

RUMOROUS.

Mother - "Oh, Mildred! You naughty little girl! You know you oughtn't to slap Elsie's face!" Mildred - "Where ought I to slap her, then, mummy?" - Punch.

So Like a Bargain - "She didn't need to care anything about getting into the 400." "No; but she's heard that it has been reduced to 398." - Philadelphia Bulletin.

Correcting Him - Teacher - "Say, 'they aren't,' or 'they are not.' You must never say 'they ain't.'" Tommy - "Why not?" Teacher - "Because it ain't proper, that's why." - Philadelphia Press.

She - "Married? The idea! and she was just beginning to make her name famous as a novelist." He - "It only proves that no woman can make her name so famous that she wouldn't change it if she got a chance." - Philadelphia Press.

Getting Used to It - She - "Mr. Hiler used to be well spoken of, but of late he is in bad odor." He - "Yes; but that's only on account of his automobile. I don't like the smell myself, but they say it does not take long to get used to it." - Boston Transcript.

A Pretty Sure Sign - "How is Brown getting along? Is he prosperous?" "Well, his actions certainly would lead one to suppose he was prosperous." "Spending money freely?" "Oh, no, it's not that, but he's advising such of his friends as are having hard luck not to get discouraged." - Chicago Post.

The owner of a small yacht has in his employ a Finn who acts in the double capacity of cook and deck-hand, and whom he had always regarded as single. The other day the Finn admitted that he had a wife and two boys in Finland, for whom, he proudly boasted, he recently purchased a \$900 house out of his earnings as a sailor. "Why doesn't your wife live over here?" asked his employer. "Well, sir, she don't agree with the climate!" was the response. - N. Y. Post.

HUNGRY TROUT BITE WORST.

That is the Theory of an Angler Who Offers His Experience as Proof.

Every trout fisherman knows that there are days when trout will neither rise to any fly nor take any sort of bait, and nine out of ten fishermen believe that the reason for this is that the trout are gorged with the natural food of the waters they are in - "ain't hungry," as the homely phrase is. Here is the theory of an old angler on the subject:

"Of course, even during these off days of the trout, one will be caught now and then, but always on bait, and if the angler could see the fish when it takes the bait he would notice that it does it in a very perfunctory manner. The trout does not move out of its way in doing it, but mechanically takes the bait in much after the fashion of the sucker.

"Then, if the trout fisherman who makes a catch at such a time will open the trout and examine its stomach he will be surprised to find that instead of the fish being gorged with food, and hence indifferent to more, its stomach has not a trace of food in it.

"This will be found to be the case invariably, and disposes of the belief that when trout refuse to bite it is because they already are full of food. It would naturally be supposed that the best time to catch trout would be when they are hungry, and that the time when they are the hungriest would be when their stomachs are empty; yet, paradoxical as it may seem to be, such is not the case.

"It will be found that when trout are rising best to the fly, or are taking bait with most avidity, there is plenty of food in their stomachs, frequently so much, in fact, that it would seem impossible that any more could be taken in.

"Why this should be no one can tell. It is a fact, nevertheless, which any fisherman may easily verify by investigation."

A Revered "Father's" Joke.

A prominent Episcopalian clergyman who lives in Mount Airy, and whose severe clerical attire and smooth-shaven face frequently give rise to the belief that he is a priest of the Catholic church, is chuckling over an experience that befell him the other day. "I was going to the city," he said, "and seated directly in front of me in the train were a young Irish couple and a little child. The little one was very playful and peered roguishly at me over the back of the seat. From flirting with the little girl I got into conversation with the parents, and I noticed that to my questions they would reply: 'Yes, father,' or 'no, father.' Finally the mother plucked up sufficient courage to remark: 'You seem very fond of children, father.' 'Of course, I am,' I said. 'I have six of my own at home.' You should have seen them look at each other in horror." - Philadelphia Record.

One Good Reason.

"I don't see," said the first intellectual gentleman, "why people turn their noses up at the thought of eating locusts, yet devour the soft crab with avidity."

"It is because," explained the second individual, who was a natural-born reasoner, "the locust may be had for nothing, but the crab comes at a dollar a dozen, and hard to get at that." - Baltimore American.

Discovered at Once.

Police - What first called your attention to the fact that your house had been robbed? She - I missed my hand-mirror. - Town Topics.

PUZZLE PICTURE.



W. S. BROWN'S PUZZLE PICTURE. "A WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN USING THIS SAW" FIND THE CULPRIT.

SOME LONELY PLACES.

Island Homes Where the News of the World is News a Month After the Event.

The lighthouse keepers at Eddystone were 11 days late in learning the news of the peace in South Africa, but they may be quite early compared with St. Kilda, which may have still to learn that the war is really over. It is strange to think that, in this age of telegraphs and telephones, when messages are flashed round the world in less time than it takes a cabman to drive from St. Paul's to Charing Cross, there are still lonely parts of the empire many months removed from civilization, so isolated that no whisper of great events reaches them until they have taken their place in history, and are all but forgotten in the great world. More remarkable still is it that in these days of imperialism there should be, even in an empire which shelters one-fourth of the human race, a whole community quite forgotten, says St. James' Gazette.

Yet, "forgotten empire" is much more than a mere phrase. There is pathos as well as glory in empire. The entire population of a lonely island in the Pacific, over which the British flag flies, was found two or three years ago to be "close to death" through starvation. For nine months not a ship had called at the Palmerston islands, and though the heat killed all the coconuts trees and dried up every plant and vegetable which could be used as fruit, the people of the islands were cut off from the rest of the world, and from food supply of any kind. Somehow, in the shipping arrangements which embrace Palmerston islands, the place had been forgotten, and the situation of the people had become desperate when the relief arrived. The owner of the island had died the day before, and the whole population was starving when a calling vessel, happily named the Empire, brought them food.

The Eddystone lighthouse men, though left for 11 days without an historic piece of news, have never endured the bitter experience of the lighthouse men on Percy island, one of the many small islands on the Queensland coast. For months they were "forgotten," and the supplies which should have reached them in August arrived at the end of October, with the result that the unhappy men, 20 in number, were found almost delirious from lack of food. The food supply of Percy island is supposed to be delivered once a quarter, but no food arrived at the island after the first week in June, 1900, until a British sloop chanced to pass in October. The islanders managed to hail the vessel, which left behind an ample supply of provisions, and reminded the Queensland government of the lighthouse men, whose existence it had forgotten.

Won't Work in Rain.

"There's a queer thing about Italian laborers," said a contractor who employs a great many of them, "and that is that they absolutely refuse to work in the rain. Stop a minute and think. Did you ever see a gang of them working on the streets, digging trenches or doing any other manual labor, in the rain? Well, you never did, and probably never will. Just as soon as a shower sets in, no matter how slight, they will scramble for cover. If the rain continues they will soon complain of feeling sick, and knock off for the day. One fellow will have a sore throat, another will be doubled up with pains in his stomach, and others will suddenly acquire equally severe ailments of all sorts. It is useless to attempt to do anything with them, and pretty soon they will all go trooping home. Why is it? I suppose it's their natural antipathy to water." - Chicago Journal.

A Bad Job.

Sunday School Teacher - And Samson was shown of his strength and compelled to go into retirement. Why was this? Tommy - Cause he had his hair cut by a woman. That's enough to make any feller want to sneak off 'n' hide somewhere. - Philadelphia Press.

AMERICAN SELF-DECEIT.

A Failing Which Calls for the Exercise of Discipline of the Intellect.

Our self-deceit is a sign that we have neglected great interests connected with the intellect, says H. D. Sedgwick, Jr., in Atlantic. If our minds were used to study not merely material things, but also all other ideas that surround and vivify life, we should not be able to lead this amphibious existence of self-deceit, half in words and half in deeds. As contemplation is our help to see life as a whole, and our guide toward ripeness and completeness, so we may discover a help against self-deceit in the observance of discipline. Discipline is the constant endeavor to understand, the continual grapple with all ideas, the study of unfamiliar things, the search for unity and truth; it is the spirit which calls nothing common, which compels that deep respect for this seemingly infinite universe which the Bible calls the fear of the Lord. Discipline turns to account all labor, all experience, all pain; it is the path up the mountain of purgatory, from the top of which contemplation shows man life as a whole. Discipline teaches us to keep distinct and separate the permanent and the transitory; on the moral side discipline teaches us that right and wrong are not matters of sentimentality, that will and energy are untrustworthy guides. Discipline lies less in wooing success than in marriage to unsuccessful causes, unpopular aims, unflattering ends. Discipline is devotion to form; it teaches that everything from clay to the thought of man is capable of perfect form, and that the highest purpose of labor is to approach that form. Discipline will not let us narrow life to one or two ideas, it will not let us deceive ourselves, or put on the semblance of joy or grief like a Sunday coat.

"For the holy Spirit of Discipline will see deceit, and remove from thoughts that are without understanding, and will not abide when righteousness cometh in."

Discipline and contemplation bring life to that ripeness which is the foundation of happiness, of righteousness, of great achievement; they are the means by which, while we wait for the inspiration and leadership of great men, we may hope to piece out the brilliant but imperfect education provided by our industrial civilization, and help our sons to become, in Lowell's proud words, the finest race of gentlemen in the world.

VERY YOUNG SMOKERS.

Even Babies, Just Old Enough to Toddle Are Addicted to the Habit.

"Slumming to find out how the other half lives, has always been more or less of a society fad; yet, perhaps there are conditions even in sweet-smelling Detroit not generally understood. Why, I know of streets in this city in which nine out of ten persons, men, women and children, smoke. Even babies, just old enough to toddle, are addicted to the tobacco habit."

Such were the remarks introductory to a story by a gentleman whose work in the slums is not in any sense a fad, states the Free Press.

"Not long ago," said he, "I was talking with a woman who seemed a little more intelligent than her neighbors: 'Do your boys smoke?' I asked, not knowing for certain that there were boys, but knowing that in this street the home without boys was the exception.

"Not attempting to imitate her dialect - yes, they do," she said, "both of 'em. The oldest one isn't bad. He just smokes a pipe once in awhile. But my youngest boy, he does like tobacco! Why, every time he gets hold of five cents he goes right off to the store and buys one of them long black cigars, and sits right down and smokes it."

"Come to find out, the moderate pipe smoker had reached the discreet age of seven. The smoker of long, black cigars was 'vel'."

Low Rates to Minnesota and North Dakota

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The Skin and the Graft. "Truly," says the patient who is being skin-grafted, "surgical science is a wonderful thing." It is, says the friend who is helping out with the required skin. "First they skin me and then they graft you; but after you get well and they send in the bill you'll find that you've been skinned for their graft." - Judge.

Courtesy Rewarded.

Not many months ago \$1,000 was willed to a conductor of the Chicago & Alton Railway for being attentive and courteous. A somewhat similar circumstance has occurred. Mr. H. J. Titus, a steward on one of the "Alton's" dining-cars, recently had for a guest a gentleman to whom he unconsciously gave such polite attention as to attract his patron's notice. Upon arrival of the train in Chicago, this passenger, who was a big official of the Mobile & Ohio Railway, repaired to the general office of the Chicago & Alton Railway, and being assured of Mr. Titus' ability, promptly appointed the latter Superintendent of the Mobile & Ohio Railway. Mr. Titus assumes his new duties August 1st, with headquarters in Jackson, Tenn. He will be the youngest railway superintendent of dining-cars in the United States, his age being but twenty-four.

Not GUILTY.

Judge - I can see dissipation written on your face. Remus (frightened) - Yo' kin, sah? Well, deed Ah didn't write it, 'cause I can't spell seen a long word. - Chicago Daily News.

Splendid Opportunity to Visit Red River Valley.

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Couldn't Help It. "Did you ever take an oath," asked the judge. "Wance only, 'ur honor," replied the witness. "Big Moike swore at me from the top of a six-story building," and I couldn't have merely spit at him - so I had 't take it." - Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

What the Union Pacific is doing in engineering improvements is recommended to other companies that operate in parts of the country where no such difficulties are encountered as in the West. Straight roads are economic roads, and they invite traffic. The wild yanks and alarming rolls to which passengers are subject on some of these cause train sickness, which is a form of sea sickness, and headache, and they cause a rapid deterioration of cars and engines. Those railroads make the best bid for patronage that promise not merely speed, but comfort, and steadiness is the more comfortable, because it indicates security. We have been eager to extend the mileage of this country. Now we might show some expediency in reducing it by following the example of the Union Pacific in straightening needless turns and lowering or raising needless grades. - Brooklyn Eagle.

An Exchange - Mother (who has been out for the day) - "Tommy, did you take that medicine that I told you to, when I was away?" Tommy - "No, ma. Willie Jones came in, and he liked it so, I exchanged it with him for a sour apple." - The King.

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Wordless Thoughts.

"Remember, my son," said the old man to his offspring, who was going forth into the world to do for himself and to do others, "that there are times when it is best to saw wood and say nothing."

"That's right, dad," replied the wise innocent. "If a fellow was to say what he thinks while sawing wood, it might affect his standing in the church." - Chicago Daily News.

Harvest Hand Excursions.

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