

**Cook's Revenge.**

In the peaceful quietude of a summer evening, a red-faced cook put her head out of the window of a suburban house and shouted: "Thieves! Police!" at the top of her lungs.

Instantly all was confusion. The neighbors left their houses, and a springing policeman came reluctantly up the steps of an area opposite and commenced a search for the marauders.

But not a soul could he find. Everything in the house was in apple-pie order, and, after looking about for some time, he left in disgust.

"Martha, why in the world did you give that false alarm?" her mistress asked her afterwards.

"To have my revenge on the police man, ma'am," Martha candidly confessed. "The brute's thrown me over for the cook across the way, and he was just sitting down to supper there when I called out 'Police!' and made him run. Now the grub will be cold, and I know from experience, ma'am, that if there's anything on earth that gets Robert wish himself dead, it's cold rabbit-pie!"—Tit-Bits.

Necessary Secrecy.

"I witnessed a queer episode this afternoon," said the city cousin who was visiting in Wayoverbehind. "As I was strolling past an alley I heard, emanating from the open door of a barn, such peculiar sounds that I was moved to investigate. Peering in, I discovered a portly man standing on a box, sawing the air with elaborate gestures and at the same time shouting defiantly and whispering hissing. And the strangest part was that he was not saying an intelligible word, but was uttering meaningless babble, like 'Hobsony-gobbeny, shing, shang, tundigo poo!' and so on."

"Oh, that's Hon. Heck Hooper," replied the village cousin, "and that gibberish is a sort of a cipher. You see, he is running for the legislature and is practicing up a new speech which he expects to be a soddogator. And he's afraid his opponents will steal his well-chosen words before he gets his oration down pat"—Kansas City Star.

Hint Brought Results.

The sexton of a certain church the other afternoon had conducted a party round the ancient edifice, and, despite dropping more than one "gentle hint," it appeared as if the sexton was to go unrewarded.

In the porch the leader of the party paused a moment.

"I suppose," he said, "you've been here many years?"

"Forty," replied the old man, "an' it's a werry strange thing as whenever I'm a-showing a party out of the porch they allus asks me that question or (with emphasis) the other."

"Indeed!" smiled the visitor. "And what may the other be?"

"What I calls question number two," replied the sexton, calmly, "is just this—Samwell, is tips allowed? And Samwell allus answers, 'Tips is al lowed!'"

One hint was taken, so was the tip.

Correct Heat Records.

Why does a weather bureau thermometer show lower temperatures in hot weather than the thermometer at the corner drug store? asks the Popular Science Monthly. When discrepancies exist, they are due chiefly to the fact that the official thermometer is installed in a wooden cage where it is open to the air, but screened from both direct sunshine and the heat reflected from surrounding buildings.

Only under such conditions does a thermometer measure accurately the temperature of the air.

A thermometer in the sunshine becomes much hotter than the air around it, and its reading simply tells us how hot the instrument is not how hot the air is. In large cities the weather bureau thermometer is often installed on the roof of a high building, where the temperatures differ somewhat from those prevailing at the street level. The object sought in this arrangement is to obtain a record of the natural temperature of the locality in general, rather than the artificial temperatures of the city.

Had a Voice in the Matter.

Sammy:—Do you think your father would object to my marrying you?

Sally—I couldn't say, Sammy. If he's anything like me, he would."

Dallas News.

No Material Handy.

Mrs. Concup, can't you give us just a little "sue" of your travels?"

"I'm awful sorry, but all our boxes of souvenirs ain't come home yet."

Club Has Unusual Rules.

Unusual rules have been adopted by the Thimble Bee club of 20 members, of Florence, Pa. Any member who is a musician and does not bring her favorite instrument or song to the meeting is to be fined. All must have their fancy work, the membership of the organization being limited to young women.

Growth of Esperanto.

The literature of Esperanto has increased from 29 books in 1890 to 2,500 in 1914, and during the last three or four years six full-length original novels have been published in the language.

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Aeroplanes to Guide Ships.

Aeroplanes for sighting icebergs and icefields, to enable a ship to steer clear of them, are being seriously considered by a Norwegian steamship company that has many difficulties from ice. The steamers of the line ply to Siberian ports by an Arctic ocean route, which is badly blocked by ice floes in some seasons.

Under the present method, when foes are sighted by the lookout, the steamer has to cruise back and forth until it finds a way through or around the floes, and much time is thus lost.

The proposal is to have an aeroplane on each steamer and to have one of the crew trained to fly. When ice is sighted the aeroplane would go up and the airman could in many instances see that in a certain direction the water was clear, or perhaps even determine the entire extent of the floes. His report would then enable the captain to fix the shortest route round the obstruction.

Methods of launching an aeroplane from the deck of a vessel are still imperfect, and other obvious difficulties appear; but the company has the idea in mind and hopes it may find it feasible.

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Sealed proposals will be received at the office of City Manager by the City Council of the City of Hickory until March 6th, 1917, at 7:30 p.m., for the erection and completion of an Electric Power line, approximately 12,000 feet, consisting of No. 6 triple grade weather proof wire and three 15 K. W. transformers from 2200 to 220 volts, two single throw triple pole switches, six single pole lighting arrestors, one starting compensator, one ammeter. Details of above construction can be obtained by applying at the office of City Manager.

City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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