

HOW TO DO IT.
A METHOD IN SOME OF OUR DRUG STORES.

"I noticed," said the druggist, to his assistant, "that a gentleman came in with a prescription, and that you took it and gave him the stuff in about three minutes. What do you mean by that?"

"It was only a little carbolic acid and water," replied the assistant. "I simply had to pour a few drachms of acid into the bottle and fill it up with water."

"Never mind if you had only to do that," the druggist declared. "Don't you know that every prescription must take at least half an hour to dispense, at the customer's risk he's getting anything for his money?"

"When a prescription for salt and water or peppermint and cough syrup is handed to you, you must look at it doubtfully, as if it were very hard to make up. Then you must bring it to me and we will both read it and shake our heads. After that you go back to the customer and ask him if he wants it today. When he says he does, you answer that you'll make a special effort."

"Now, a patient appreciates a prescription that there has been so much trouble over, and when he takes it he derives some benefit from it. But don't you do any more of that three minute prescription business, my boy, if you want to become a first-class druggist."

SUNSET ON POPOCATAPETI
There is almost no twilight in Mexico. You watch the sun, a blazing orb, descending with growing swiftness, and wreathed in a veil of fire, toward the horizon, writes Lee Woodward Zeigler in Recreation. Suddenly it begins to drop behind the distant mountains and the shadows advance across the plain, swallowing up the landscape in mellow gloom. The shadow draws near and nearer—envelops the town. Behind you the sky is still lit up with rosy beams—A line of shadow creeps swiftly on the rugged sides of the old Popocatepeti, obscuring completely the base of the mountain as it advances. Up, up to the snow-capped crest, deepening in tint, until at last it hangs like a great opal against the darkening sky. A moment it remains so, glowing and quivering as on fire—grows smaller and is gone. Night has come!

Through the dusky evening you seek your hotel, passing on the road-side silent figures of the night. "Adios, señor." Their soft-voiced greeting falls upon your ear like a benediction.

A GLANCE HOMEWARD.
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for the Homeland beyond the river. May the fact that we are Homeward bound fill us with joy, comfort us in sorrow, Arm us for difficulties and purify our every thought, word and action. Let the prodigal feel that Thy great heart is still yearning and that he may yet return and sit down in the father's House. Guide us step by step up the ladder of light and at last admit us to the hospitality of Thy Light, for Jesus' sake, Amen.

BUTCHER IS HUMOROUS.
Look here, butcher, this meat is half bone."
"You are mistaken, sir. That is good meat."
"Batheration! Do you suppose I don't know bone when I see it? I say this is bone!"

"Yes, certainly that's bone. The bone is bone but the meat isn't. You said the meat was half bone."—Chicago Journal.

A RURAL CONVERSATION.
"Hey, boy, where's your brother?"
"In the barn shootin' horses."
"Where's your mother?"
"In the back yard, shootin' chickens."
"Where's your father?"
"In the hammock, shootin' flies."

OVERHEARD BY THE OFFICE-BOY.
"The editor looks downcast. What's the matter with him?"
"He received a letter yesterday informing him of an inheritance, and in the rush he replied: Declined with thanks."—Translated for Tales From Meggendorfer Blaetter.

HE TALKS BACK.
"So let that settle it," Mrs. Henpeck concluded; "a little word to the wise is sufficient."
"Yes, my dear," replied Henpeck, "and to the average married man a word in edgewise is sufficient."—Philadelphia Press.

GETS WHAT HE LIKES.
"Jones grumbles at cold weather?"
"Yes."
"And he grumbles at hot weather?"
"Yes."
"What does he like?"
"He likes to grumble."—Chicago Journal.

TOLD IN CONFIDENCE.
The Caller—"The man who wrote that poem you printed yesterday didn't know what he was talking about."
The Editor—"Of course not. Otherwise it wouldn't have been poetry."—Chicago Daily News.

EXTRAORDINARY.
"But is Eva really such a pretty girl?"
"Pretty! Why, she would look pretty on a photograph taken on an outing trip."—Chicago Daily News.

NAMING THE TWINS.
THE BRIGHT BOY OF SEVEN HAD NAMES FOR THEM.

Carl was a boy of seven years—at least the story gives him no more—who lived on the Black Bay in Boston and he was greatly excited when he heard three twins were born in a neighboring house. He asked all manner of questions of his school teacher about the subject until he formed a fair estimate as to what twins really were. With great impatience he waited until evening came, in order to tell his father the wonderful news. He ended his burst of information by saying eagerly:

"I got names for them! If they were mine, I'd call them 'Peter' and 'Repetter'!"

"That's very nice," said the father, pleased with his son's bright ideas. "But what if they are both girls?" Carl's answer was by no means dangerous. After awhile he pulled his father's evening paper away. "If they were both girls," he said solemnly, "I'd call 'em 'Kate' and 'Duplicate'!"

"But, Carl," said the father, "I am sorry, but I understand that one is a boy and the other is a girl."
Chagrined, but by no means daunted, Carl went and curled himself up on the sofa to think out the new complications. All at once he burst out:

"Papa, if one was a baby boy and the other could be a baby girl, I'd—I'd call 'em 'Max' and 'Climax'!"—Selected.

SECRET OF COURAGE.
In the faith that, although life is a mystery, it is not a muddle, for God is in His world bringing order out of apparent chaos; in the reverence which trusts and obeys God, mingled with the affection which clings to Him and rejoices in Him; in the will set to do God's will and have a little share in God's work of healing, helping, conquering love, is found the secret of a courage which no dangers can daunt, a patience which no delays can exhaust, and a confidence which no disappointments can destroy.—Outlook.

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT.
"Yes," said the married man, meditatively, "when you see a woman hanging out a line of clothes, and the line slips and lets the blessed load down in the mud, that, my boy, is the psychological moment in which to leave that woman alone."—Chicago Journal.

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LET HER SKIRTS FLY.
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When the wind was in its most capricious mood yesterday afternoon a woman at that mysterious age when her friends speak of her as "well preserved," made a dash around the Fifth Avenue corner of the Flatiron Building. Her gown was the lightest of summer muslins, and on her head she wore a marvelous creation of gauze and flowers.

Every vagabond breeze in that vicinity instantly saw an opportunity to do stunts. Sooner than it takes to tell it, the summer muslin was describing the most alarming serial flights. But its owner, a hand on either side of her hat, kept on as stubbornly as though such a display of open-work hosiery were an every day affair.

"Madam," cried another woman, rushing up to her, holding her own draperies in a tight embrace, "you are probably not aware of it, but your skirts are above your knees."

"I don't care," retorted the other, never moving a finger from the flower-laden bonnet. "I've had these legs for forty-eight years, but I have just bought this hat and paid \$18 for it. I don't mean to lose it."—New York World.

RATHER POINTED.
Law's delay is the lawyer's meat. Some people mistake patience for sense. Most men who pay as they go are very slow travelers. Gossip and ice cream open many feminine mouths. No man with a torpid liver can be a successful optimist.

It sometimes happens that a man lies when he smiles and says nothing. A woman in politics is about as ornamental as a diamond in a mud puddle. There would be no such thing as a silent tomb if women had their way. It's easier for a wise man to act foolish than it is for a foolish man to act wise. If all donkeys had long ears it would be necessary to change the style of masculine headgear.

Society people make as much fuss about getting married as theatrical people do in getting divorced. Most people are satisfied with what they have. It's what they haven't that causes their dissatisfaction.

CRUEL MAN.
Husband—"What! Do you mean to say you haven't decided yet what to do in that matter?"
Wife—"Just leave me alone for a few minutes. I want to make up my mind."
Husband—"Hum! I'm afraid you'll have to use a microscope."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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