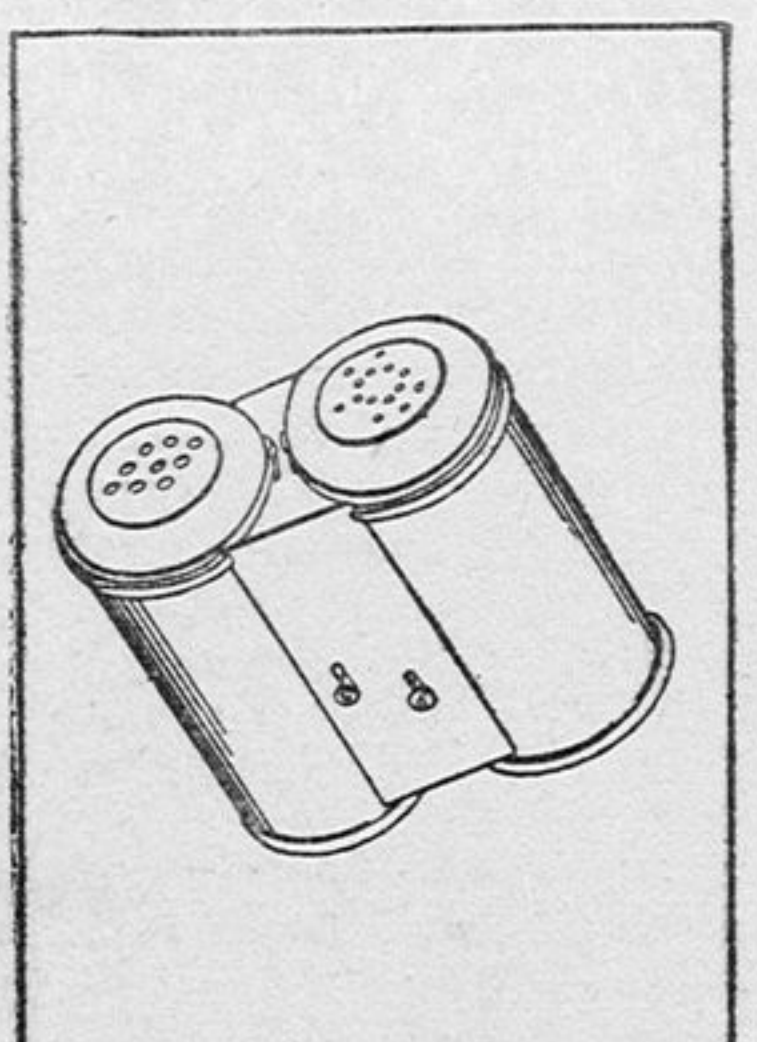
"Then they all sit outside the house and the wedding is over."

"Mafulus bury their dead under the ground, except the chiefs, who are put into boxes above the ground or placed in the branches of the fig tree."

SALT AND PEPPER BOX

Shaker of Each Kind Joined Together by Set of Plates.

A device for transforming a salt and a pepper shaker into a combination utensil, so that both may be used simultaneously, has been invented by a Kansas man. The boxes themselves are of the ordinary cylindrical type, but each has a thumb lever on the side. A set of plates consists of one that fits across the top and another that runs down the side of the shakers when they are placed together. The top plate has two circular holes that fit over the neck of the boxes after



BOTH USED SIMULTANEOUSLY

the tops have been removed. The tops are then screwed down again. To make the connection even firmer, the side plate has slots in it and the thumb levers pass through these slots and clamp the plate fast. There are also movable caps at the top of the shakers so that one can be closed if the user wants either the salt or the pepper without the other.

"There is nothing so health-giving as a singing-class," says a doctor. It is the neighbors who have the complaints."

A Scotch Marriage.

By the act of 1836 the parties sign in the presence of two witnesses a declaration that they take each other as husband and wife. They then present a petition to the sheriff asking him to certify that they have been married and that one or both of them had their usual residence in Scotland before the marriage or had resided there for twenty-one days preceding it. This petition may be presented within three months of the declaration constituting the marriage, but is usually presented within three hours. The parties and witnesses attend before the sheriff, and the witnesses confirm on oath the statements of fact. The sheriff thereupon grants warrant to the registrar to register the marriage. The registration can then be completed at once. The whole procedure takes only an hour or two, and the cost is only a few shillings. On the eve of the new year and summer holidays there is a constant procession of newly married couples and their witnesses before the sheriff in Glasgow. The suitors are principally drawn from the artisan classes and the classes below them, but there is usually a sprinkling of a better class. —London Spectator.

Making His Mark.

"One funny thing I have learned about human nature," said a drug store cashier, "is the habit many people have of marking their name in the city directory. They do that because the directory is the only place where their name ever gets into print, and it has such a fascination for them that they can't resist calling attention to it. A funny little old man who likes to talk tells me that he has made special trips to different parts of the city just to mark his name in the directories of the neighborhood. He puts a little cross in red ink before it. I asked him what good it did. He said none, possibly, although he is a teacher of languages and may get a few calls on account of that queer advertisement."

"But his is an exceptional case. Not many persons spend time and money hunting up city directories, but every time they happen to see a new one they can't help looking up their name and putting some kind of a mark around it."—Philadelphia Ledger.

When One Drills With Diamonds.

A diamond bit for rock drilling is quite an expensive article, says Cassier's Magazine. Its value, however, will undergo fluctuations, dependent upon the price of the diamonds. Perhaps \$300 is a fair value for a bit. The diamond used is exceedingly hard—harder than those usually used as jewelry. Their carat price is considerable, averaging, say, \$60 per carat. The diamonds used will weigh from one to two carats, so that eight have a value ranging from \$480 to \$960 on the average. The loss of a bit means many diamonds gone and may lead to difficulty with the hole. The diamond is not tough, but brittle. It will withstand heavy pressure if applied evenly and without shock. It can readily be seen that drilling through seamy rock may become quite unfavorable. If there is much quartz present the abrasion may become excessive. Under ordinary conditions, however, the wear on the diamonds, while considerable, is by no means prohibitive.

Queensland Pearl Divers.

The Queensland diver gets into his dress at daybreak, steps on to the ladder over the side and fastens the life line round him. The tender screws on the face glass, the pumps are started, and down goes the diver to look for shell. If he is on ground where shell is plentiful he fills his bag, then allows his dress to fill with air, which brings him to the surface, when he is hauled to the boat by the life line. He empties his bag on to the deck and goes down for another bagful. Some of the divers occasionally work in twenty-five fathoms. The greatest danger with which the diver has to contend is paralysis, and, knowing the danger he runs, he sometimes demands £200 in advance, and this amount is sometimes lost to the pearl through the zeal and daring of the diver.—London Globe.

Evolution of Clothes.

Centuries ago, as Sir Walter Scott says in "Ranhoe," men wore one thickness of clothes, whether of wool, leather or velvet. The shirt was invented, but for a long time was worn only by the nobility and gentry. Then followed the waistcoat, breeches and later on trousers. The overcoat, which succeeded the medieval cloak, was rare until the seventeenth century. —Pittsburg Dispatch.

Meteoric Matter.

In the early days of its history the earth is believed to have grown rapidly by the addition of meteoric matter. It is still growing in the same manner, though scarcely to an appreciable extent, for the mass of meteoric matter added yearly is reckoned to be only 20,000 tons.

Cats in Ancient Wales.

An ancient statute ascribed to Howell the Good, a Welsh prince, who ruled in 948, regulated the price of cats. A penny was the price of a kitten before its eyes were open, twopence until it had caught its first mouse and fourpence when it was old enough for combat. He who stole a cat from the royal granaries forfeited either a milk ewe, with its fleece and lamb, or as much wheat as would cover the body of the cat suspended by its tail, with its nose touching the ground. A penny was a coin of great purchasing power in the tenth century.

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