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heart. "Truly He doeth all things well to those who wait upon Him," she thought, as she laid down Marian's letter. There were great tear blots upon that letter as Katy put it aside, and nestling close to Morris, laid her head upon his knee, where his hand could smooth her golden curls, while she pondered Helen's closing words, thinking how much they expressed, and how just a tribute they were to the noble woman whose life had been one constant sacrifice of self for another's good—"The soldiers call her an angel, but we know her as Marian."

THE END.

Retrenching.—Wife—How is it always have to walk everywhere? Before we were married we drove everywhere. Hubby—Yes! that's why we have to walk now.—Coloured Comic.

A Hospitable Heathen. It was high noon and Monday. Worse yet, it was the thirteenth day of the month. A knock was heard at the kitchen door of the Burns mansion. The Chinese servant opened the door. A tramp of long and varied experience accosted him: "I've been traveling and have played in mighty hard luck," observed the tramp. "I lost all of my money, and now I'm hungry—very, very hungry. Can't you please give me a little bite of something to eat?"

The Chinaman comprehended the situation at once. A benevolent, placid smile spread itself over his entire countenance. "You like fish?" he asked of the tramp. "Yes, I like fish first rate. That will do as well as anything." "Come Friday" said the hospitable heathen.

Born and Died the Same Day. "Born and died on the same day," is true of the following conspicuous men: Shakespeare was born April 23, 1564, and died April 23, 1616. Raphael Segio d'Urbino, the great artist, was born on Good Friday, 1483, and died on Good Friday, 1520, aged thirty-seven. Good Friday is a movable feast, so the day of the month may not have been the same. Sir Thomas Browne, author of "Religio Medici," was born Oct. 19, 1605, and died Oct. 19, 1682. Timothy Swan, composer, was born July 23, 1758, and died July 23, 1812. St. John of God, one of the most eminent of Portuguese saints, was born March 8, 1495, and died March 8, 1550. John Sobieski, king of Poland, who delivered Vienna from the Turks, was born June 17, 1629, and died June 17, 1696.

A "Tragedy." A Missouri paper gives an account of an amusing little "tragedy" which it claims occurred in its town. A man and his wife were riding home on a street car. He was reading his paper, when another lady got on. The car was crowded, and without glancing up he arose and gave her his seat, receiving a gracious smile in payment. The man's wife immediately got up, gave the bell-rope a hard jerk and invited her husband to get off. When he looked around to learn the cause of her anger, he discovered that the woman to whom he had given his seat was his first wife, whom he had divorced two years before. They walked the rest of the way home, and he is still explaining.

The Dinner Table. The woman from New England buys a "tablespread," while her sister from the south buys a "tablecloth." The woman from Nova Scotia orders the servant to "lay the table," while with most of us natives of the United States the command is to "set the table." In the country the hostess says to her guests, "Sit by," when it is time to eat; in town it is "Please sit down," in the city among the swells there is no further invitation than the announcement of the servant that "Dinner is served."

Effect of Fruit on the Stomach. The malleic acid of ripe apples, either raw or cooked, will neutralize any excess of chalky matter engendered by eating too much meat. It is also the fact that such fresh fruits as the apple, the pear and the plum, when taken ripe and without sugar, diminish acidity in the stomach rather than provoke it. Their vegetable juices and juices are converted into alkaline carbonates, which tend to counteract acidity.

Safeer Too. Lover—One kiss is worth a hundred letters. Damsel—Oh, you're very sentimental. Lover—Oh, no. The kiss, you know, can't be introduced in a breach of promise suit.

Soft and Warm. The latest device of girlhood is a fancy for stuffing pillows with old love letters. There is one thing about the contents of these pillows that can be depended upon with a marked degree of certainty—they are sure to be soft.

More Than Clumsy. "My fingers seem to be all thumbs today," apologetically remarked the clumsy butcher. "Ah," said the customer significantly, "that accounts for them getting in the weigh."

Discouraging. It is discouraging, to say the least, to a young man who has been tenderly nursing a few straggling hairs on his upper lip for three months to have his girl say, "Oh, Charley, why don't you let your mustache grow?"

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THE WOODCOCK.

Where Does It Hide During the Molting Season? It is during the months of August and September that the mystery of the woodcock's life begins. This is the molting season, when the bird changes its plumage before beginning its journey southward. At this time it leaves the swamps. Where does it go? That is a question which has never yet received a satisfactory answer, although each sportsman and naturalist has his own opinion, and many fine spun theories have been advanced. Some say that the birds move toward the north, some that they seek the mountain tops, coming into the swamps to feed only after nightfall; some that they seek the cornfields, and there have been many other such theories. Probably the truth lies in a mean of all these statements. I think it probable that the birds know the loss of their feathers renders them to a certain extent helpless and more exposed to the attacks of their natural enemies, and they therefore leave the more open swamps and hide in the densest and most tangled thickets. It is certain that they scatter, for at this season single birds are found in the most unusual and unexpected places.

Military Display. An Amusing Bit of Routine in a New York Hotel. There is no better place to mark the increasing love of military display and maneuvers than the lobby of a large hotel. The colored help in particular are great soldiers. In one of the Broadway hotels uptown the colored hallmen are changed at noon. Things were quiet in the lobby at that hotel today, for the clerks and bookkeepers were deep in their books, and the loungers were all sitting peacefully on the sofas when the steady tramp, tramp of what sounded like a regiment of infantry broke the stillness. The regiment consisted of six colored hallmen in blue and brass, with an especially resplendent mulatto in a more gorgeous uniform walking at the head of the procession, says the New York correspondent of the Pittsburg Gazette. He lined his six men in front of a bench before the desk, looked them over sharply to see that they were "eyes front" and hissed "Attention!" Then as he clapped his hands once the six men hinged their legs simultaneously and dropped into their seats like a row of wooden soldiers. The mulatto wiped his brow with a highly perfumed handkerchief, glanced at the head clerk for approval and as the first man responded with a jerk to the cry of "Front!" went to the main doorway to look at the sunlight of Broadway with the air of a successful major general. The whole performance was execrably funny, but I am sure that mulatto would have committed assault and battery on any one who dared to laugh.

MILITARY DISPLAY.

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The Wax Insect. Trees afford the birthplace and cradle of the wax insect, scientifically called *Cossus pella*. In the early spring the bark of the boughs and twigs becomes covered with brown pea shaped scales, which can be easily detached and which, when opened, reveal the flowery looking mass of minute animals, whose movements can just be detected by the naked eye. In May and June, however, the scales are found to contain a swarm of brown creatures with six legs and two antennae each. Some of the scales also contain the white bag or cocoon of a small black beetle, which, if left undisturbed, burrows into and consumes the scales. The Chinese say that this beetle eats the little wax insects, and it appears certainly the case that where the parasite is most abundant the scales fetch lower price in the market.

All In the Family. They were discussing the factors which make for success in the world, when the knowing young man said: "There's nothing like force of character, old man. Now, there's Jones. Sure to make his way in the world. Has a will of his own, you know?" "But Brown has something better in his favor." "What's that?" "A will of his uncle."

Legal Points. "So he got out an injunction against your company," we say pityingly. "Why didn't you forestall him by getting an injunction to prevent the issuance of his injunction?" "I couldn't. You see, he was slick enough to get out an injunction against my getting out an injunction against his injunction!"

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FATE OF HINDOO GIRLS.

Nepal Rajpoots Cause Their Daughters to Be Murdered. A Capuchin monk engaged in missionary work in Nepal, writing of Hindoo family life, remarks that it is very difficult for parents to make advantageous matches for their daughters. The Hindoos therefore find a means of ridding themselves of too many daughters by murdering them. It is a well known fact that Hindoos of high birth, those who are called rajpoots, caused their daughters to be put to death after their birth by men specially engaged to do so. This criminal custom had become so general that in 1840 in the seventy-three villages of the Allahabad district there were only three girls under twelve years of age, and three years later in the town of Agra there was not one to be found under that age. All had been put to death.

The English government has very naturally passed severe laws against this abominable crime, but to evade them the Hindoos allow their girls to live until the age of twelve, after which they do away with them by administering poison in small doses. Orientals are past masters in the art of poisoning, and after some minute inquiries it transpires that in many districts twenty-five out of every hundred girls have been got rid of in this manner. Those girls who have been spared their marry very early, generally between fourteen and fifteen years, and that not according to their own choice, but by the will of their parents, which is decisive.

An Indian family of good rank could not keep an unmarried daughter. It would not only be a public shame, but also a crime against religion. To procure husbands for those who have not already found them there are a number of Brahmans, old and decrepit, called Kulin Brahmans, who go about with the one object of going through the ceremony of the "seven steps" with as many young girls as they can upon receipt of a large sum of money, but who afterwards leave the country and perhaps never see them again.

KINGS AND QUEENS.

The king of England who could not speak the language of his kingdom was George I.

In the battle of Bosworth Field, 1485, a king was killed (Richard III.) and a king was crowned (Henry VII.).

The motto, "Dieu et Mon Droit," was first assumed by Edward III. of England when he took the title of king of France.

"Your majesty" as a royal title was assumed in England in 1527 by Henry VIII. The title before that was "your grace" or "your highness" for the king or queen.

William IV. was at the time when he succeeded to the throne the first William of Hanover, the second William of Ireland and the third William of Scotland.

Henry VIII. was the first to assume the title of king of Ireland. The title king of Great Britain was assumed by James VI. of Scotland when he became James I. of England.

Richard I. was the first to call himself king of England. Every king from William to Henry II. called himself king of the English. The title was assumed by Egbert, the first king of England, in 828.

King of France was a title borne by the monarchs of England for 432 years, and when Elizabeth became queen of England she was also "king of France," asserting that if she could not be a queen she would be king.

The Spendthrift. Once upon a time there was a spendthrift who made his father very unhappy through his profligate habits.

"My son," said the parent, "you spend every penny that you get, and it must cease. Remember that the pennies make shillings and the shillings make pounds. If you do not change your habits of always spending to habits of judicious saving, I will not spare the rod."

The admonition had no good effect on the youth, and he continued to spend the pennies before they could accumulate into shillings.

His father spoke no more about the matter, but he applied the rod most vigorously to him until he howled with pain.

Moral.—He who spends the pennies will get the pounds.

Instinct of Horses in War. Arabian horses manifest remarkable courage in battle. It is said that when a horse of this breed finds himself wounded and perceives that he will not be able to bear his rider much longer he quickly retires from the conflict, bearing his master to a place of safety while he has still sufficient strength. But, on the other hand, if the rider is wounded and falls to the ground the faithful animal remains beside him, unmindful of danger, neighing until assistance is brought.

Plenty of Color. "That Mrs. Wadhams to whom you introduced me the other evening reminds me very much of a portrait by Rembrandt."

"Is that so? Which one?" "Oh, any old one. They all look, when you get close to them, as if the paint had been thrown on by the handful."

A Sereve Temperament. "Mike," said Plodding Pete, "don't you wish you were rich?" "Kind o'," answered Meandering Mike. "Course I couldn't eat any more dan I does, but I'd be saved de trouble o' sayin' 'much obliged' so often."

Marriages Without Money.

The poet and divine John Donne, who became dean of St. Paul's in 1621, married a daughter of Sir George Moore without the consent of her parents. He was told by his father-in-law that he was not to expect any money from him. The bridegroom went home and wrote this witty note: "John Donne, Anne Donne, undone," which he sent to the angry father, and this had the effect of restoring them to favor. They were very poor at first, but things soon got brighter, and they lived most happily together.

Sir Joshua Reynolds after Flaxman had married told him that this would ruin him as an artist. When the husband related this to his wife, she replied that marriage should make and not mar her husband and to this end further resolved that he should study at Rome and do everything that he might have done without matrimonial responsibilities. "But how?" asked Flaxman. "Work and economize," rejoined the brave woman. So well did they do this that he found that "wedlock is for an artist's good, rather than his harm," and they both discovered that they were made for each other.

A Dumas Story.

The younger Dumas once went to Villers Cotterets, his father's native village, to the unveiling of a statue to the creator of "The Three Musketeers." At the banquet in the evening the youngest Dumas sat next to one of the oldest inhabitants who, in perfect good nature, but without any tact, began to tell a story of Dumas pere. "Ah," said he, "he was a gay soul, your father! How we loved him. He was so kind hearted and generous. The last time he came to Villers Cotterets he gave a banquet in the Hotel de Ville. He forgot for some time after to pay the bill. See that fat man over there? He was the butcher who furnished the feast. I should not be surprised if the meat were still owing to him. But that is nothing. He is proud to this day of being the purveyor to Alexandre Dumas."

The story was an ironical commentary on the set speeches of the afternoon. The son was anxious then and there to settle his father's score.

Lamb Gourd of Samara.

In a book called "The Duke of Holstein's Travels Into Persia and Muscovy," published in 1636, there is an account of a curious vine product called the "lamb gourd," which runs as follows: "In the neighborhood of Samara, Russia, there grows a gourd which closely resembles a lamb in all its members. It changes place in growing as far as the stalk will reach, and wheresoever it turns the grass withers and dies. This change of the gourd plant the Muscovites call 'feeding.' They further say that when it ripens the stalk withers and that the outward rind of the gourd is then covered with a sort of wool, which they use instead of fur."

Scaliger also makes mention of the lamb gourd and says that it grows until the grass fails and that it then dies for want of nourishment. He also says that the wolf is the only animal that will feed upon it.

An Interesting Animal.

Proprietor of Menagerie—Walk up, ladies and gentlemen, and see our famous lion, Mustapha. He is as sensible as any human being. A French sergeant once pulled out of his foot a thorn on which he had stepped. What do you think the noble creature did? It devoured, one by one, in order of rank, all the superior officers of our sergeant until the latter found himself promoted to the grade of colonel. Walk in, gentlemen. Only a penny.—From the German.

The Hopping Rheumatism.

"Yes," said the old man, "peared lak he wuz give over inter de han's er Satan, en Satan 'dicted him wid de hoppin' rheumatism. Fust it wuz in one place, en den it wuz another, but he went ter prayin' ter be relieve' of it, en one day, whilst it wuz a-hoppin' fun one jint ter another, it hopped into his wooden leg, an' he pulled off de leg an' th'owed it in de fire, en it en de rheumatism wuz teetotally consumed."

A Generous Empress.

It is said that one morning at breakfast a general related to the emperor the misfortunes of a brither officer who "because he had not 15,000 francs must be dishonored." While the emperor questioned further particulars Eugene flew to her room and, returning with a package of banknotes, said, "Take them, general, and never tell me his name." And his name the generous empress never knew.

Forethought.

"Right here," said the surveyor, "will be a good place for your saw-mill. The county line will run exactly through the middle of it."

"Not much," said the pioneer. "We'll have it all on one side or the other. When a man gets sawed in two, I don't want no two corner's inquests over him."

An Ingersoll Story.

John W. Mackay once invited Robert G. Ingersoll to visit the Comstock mines. As the cage descended to the furnace heat at the bottom of the shaft of one of the mines Mr. Ingersoll said, gasping for air, "Privately I always believed there was a hades somewhere, but I never dreamed it could be so hot."

A Coveted Receipt.

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