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#### MEASURING MEDICINE.

Where They Still Take a A man went into a New York drug

store and asked the clerk for a remedy for indigestion. The clerk sifted a pink powder into the scales,

"Take a heaping dimeful of this," he said. "It will bring you around all right."

The man's astonishment was almost powerful enough to drive away the indigestion without the aid of the pow-

"A dimeful?" he ejaculated. "What kind of a newfangled system of measarement is that you have here?"

"It isn't new," replied the clerk. "And it is very simple. Just take a dime and pile as much of this powder on it as will stick. That will be the proper dose. You couldn't get it any more exact if you measured for half an hour with scales and spoons."

"Well," said the customer, "this is a new one on me." Then he proceeded to measure out a dose of the pink powder. As he did so a man standing close beside him sighed reminiscently.

"It makes me feel young to see you do that," he said. "They used to measure medicine that way when I was a kid. I supposed modern appliances had driven all those old methods of measrement out of the market."

"Not at all," said the clerk. "There are lots of places where they still take medicine by the dimeful."

#### MANAGEMENT OF WIVES.

What the Tactful Husband Door When His Helpmoet Weeps.

One thing the tactful husband does is to let his wife cry. I don't mean that he drives her to crying or that he leta ber weep while he stands unsympathetically by with his hands in his trousers pockets, his feet apart and grinning sardonically. I mean that when an emotional woman needs a good cry he realizes that it will relieve the tension. He does not get up and rage about and kick footstools out of the way and say, "Oh, for heaven's sake, stop crying or you'll drive me to drink!"

No. He goes and pats her shoulder soothingly and says:

"There, little woman! I'm sorry the cook has left and your new gown hooks up crookedly, but cheer up. Let's go out and have a jolly little dinner, and tomorrow I'll write that tailor a letter that will make his bair curl."

Then she looks up through her tears and thinks how handsome and big and strong and glorious he is, and before the dinner is over she has thought up two ways in which to economize and so pay for the extravagance of his order to the watter, for the common purse is not elastic, and she knows it. -Lilian Bell in Harper's Bazar.

### THE ANCIENT DRAGON.

its Nearest Bepresentative Now is the Bast Indian Tree Lizard.

The pterodactyl, whose fossil remains have been found in the chalk at Cambridge, England, and elsewhere, with a very varied spread of wings, which in the largest specimens must have reached twenty-five feet, is almost identical with the dragon of

bat-like creature, with an elevated body and long neck ending in an absurdly small head with a portentous beak, it could run very swiftly, was a fish eater, and could swim, or it flew by means of huge membranous wings, which connected its long fore quarters with its hind legs.

The nearest representative now of the ancient dragon is the tree lizard of the East Indies, which resembles its fossil ancestors in form, but is infinitely smaller in size. The pterodactyl itself, however, evidently existed down to a comparatively recent geological period, and it is not at all mprobable that the traditional dragon is described from the last living specimens, as met with by primitive man. -London Telegraph.

The Window of Bubon

A lady and her little daughter were walking through Grosvenor square when they came to a portion of the road strewn with straw. "What's that for, ma?" said the child, to which the mother replied, "The lady who lives in that house, my dear, has had a little baby girl sent to her." The child walked along for a few yards and then, turning and nodding at the straw, said, "Awfully well packed, ma!"-St.

Sympathetic or Otherwis "Oh, just listen to me," finally ex-claimed Mrs. Chatters self reproachfully, "annoying you with all this talk about Mrs. Nexdore's shameful treatment of me and all my other troubles!"
"Not at ail, my dear," replied the
man rather ambiguously. "I'm glad to
hear it."—Philadelphia Press.

Imposing. "I'll have you know that I belong

to Chicago," said the stranger.
"'Deed, an' wha'd has thocht it?" quoth the skeptic Scot. "Frae the wey e've been speaking I thocht Chicago belonged the you."-Glasgow Times.

Putting Him Right.

"Next time I marry," said the widow-"Tou don't want a wife," replied his d. "What you want is a folding Houston Post

Offering Her a Hand. The Post-When would you consider is the best time to offer a girl your hand? Practical Cuss-When she's setting out of a bus, I should say.— New Yorker.

Titles of honor add not to his worth who is an honor to his title.—Ford.

#### THE TRICKY GROUSE.

Be Has Hundreds of Devices Por Eluding the Hunter.

The grouse has a hundred tricks of defense. It will lie still until the hunter is within a yard of it, then soar straight upward in his front, towering like a woodcock; again, it will rise forty yards away, and the sound of its wings is his only notice of its presence. It will cower upon a branch under which he passes, and his cap will be not more than a foot below it as be coes, and, though it has seen him approaching, it will remain quiescent in fear until his back is turned. It will rush then, and when be has slewed himself hurriedly around he will catch only a glimpse of a brown broad wing far away.

Wounded and falling in the open, it will be found-if it is found at allwith the telltale speckles of its breast against the trunk of some brown tree, against which its feathers are indistinguishable, and the black ruff about the neck of the male will be laid against the darkest spot of the bark. Often it will double like a fox; often as a man draws near it will spring noiselessly into some spruce and hide until he passes, dropping then to the ground and continuing its feeding; often, too, it will decline to take wing, though unhurt, and will run fast for half a mile-so fast that the most expert woodsman will be unable to keep pace with it. This it will only do on eafy ground and never when snow would betray its tracks.—Outing.

#### FEAT OF A MACGREGOR.

derful Physical Strength That

Was Used to Good Purpo Sir William MacGregor was the hero of such an adventure as one expects ordinarily to read about only in fiction of a certain hue.

The steamship Syria, with a lot of Indian coolies on board, struck on a rock about twelve hours from Suva, the capital of Fiji.

Dr. MacGregor, then acting colonial ecretary, organized a relief expedition, clambered over a broken mast that was the only path to the emigrants and again and again returned with a man or woman on his back and sometimes a child, beld by its clothes between his

A man of vast physical strength, MacGregor wanted it all for his final feat. Down below on the reef was a woman who had fallen overboard, had got at the spirits and was mad with drink. The captain of the ship and a police officer who had gone after ber were being swept out to sea. Mac-Gregor slid down a rope, caught the knot of the woman's hair in his teeth and with his bands seized the two men and dragged them both into safety. He went back to Suva in a borrowed suit of pajamas, having left all his clothes and a good deal of his skip on the coral

Modest, like many heroes, MacGregor left himself out of his own report, and it was from the governor that the queen first beard the whole story.

Woes of an Editor.

When a newspaper tells the simple truth about a bad man who is trying to get into a public place where be can steal, the truth is called "attack." the facts of his past career are printed to show the people what they may expect, the editor who prints these facts is abused, and the rascal poses as a martyr. When a man turns out wrong. as the editor said be would, if the editor says his prophecies came true, the people accuse him of persecuting a man and "kicking him when he is down." Yet if the paper says nothing about bad men who are trying to rob the people they say that the editor is bought off and that he has taken bush money.—Emporia Gasette.

### Imitation Perfum

"It may seem peculiar," said a perfumery manufacturer, "but perfumes are adulterated and imitated just as baking powder and other things are. For instance, we make a high grade carnation pink perfume from the flowers themselves. This, of course, is costly, but the perfume retains its odor, and a handkerchief that has been scented with it will retain the perfume even after it is washed. A bot iron will bring out the odor again. Now, a perfume that is just as good to all first appearances and that for ten minutes will have the same effect can be made out of the oil of cloves mixed with alcobol. At the end of ten minutes the odor will be gone."-Milwaukee Sen-

The Piret Gingerhread.

The homely luxury, gingerbread, has been popular ever since the fourteenth century. It was then made and sold in Paris. In those days it was prepared with rye meal made into a dough, and ginger and other spices, with sugar or honey, were knesded into it. It was introduced into England by the court of Henry IV. for their festivals and was soon brought into general use, treacle being after a time employed in the manufacture instead of honey.

Bookie-So, y'see, if the 'orse starts at fifteen to one you get fifteen quid, ten to one you get ten quid, five to one five. D'y'see? The Innocent—Oh, yes. I see perfectly. But what do I get if the horse starts at 1 o'clock exactly 1-London Hitstrated Bits.

Widow Wixen-Yes, Henry died quite reconciled. I was at his bedside until the last moment. Dumley (meaning to be complimentary)-Ah, that socounts for it.-Boston Transcript.

Most men postpone happiness until the future, and the future never comes. -Epicurus.

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### SAILOR AND HORSE.

How the Bettred Sea Captain Made

"Horses Nine" Sewell Ford tells how a retired sea captain bought a horse. The story runs: As one who inspects an unfamiliar object Captain Clifford, Arlington, Buckingham, Ash-Bean looked desedly at Barnacies. At the same time Barnacles inspected the captain. With head lowered to know level, with ears cocked forward, nos-trils sniffing and under lip twitching almost as if he meant to laugh, Barnacles eyed his prospective owner.

Captain Bean squirmed under the gase of Barnacles' big, calm eye for a oment, and then shifted his position. "What in time does he want anyway, Jed?" demanded the captain.

"Wants to git acquainted, that's all. cap'n. Mighty knowin' hoss, he is. Now, some hosses don't take notice of anything. They're jest naturally dumb. Then ag'in you'll find hosses that seem to know every blamed word you say. Them's the kind of bosses that's wuth havin'.

"S'nose be knows all the ropes, Jed?" "I should say he did, cap'n. If there's anything that boss ain't done in his day, I don't know what 'tis. Near's I can find out he's tried every kind of work, in or out of traces, that you could think of."

"Must be some old by your tell," suggested the captain. "Sure his timbers are all sound?"

"Dunno 'bout his timbers, cap'n, but se fer wind an' limb you won't find a sounder hoss of his age in this county. Course I'm not sellin' him fer a four-Again Captain Bean tried to look

critically at the white horse, but once more he met that calm, curious gaze, and the attempt was hardly a suc However, the captain squinted solemn ly over Barnacles' withers and re

"Yes, he has got some good lines, as you say, though you wouldn't hardly call him clipper built. Not much sheer for ard an' a leetle too much aft, ch?" At this criticism Jed snorted mirthfully.

"Oh, I s'pose he's all right," quickly added the captain. "Fact is I ain't never paid much attention to horses, bein' on the water so much. You're sure be'll mind his belm, Jed?"

"Oh, he'll go where you p'int him." "Won't drag anchor, will he?" "Stand all day if you'll let him." "Well, Jed, I'm ready to sign articles, I guess."

### ORIGIN OF OLD SAYINGS.

The Honeymoon.-For thirty days after a wedding the ancient Teutons had a custom of drinking a mead made of boney. The Bridegroom.-In primitive times

the newly wedded man had to wait upon his bride and the guests on his wedding day. He was their groom. Sirloin of Beef.-King Charles I., be-

ing greatly pleased with a roast loin of beef set before him, declared it "good enough to be knighted." It has ever since been called Sir Loin. A Spinster.-Women were prohibited from marrying in olden times until

they had spun a full set of bed furnishings on the spinning wheel; hence, till married, they were spinsters. Cabal-This word was coined in Charles II.'s reign and applied to his cabinet council. It was made out of the initials of their names, which were:

ley, Lauderdale. Disraell's Devoted Wife On the way down to Hatfield Mrs. Disraeli had a fall on the premises of a dealer in marble and cut her face most severely. When she reached her desti-nation she took her hostess aside and said: "My husband is preparing a great speech. If he finds out that I have had. this accident he will be quite upset. I want you take me straight up to my room and say I've a beadache. He has

lost his eyegiass, and if you put me a long way from him at dinner he will never see what condition I am in." The plan answered admirably, and Disraeli did not find out what had happened for two days.-Diary of Sir Mountstuart Grant Duff.

"And when we're married," he said, "we'll have to take a nice little flat up town somewhere.

"Oh, no, Henry," she replied, "we'll simply have to live somewhere in the country, because I'm sure one of our wedding presents will be a lawn mower. Mrs. Subbubs as much as told me she was going to give us one."-Philadelphia Press.

Out Bates

Patient (regarding his lacerated face in the mirror)-You surely are not going to charge me full price for that shave? Barber-Ain't 1? Why not? Patient-I think you ought to give me cut rates!

Unsuitable Busine Doctor-What are you by profession? Patient—Oh, I'm<del>-er-er-a</del> gentleman. Doctor-I should try something else then. It doesn't agree with you.-New

The One Thing Heedful.

Teacher—Johnnie, if you were a man and had \$5,000 and wanted to buy a \$10,000 house, what would you ne

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He-For the perfect enjoyment of love there must be complete confidence. She-I have heard pa say identically the same thing about sausages.