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It is of course true that a jury, theoretically, is composed of a set of unprejudiced men, with open minds; still there may be occasions when a slight personal feeling invades their ranks. Such was evidently the thought borne in upon the tailor who, rising to state his case and having declined the services of a lawyer for reasons best known to himself, looked over the jurymen and then turned to the judge.
"It's no use for me to tell you about this case, your honor," he said dejectedly, "not unless you dismiss that jury and get in a new lot. There isn't a man among 'em but owes me something for clothes."

Badly Brought Up Soldiers.
During an official massacre at the village of Koukliah the Turkish commandant—a fat major—slept and smoked in the shade of a tree near the scene of carnage. The trumpet sounded for the assault, and the soldiers proceeded to rob, kill, burn and violate. The trumpet next sounded the retreat, but the troop refused to obey, and the fat major continued to sleep and smoke. When spoken to about the excesses of his men, he replied: "What can one do? They are so badly brought up!"—Paris Maceoigne.

Level Oyster Parties.
Oyster parties are the great diversion of the Spanish gentlemen who pay family visits to Vigo. The party goes out in a large flat bottomed boat. Then the oysters are fished up, opened and eaten on the spot, and a prize goes to the guest who can show most shells at the end of the day. In excuse it may be said that the Vigo oyster is small, for a prize winner will sometimes show as many as 200 shells.

A Waste of Breath.
"You can always tell an Englishman," began the Britisher boastfully. "But it would only be a waste of breath," interrupted the Yankee, "because he thinks he knows it all."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Weak Human Nature.
From many selections from Marcus Aurelius we choose this as showing his keen insight into this weak human nature of ours: "I have often wondered how it is that every man loves himself more than all the rest of men, but yet sets less value on his own opinion of himself than on the opinion of others."

A Luxury.
"But," objected the heiress, "I have been accustomed to every luxury." "That's all the more reason why you should marry me," replied the impetuous suitor. "I'm a luxury myself."—Philadelphia Record.

MATCHING SHADES.

Not to Purchase and Use the Goods, but to Dodge Them.

Before trying to match the sample of silk the clerk asked:

"Is this a piece of something you want or something you don't want?"

"Something I want, of course," replied the customer, with asperity. "You don't suppose, do you, that I would go to all this trouble for a thing I can't use?"

"Some folk do," said the clerk. "I've met a number of them. The first woman I ever saw with that kind of hair in her bonnet had a square inch of blue silk that she wanted me to match. The scrap of silk was so small that it was hard to make comparisons, but after hauling down half the blue bolts on the shelves and running to the door several times to test the color in broad daylight I found the exact shade.

"How many yards do you want, madam?" I asked.

"Oh," said the woman, "I don't want any. Almost any other piece will do. That particular shade is very unbecoming. I just wanted to make sure that I don't get it, that's all."

The customer laughed. "What did you say?" she asked.

"I'd rather not tell," said the clerk. "Anyhow, since then I have been cautious. Before matching a sample now I inquire as politely as possible into a customer's intentions. If it's a case of 'don't want' I don't hurt myself matching the shade."—New York Press.

Napoleon and Mothers.

A charming story is told of Napoleon which illustrates well his reverence for mothers, whom he rightly regarded as the "makers of men." When his army lay at Boulogne an English sailor who had been taken prisoner tried to escape on a rude sort of skiff which he had contrived with bits of wood and the bark of trees. Hearing of the poor fellow's unsuccessful attempt, Napoleon had him brought into his presence, and he then inquired whether the man had really intended to try to cross the channel in such a frail little boat. The sailor replied that he had meant to try in order to see his mother, who was old and infirm. "You shall see her," said Napoleon, "and take her this money from me, for she must be a good mother to have such an affectionate son."

The Hedgehog's Frown.

A hedgehog curls itself up by a frown—that is, by muscles like those which produce a frown—and it frowns severely or gently, according to circumstances. If it is poked hard it "sighs" itself tighter. If really hurt it frowns into a tight ball. The prickles can be erected in a measure, though as they point all ways this is not needed. They are as sharp as needles. We have only known one dog, a large black and white setter, which would deliberately bite a hedgehog till it killed it. But this dog was quite mad and shared some of the anaesthesia common to certain lunatics.—London Spectator.

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