

BOILED IT DOWN

The Sign as It Was Designed and as It Appeared. A journeyman hatter, a companion of Dr. Franklin, was obliged to set up in business for himself and wished to have an appropriate sign to put over his door.

The first that he showed it to objected to the word "hatter," because it was followed by the words "makes hats," which sufficiently explained that he was a hatter. The word was struck out.

The next said that the word "makes" was useless, because the customers would not care who made the hats so long as they were satisfactory and the price was not too high. He struck that out also.

The third man said that the words "for ready money" might as well go, as it was not the custom to sell hats on credit; every one who bought expected to pay. These words taken out, and the inscription read, "John Thompson Sells Hats."

His next friend said "sells" might as well come out, because nobody expected him to give them away. What, then, was the use of the word? "Sells" was accordingly struck out and "hats" was all that remained, following "John Thompson."

Even this, short as it was, was further diminished, and the sign finally stood, "John Thompson," with the figure of the hat following it—Harper's Round Table.

HIS THREE WIVES.

They Were All in One Picture, but Did Not Stay There. Allan Cunningham, in his "Lives of British Painters," tells a story of Copley, the father of Lord Chancellor Lyndhurst, which reveals what a portrait painter endures from the vanity and eccentricity of his sitters.

A certain man had himself, his wife and seven children painted by Copley in a family piece. "It wants but one thing," said the man, on seeing the finished picture, "and that is the portrait of my first wife—this one is my second."

"But," replied the artist, "she is dead. What can I do? She must come in as an angel."

"Oh, no; no angels for me. She must come in as a woman." The portrait was added, but several months elapsed before the man again called at Copley's studio, and when he did, a strange lady held on to his arm.

"I must have another likeness from your hand, Copley," said he. "An accident befell my second wife; this lady is my third, and she has come to have her likeness included in the family picture."

The painter introduced the likeness of wife No. 3, and the man expressed himself satisfied with the portraits of his three spouses. But the lady remonstrated. Never was such a thing heard of. Her predecessor must go. The artist painted them out; then the man disputed the price. Copley sued him, and his son, the future Lord Lyndhurst, signified his call to the bar by gaining his father's cause.

You Can Boil Anything. A successful experiment was made at Columbia university in boiling away a silver dime. The dime was cut in strips and laid in the cup of one of the carbons of the arc light. The pointed carbon of the arc was placed above this and a strong current turned on. Under the intense heat the dime melted, simmered and then boiled like water. In two minutes it had boiled away into vapor. Professor Fupin, who conducted the experiment, declares that platinum, on earth, even granite rock, may be boiled away in similar fashion if only sufficient heat is brought to bear on it. He also stated that any gas or liquid would freeze if it could be submitted to sufficient cold.

Compliments of a Corpse. "I spent one summer at an obscure place in the Virginia mountains," said the business woman to me, "and I took with me a maid whose home was somewhere near. One day she came to me and asked for a day's leave. I asked her where she was going, and she very proudly drew from her pocket a sheet of paper on which was written, with a superabundance of flourishes:

"Miss Sellina Jackson respectfully requests the honor of your company at the funeral of Miss Amanda Juliana Jackson, Friday morning at 10—Washington Post."

A Sure Test. The schoolmaster put to his class the question: "Two jars of gas, one containing nitrogen and one carbon dioxide are given. How may the gases be discriminated?"

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Quite a Side Show. Missouri is said to be the best circus state in the Union. This may account for the pleasing tradition that a Missourian has to be shown.—St. Louis Globes-Democrat.

THE PHONOGRAPH.

Some of the Puzzles That the Interesting Invention Presents. "There are lots of mysterious things about the phonograph that puzzle even those who are most familiar with their mechanism," remarked a gentleman who has had long experience in the talking machine business.

"As a matter of fact, no scientist has ever been able to explain exactly why the thing talks. They say a 'duplicate vibration' is set up, but when you pin them down they all are obliged to admit that they don't know why the operation of the transmitter should produce any such result. Then, again, the difficulty in recording certain tones has always been a puzzle.

"The most improved form of the machine has, as you know, an extremely large cylinder, nearly four times the size of the ordinary one, and for some unknown reason it very materially increases the volume of sound. It would seem, then, to be a logical inference that the bigger the cylinder the louder the tone, and, proceeding on that theory, a very bright young electrician of this city started the other day to build an instrument that was really gigantic.

"He put it together without much trouble and made an experimental cylinder nearly a foot in diameter. I was present when he was operating the part of the machine worked perfectly, and a beautifully engraved record was secured, but when the transmitter was attached we were astonished to find that the sound was barely audible. As nearly as we could figure it out the tone was magnified up to a certain point by making the cylinder larger, but beyond that the process was reversed, and it was progressively diminished. Queried, wasn't it?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE FRENCH MENAGE.

Complaint That It Is Not the Model Affair Claimed For It. An English writer who has evidently suffered in the past from indigestion long extolled the merits of the French housekeeper, which, if it be thrift, is, according to his notion, pernicious economy. He considers the meager meals served and reserved until the last scrap is consumed which make up the course dinner of the French people most unsatisfactory and far from appetizing.

"It has been said," he quotes, "that a French housekeeper will serve a grilled chicken foot, making it a substantial course." This he denies—not the service, but the substantial part of it.

As to the soup of the provincial French home, he asserts it is not a thing to be described by the uninitiated, and it is certainly not meant for a delicate palate. It tastes like hot water in which quantities of cabbage have been boiled. "Often," he goes on to affirm, "I've not only seen but often tasted a soup of that which has been used in the making of the soup."

This testimony is borne out by American travelers, who get very tired of soup meat as a dinner dish. For the favoring and finishing of a dish the French are doubtless unsurpassed, but the allegation that the sauce is made more important than the substantial and that the garnishing takes precedence over the dish it surrounds is not without considerable foundation. The well known story of the French cook who won a wager by serving a boot heel scraped and stewed and simmered and finally served with an entrancing sauce is a good illustration of much French cooking.

A Wise Course. Blimms—Yes, I always make it a rule to be prepared for the worst. Hamby—If I were in your place, I'd do the same thing. There's no telling when that stupid office boy of yours may go to sleep and let some collector send his way in.—Chicago News.

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