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Mary bent her head as she walked along in thought.

"What you have said is the only ap- The Traveler Wanted a Towel and proach to a rule for knowing and doing the right I have ever heard. Now what do you think of me as a flatterer? fore I can apply any rule or even real- route to Persia. ize what is coming." And again she tle look of trouble.

most as if she were a child.

deluged me with all kinds of flattery- guard. To my surprise the guard travagant length of calling me good. Perhaps they think I do not care for only Russian'), and the more I repeatthat, but I like it best. I don't like the others at all. If I am beautiful or not, 't is as God made me, and I have nothing to do with it and desire no credit, but if I could only be good it might be my own doing perhaps, and I ought to have praise. I wonder if there is really til my polyglot fellow passenger came and truly any good in me and if you have read me aright." Then, looking up at him with a touch of consternation, "Or are you laughing at me?"

Brandon wisely let the last suggesion pass unnoticed. "I am sure that I am right. You have glorious capacities for good, but, alas, corresponding possibilities for evil. It will eventually all depend upon the man you marry. He can make out of you a perfect woman or the reverse." Again there was the surprised expres-

ous look disarmed her. "I fear you are right, as to the reverse at any rate, and the worst of it is I shall never be able to choose a man to help me, but shall sooner or later be compelled to marry the creature who

sion in Mary's face, but Brandon's seri-

will pay the greatest price." "God forbid!" said Brandon rever-

They were growing rather serious, so Mary turned the conversation again into the laughing mood and said, with a half sigh: "Oh, I hope you are right about the possibilities for good, but you do not know. Wait until you have ropinion seems to be that bruin is an unseen more of me."

long to wait."

The surprised eyes again glanced quickly up to the serious face, but the answer came: "That you shall not. But here is the queen, and I suppose we must have the benediction." Brandon understood her hint, that the preaching was over, and, taking it for his dismissal, playfully lifted his hands in imitation of the old bishop of Canterbury College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, and murmured the first line of the Latin benediction. Then they both laughed and courtesied, and Brandon walked away.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Proved His Case.

Mother-The whipping you had yesterday does not seem to have improved you. Your behavior has been even worse today.

Willie-That's what I wanted to prove. You said I was as bad as I possibly could be yesterday. I knew you

No Enemies.

"No, sir," said the cowboy. "Cactus Cal ain't got an enemy in the world." "I should think a man like him would be continually making enemies."

"Sure, but as soon as he makes one he gits his gun inter play an' unmakes him."-Exchange.

His Hard Remark. Young Wife-That horrid tramp said my biscults were like cement, and yet he ate them.

Young Husband-Cement, eh? Well, perhaps he wanted to make himself

Hurrah For Pa!

Little Willie (proudly)-My pa knows a few things.

Little Bob (contemptuously)-Ho, my pa knows fewer things than your pa .-Smart Set.

The Peacock on a Rainy Day. The peacock, glittering with jewellike eyes, has a voice by no means suited to its beauty. Its cry is harsh and disagreeable. When the rain falls, it sits on some high perch uttering its doleful sounds, with its beautiful tail feathers drawn into the smallest possi ble space. Like a vain creature as it is, it never spreads its fan unless the

Charles A. Dana's Logic. They tell a good story of Charles A. Dana - how Dana once summoned a

sun shines.

boy reporter and said, "Tomorrow you keeping. write up the yacht race." "But," said the lad, "I don't know

how; I'm a Nebraskan. I only came here last night, sir, and I haven't so much as seen New York harbor yet. As for yachts-why, I never saw a yacht other night I dreamed that i was at a in my life!"

boy! You'll write a story that people taken my last sou." can read; you'll picture the thing; you'll write with enthusiasm because it's all new to you."

Sane logic! The poetry of the sea has always been written by landsmen; it always will be. The barrack room bal-The inside of anything is clearest seen by an erstwhile outsider. Mr. Bryce, not Mr. Lodge, writes "The American Commonwealth." Emerson, not Cartives." lyle, writes "English Traits."-Rollin Lynde Hartt in Atlantic.

WRESTLING WITH RUSSIAN.

Finally Got It. A. H. Savage Landor, in his book of travel, "Across Coveted Lands," re-But it will do no good. The bad is in lates an amusing railway incident that me too strong. It always does itself be- occurred in Russia while he was en

"Unable to get at my towels packed shook her head, with a bewitching lit- in my registered baggage and ignorant of the Russian language," he says, "I "Pardon me, your highness, but there inquired of a polyglot fellow passenger is no bad in you. It has been put on what was the Russian word for towel, you by others and is all on the outside. so that I could ask the guard for one. There is none of it in your heart at all. 'Palatiensi,' said he, and I repeated That evil which you think comes out 'palatiensi, palatiensi,' so of you simply falls from you. Your as to impress the word well upon my heart is all right or I have greatly mis- memory. Having enjoyed a good wash judged you." He was treating her al- and a shampoo and dripping all over with water, I rang for the guard, and, "I fear, Master Brandon, you are the sure enough, when the man came I nost adroit flatterer of all," said Mary, could not recollect the word. At last it shaking her head and looking up at dawned upon me that it was 'palatinhim with a side glance. "People have ski,' and 'palatienski' I asked of the I have different sorts listed and labeled smiled graciously, and, putting on a -but no one has ever gone to the ex- modest air, replied, 'Palatinski niet, paruski' ('I do not speak Latin, I speak ed 'palatinski,' putting the inflection now on one syllable, then on the other, to make him understand, the more flattered the man seemed to be, and modestly gave the same answer.

"This was incomprehensible to me unto my assistance. 'Do you know what you are asking the guard? he said in convulsions of laughter. 'Yes, I am asking for a palatinski-a towel.' 'No, you are not!' and he positively went into hysterics. 'Palatinski means "Do you speak Latin?" How can you expect a Russian railway guard to speak Latin? Look how incensed the poor man is at being mistaken for a Latin scholar! Ask him for a palatiensi, and he will run for a towel.'

"The man did run on the magic word being pronounced and duly returned with a nice clean palatiensi, which, however, was of little use to me, for I had by this time got dry by the natural processes of dripping evaporation."

THE PERIPATETIC BEAR.

Summer Outing of a Mother Grizzly and Her Young Ones.

There is a deal of discussion among hunters after big game in the mountains concerning the sort of fathers and husbands grizzly bears make, says a writer in Outing. The consensus of faithful, heartless spouse and a con-"I certainly hope I shall not have temptible father. He will help Mme. Bruin seek a cave or an opening in the rocks or mountain side, where their cubs may be born, and he will carry a dainty morsel, such as a sheep, a calf or part of a cow's carcass there for his mate's food. However, a few days after the cubs are born in the family circle he will leave the home, probably never having any further acquaintance with his spouse and her offspring. Thereafter Mme. Bruin must make her own way and provide for her cubs. Unlike the black bear, which is a jolly, fun loving father that rolls and frolics with his baby children, the male grizzly will have nothing to do with the cubs. Mme. Grizzly and her children are companions for two summers, and they hibernate rolled together in a ball of fur for about 100 days, during the coldest days of winter.

The mother bear and her young travel far and wide, moving principally at night. Kit Carson said that the wide range of a family of healthy grizzlies in a summer season is almost incalculable. He had reason to know of a mother grizzly and her two cubs that once left their hibernating cave among the southern spurs of the Rocky mountains in New Mexico one spring in the forties, crossed the Colorado and Wyoming, were seen in the mountains in Montana and were back in New Mexico again for another winter before the following October.

Didn't Patronize Her Father.

A young woman living in a suburban village turned her graceful talent for dancing to account by carrying on the instruction of the young folks in the neighborhood in that art. At the beginning of the term her class was attended by an awkward, overgrown girl who was much in need of such culture. She was the daughter of a local undertaker. After two lessons she discontinued attendance, and one of her acquaintances asked her why she had given up her lessons.

"Well," said she, "Miss Blank never patropizes my father, and so I won't patronize her school."

Buying Precious Stones.

In buying gems always beg, buy or borrow a microscope and examine the stone carefully through the telltale lens. Flaws invisible to the naked eye which depreciate or entirely destroy the value of the gem will be easily recognized. It is really throwing money away to invest in costly stones without this examination, as many jewel lovers have found to their cost .- Good House-

He Got the Limit. "Do you believe there is anything

prophetic in dreams?" "Believe It! I know it. Only the church fair and awoke to fit if that my "Just the reason I sent for you, my | wife had been through my pockets and

Permission.

Fond Mother-My son, did not your father forbid you learning to smoke? Young America-No, ma. When asked him if I might smoke, he said. "Not much!"

Distant Relatives. "I have only the most distant rela-

"Has the family died out?" "No. They have all become rich."

Plum Pudding.

In the sixteenth century plum pudding was served in England at the be ginning of meals.

Patent Lenther.

Clean patent leather with the French harness paste sold by harness makers. Apply lightly and then polish with a piece of soft cloth. Patent leather treated in this way rarely if ever cracks.

Jack Spratt.

Jack Spratt really lived and had the same prejudice against fat as is attributed to him. Only his name was not exactly Spratt, but Pratt, and he was no less a person than an archdeacon. The rhyme originally ran, "Archdeacon Pratt could eat no fat, his wife could eat no lean."

His Reason For Suicide. A New York man wrote as his reason for attempting suicide that he had consulted twenty-five doctors, but none was able to cure him of asthma.

Salted Popcorn. Salted popcorn is prepared in the same way as salted almonds or peanuts. Choose the softest and whitest kernels of popped corn, put in a hot frying pan with a little melted butter and dust over with salt. Let them brown lightly.

Rattraps Better Than Cats.

It is better to rely upon the trap for catching rats than upon the cat. Pussy is easily inoculated with any transmissible disorder, and the rat often has on hand, as it were, the very complaint that may touch pussy's vital parts and render her in the household the most dangerous of all disease breeders.

Weather Deaths.

There are about 200 deaths yearly in England due to weather. One hundred and forty of these are due to cold and the rest to sunstroke and lightning.

Singular Statue.

There is only one statue in Great Britain with an umbrella. This is to be seen at Reading and represents Mr. G. Palmer of biscuit fame standing bareheaded with a silk hat and umbrella in hand.

Arrow Heads. Miniature arrow heads cut out of jasper and carnelian are found to this day by Arabs in the desert sands and strung in necklaces for charms.

When Snake Poison Is Harmless. Nature seems to have provided that

no poison which acts externally shall have any effect internally, and vice versa. Thus the most deadly snake venom can be swallowed with impunity, the juice of the stomach presumably decomposing it and rendering it harmless.

Titled Landlords.

Fully one-third of the land in Great Britain is owned by members of the house of lords.

Bombay Streets.

The streets of Bombay are excellent, as are generally the main roads throughout India. They are thoroughly macadamized or metaled and made smooth by heavy rollers.

Food and Paper.

Articles of food that are damp or juicy should never be left in paper. Paper is simply a compound of rags, glue, lime and similar substances, with acids and chemicals mixed, and when damp is unfit to touch things that are to be

Gypsies.

Gypsies are supposed to have originally been inhabitants of India, and their Romany language has a strong, radical resemblance to the ancient Sanskrit.

The tight fitting British uniform is alleged to be the cause of much heart disease among soldiers.

Tight Fitting Uniforms.

Enlistn ent Signatures.

Before a recruit can be said to have joined the British army his name must be entered sixty-two times, and that of his superior officer twenty-nine times, in the documents required by the war

Beauty In New Holland.

In New Holland the women cut themselves with shells, and keeping the wounds open a long time form scars in the flesh, which they deem highly ornamental. Another mark of beauty consists in having finger nails so long that casings of bamboo are necessary to protect them from injury.

Galilei's First Telescope. Galilei's first telescope was made from part of a lead water pipe, in each

end of which he cemented common spectacle glasses. Munchausen. Few people know that Baron Muhchausen, the hero of so many extraor-

dinary adventures, was a real person,

a member of an ancient Hanoverian

family. He served in the Russo-Turkish wars of the latter half of the eighteenth century.

Mulberry Trees. Thousands of square miles of mulberry trees are planted in Italy. Trees live from fifty to seventy years.

tect the forests against fire.

A Use For Greek. The advantage of knowing Greek was brilliantly demonstrated not long ago by a physician who coined the word "dacryocystosyringocatacleisis" in order to express a closure of the tear duct.

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