

A Woman's Triumph. The first interview with the famous Chinese statesman, Li Hung Chang, was obtained by a woman journalist...

Strength of a Grizzly Bear. It is related that a grizzly bear that had one of its fore paws shot off...

Cheating at Cards. Why is cheating at cards the quickest way out of society? The answer is not so much that murder and burglary...

Diplomacy and the Brute. "Listen," said the girl as the woman came in from the party at 3 o'clock...

Webster's Compliment. While it is well known that Daniel Webster in speaking of General Taylor's candidacy for the office of president...

Holmes on Domestic Economy. The laughable and the pathetic are sometimes strangely mingled in little exhibitions of domestic economy...

Wanted the Record. A taxicab caught fire in New York. The flames reached the gasoline tank...

Larger Wants. "Does your wife want the robe?" "No, she wants a larger town house, a villa on the seacoast and a new limousine car every six months..."

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Fortunate. Goodfellow I'm sorry to say my wife has an aggravating habit of interrupting me in the middle of a sentence...

An Excuse. Beware Did you scream when he tried to kiss you? Jessie No there is a poor man across the street who is dreadfully sick...

Exact Justice. Exact justice is commonly more merited in the long run than this, for it leads to foster in men their stronger qualities which make them good citizens...

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A Remarkable Headache. An ornithologist in Mexico while collecting birds for the National museum caught sight of a blackbird one of the Mexican cowbirds which seemed to have a snow white crest. This would be an extraordinary specimen for his cabinet...

Pains in the Stomach. If you continually complain of pains in your stomach, your liver or your kidneys are out of order. Nephritis may lead to chronic kidney trouble, diabetes or Bright's disease. Thousands recommended Electric Bitters as the medicine...

At the Bottom of the Ocean. The temperature at the bottom of the ocean is nearly down to freezing point and sometimes actually below it. There is a total absence of light, as far as sunlight is concerned, and there is an enormous pressure, reckoned at about a ton to the square inch in every thousand fathoms...

They Don't Speak Now. Gladys (just twenty-two) - This is my birthday, Mabelle. Guess how old I am? Mabelle Oh, I'll guess twenty-six. Gladys - Not very good. You are just four years out of the way, Mabelle - Well, dearie, I wanted to be sure and be on the safe side - Magazine of Fun.

Considerate. Mrs. Dove - Henry, I think you are positively cruel. Here I've tried so hard to cook you a nice dinner and you haven't had time to say to me about it. Mr. Dove - Darling, I love you too much for that. If I said what I thought you'd never speak to me again.

No Excitement. "Here," said the dramatist, "we have a husband who loves his wife and a wife who loves her husband." "Well?" "How am I to construct a drama from such material?" - Louisville Courier-Journal.

Spent no time in making useless resolves; make plans instead and begin at once to execute them.

Right and Left Handed Plants. Do you know that there are right handed and left handed plants? An English investigator, R. H. Compton, has thought the matter curious and interesting enough to make it the subject of extended investigation...

Stretching. "My doctor," said the robust man, "is almost a fanatic on stretching. When you wake up in the morning he advises you to take a good, long stretch with the hands as far out sideways as possible, then over the head as far as you can reach. At the same time stretch the feet and stretch upward as high as you can. These simple movements equal a course in gymnastics and should be indulged in after any long period of sitting." - National Magazine.

How Straw Is Used in Japan. Nothing is wasted in Japan. Uses to which straw is put after the thrashing season are seemingly endless. It is converted into bags for grain, shoes for the feet, linings for the body, roofs for the houses, paper mats, screens, beds and numerous other articles.

Her Share. "What have you done for the betterment of mankind?" asked the scornful female partner. "Me?" answered the plump and widely looking one. "I have been a better half to no fewer than three of them." - New York Press.

Overcapitalized. Post-Professor Falkem has ten letters after his name, but he doesn't know enough to go in when it rains. Parker - Another distressing case of overcapitalization. - Judge.

Cashmere Shawls. Cashmere shawls are of two kinds, one made by weaving small pieces and sewing them together, the other by embroidering the pattern on a plain woven cloth. The real cashmere thread is called pashmum and is made from the down, not the hair, of the Tibetan goat...

Bizet and "Carmen." It may well be doubted whether the world will ever see Wagner's equal in the triple role he played, says Edgar Stillman Kelley, but when kindred talents unite they may yet produce music dramas of merit and magnitude. Thus the libretto of "Carmen" involved the labors of four men, Prosper Merimee, Meilhac, Halévy and Bizet himself. Nevertheless the result was worth the effort...

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Aid The Kidneys. A French chemist has shown that the apple contains an oxidizing ferment which produces the brownish or reddish color of elder. The manner in which this substance produces oxidation can readily be observed by any one who cuts an apple open and leaves it exposed for a short time to the air. The cut surfaces gradually turn red as the oxygen of the air unites with the juice - in a word, the apple rusts.

Three Centuries on a Throne. There has been only one monarch who for 350 years sat on his throne, crowned upon his head, scepter in his hand and dressed in the royal robes, keeping solemn dominion over the dead. Charlemagne, the great Frankish ruler, during his life built for himself at Aix-la-Chapelle, in Prussia, a chapel and beneath the chapel a tomb. When the monarch died in 814 his body was placed, fully dressed, with scepter and crown, in a sitting position upon a marble throne in this tomb. Nearly 300 years afterward the Emperor Otto III. had the vault opened, and it is said that the body of the great emperor was found in a state of wonderful preservation, still seated upon his throne, with his sword by his side and the gospels open in his lap. Again in 1165 the Emperor Barbarossa (Frederick I.) had the vault opened, and in 1215 Frederick II. took the remains from the silent chamber over which for so many years they had kept guard and had them put into a casket of gold and silver, in which they are still kept.

Music in the Home. We are all more or less aware of the value, and indeed the necessity of furnishing books to all children and even of making it possible for them all to see good pictures. We are apt, however, to regard music as something that we need provide only for the exceptional child, the child who shows signs of being what we call "musical." This is due partly to the fact that music lessons are more expensive than books, and that a ticket to a concert costs about four times as much as a ticket to a museum. Our mistake is in fancying that costly music lessons and concerts are the only means of furnishing musical instruction to the best music to children. Some of the finest music in the world is so simple that any mother who plays the piano at all can perform it for her children, and, moreover, teach them to play it themselves. - Home Progress.

Formosa. Geologically speaking, Formosa is divided into three longitudinal belts. The western belt is on the average about twenty miles wide and is an aluvial formation containing no mineral deposits. The middle belt is of tertiary formation. This belt is about fifteen miles wide, broadening out in the north to include the entire north coast, and ranges in altitude from 200 to 3,500 feet above sea level. This strip contains all the mineral deposits which are at present productive. The eastern belt includes about one-half of the island and consists of high mountain ranges reaching an altitude of 18,000 feet. The formation of these mountains is paleozoic limestone, granite and crystalline schist. Their mineral resources are practically unknown. - New York Post.

Tragic Applause. Two friends, Juniors at Brown, were attending a French play one evening when the leading man suddenly appeared before the curtain and made a few brief remarks. "Why did you applaud him so vigorously when he made his speech?" inquired the tall young man of his friend. "So that folks would think I understood French," replied the other confidentially. "What did he say?" "He said the remainder of his part must be taken by an understudy, as his father was dying." Boston Herald.

No Pleading Her. "That Mrs. Oleson is dreadfully hard to please," said a woman. "How so?" another woman asked. "Why I told her the other day that she carried her age well, and she didn't seem to like it at all. So then I told her that she didn't carry it well, and she liked that less than ever." - Exchange.

Tempo. "In what time was that composition written?" asked the man who professes to be expertly musical. "I don't know," replied the man who doesn't. "But it sounds to me as if it ought to have been written in about ten minutes." - Washington Star.

The Danes. The Danes, or Northmen, first became prominent in European history in 793, when they began to ravage the north coast of France and southern parts of Great Britain. The daring of these hardy seamen was remarkable, for in their small ships they often penetrated the Mediterranean and became terrors to the seaboard population of Italy, Sicily and Greece. The first king of Denmark is said to have been Skjold, 60 B. C.

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