

Where Starlings Bring Ruin.

In "Quiet Days in Spain," the author, C. B. Luffman, describes the ravages of the starlings in a hacienda devoted to raising muscatel raisins near Malaga.

Thumb Prints.

In the Argentine Republic the identification cards of policemen, coachmen, cab drivers, commissionaires and servants have since 1896 borne their finger prints.

The First Railway Gauge.

An interesting story was told by one of George Stephenson's biographers relating how the great engineer came to adopt the four foot eight and a half inch gauge for his railways.

Fogs Bewilder Birds.

It is a curious thing that, though human beings are utterly bewildered in a dense fog, most animals find their way through it without much difficulty.

Snow Garlands.

Curious ropes of snow that form on window ledges, tree branches, etc., at a temperature near freezing point have been brought to notice by Dr. Karl Kassner as "snow garlands."

Ho Told Her.

A middle aged governess on arriving at a new situation was formally introduced to the family, and the next morning "Master Tom," the hopeful of the family, said to her, "Miss Parker, are you Leghorn or Cochon-China?"

Disconcerting.

A prominent English clergyman once congratulated an old lady on her bravery in fighting her way to church against a terrible tempest, but received the disconcerting reply, "My husband gets so crossgrained after meals that I have to get out of his way, so I might as well go to church."

Used to It.

"Why, man, you have no sense of humor. When I first heard that joke I laughed till my sides ached."

Deeds and Motives.

Let the motive be in the deed and not in the event. Do not one whose motive for action is the hope of reward.—Kreeshna.

We like to give in the sunlight and to receive in the dark.—Senn.

Do not drag along with a kidney ailment, that saps your strength, causes terrible backaches, sleeplessness, nervousness and loss of appetite. Take Foley Kidney Pills. They quickly cure all kidney and bladder ailments. Dickson Drug Store.

Wasting Time.

"What?" exclaimed the young man whom we shall call Bill. "You got engaged last night? Why, Archie, my dear old friend, tell me how you ever came to do that!"

The Danger After Grip.

Lies often in a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys, often follow an attack of this wretched disease.

Saved by a Cigar.

M. Guizot, the well known French historian, while out walking in one of the public gardens of Paris noticed that he was being followed by a disreputable looking and badly dressed individual.

Anecdote of Gounod.

Gounod was at one moment within an ace of taking only orders, but on reflection he thought that the life of a priest would not suit him.

Reassuring "Miss Blake."

As they boarded the train they had every look of being a bridal couple. The young man carefully escorted the young woman to a seat, while the interested passengers smiled indulgently.

Sothorn and Laura Keane.

The elder Sothorn had a great reputation as a practical joker, and to quote his son's own words: "His nerve staggered people at times. I remember that in Baltimore he was once joined by that clever actress Laura Keane."

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The Gaelic Alphabet.

Men familiar with the Gaelic tongue tell us that the alphabet of that ancient language is the most curious of all alphabets in that nearly every letter is represented by a tree.

The Gaelic a b c now runs:

Ailm, belte, coll, dur, eagh, feann, gath, huath, iogh, leis, muin, nuin, oir, peith, ruis, suil, teine, ur, which is equivalent to saying: Elm, birch, hazel, oak, aspen, alder, ivy, whitethorn, lew, rowan or quicken, vine, ash, spindle-tree, pine, elder, willow, furze, heath.

Information Wanted.

A wandering peddler stopped at a southern cabin and opened his stock. "Mammy, let me show you some self raising umbrellas," he began.

No use, man, no use.

Interrupted the old colored woman as she bustled herself about a boiler of clothes. "Carn't use nothin' lak dat."

How about self raising window shades?

"No good heah, kase dey ain't any windows wuf' talkin' about."

Self raising buckwheat?

"No good to me—we eat cohn pone. But, mister—"

Well, mammy?

"If you'll tell me how to turn dese heah footten bad chillun into self raisin' pickaninies, Ah'll be 'er friend for life, dat Ah will, sah.—Everybody's."

Your Child.

Does your child break into the conversation when you have visitors? Does he leave his clothes lying all over the house?

Does he eat surreptitiously between meals?

Does he lay his hands on almost anything he wants to make something out of without asking your permission? Does he come down late to breakfast?

Does he say "Hub," "Gee"?

And, if not, why not. You are his parent, and he is living in the United States of America.—Life.

Changing Doctors.

"What you need, mamam, is oxygen. Come every afternoon for your inhalations. They will cost you \$4 each."

The Puzzle of Life.

Life is a quaint puzzle. Bits the most incongruous join into each other, and the scheme thus gradually becomes symmetrical and clear, when, lo, as the infant clasps his hands and cries, "See, see; the puzzle is made out!" all the pieces are swept back into the box—placard with the gilded nails.—Bulwer-Lytton.

High and Worthy.

She—I'm afraid I cannot marry you, took out his cigar case, abstracted a cigar and slowly lit it. The effect of this action upon his companion was remarkable.

The Refrain.

She (at the piano)—How do you enjoy this refrain?

Spitful.

Miss Joyce—Yes, Jack and I are to become partners for life. Miss Means—And you will be the senior partner.

The Dead Watch.

During the rebellion of 1845 a highlander came into possession of a watch. The thing was strange to him and its use unknown to him, and its beauty and its constant ticking gave him pleasure.

Her Presence of Mind.

"Harry started to propose to me last night, but his voice actually stuck in his throat."

Contradictory Evidence.

"That firm is going under." "Yes, when I heard the facts of the business I was sure it was going up."

A Usurper.

Man (at the phone to man at the other end of the wire)—How dare you talk to me like that? You're not my wife!

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