

SITTING ON THE STILE

She turned the music swiftly o'er,
Her lovely color came and went,
She tossed her jaunty hat aside
And sat before the instrument.
The ivory keys, her ivory hands
Touched with a master touch, the while
With sweetest voice she sang that sweet
Old song, "I'm Sitting on the Stile."

He softly stole within the room
To hear her sing; entranced he sat
Upon the most convenient chair,
The chair that held her jaunty hat.
She turned and looked with anguished
eyes,
He turned and looked with sickly smile,
Beheld the ruin he had wrought
And said, "I'm Sitting on the Style."
—Mrs. George Archibald, in *Tid-Bits*.

PITH AND POINT.

Weather report—A clap of thunder.
A question of moment.—What time is it?

The reason that tramps are so poverty-stricken and wretched is because they don't advertise.—*Puck*.

"I don't see the point, but I realize its force," said a man when a bee settled on the back of his neck.—*Philadelphia Call*.

The man who wants but little here below may feel tolerably confident that the desire will be granted.—*Detroit Free Press*.

We are sometimes almost led to think that the busiest men in a community are those who never do anything.—*Philadelphia Call*.

When a man starts out to lecture he puts on a dress suit. A woman before starting to lecture puts on a night-gown.—*Boston Courier*.

A young man who has a good deal of spare time on his hands, wishes to learn of something that will keep him occupied. We can think of two things right off—getting married and tipping over a beehive.—*Lurinton Free Press*.

In the "language of postage stamps," the stamp placed on upside down means "I love you." The young man or the young woman who adopts such an idiotic form of proposal must be upside down in the head.—*Norristown Herald*.

If you would a maiden woo,
Always keep this rule in view:
Do not rush, or go too slow.
Do not scare when she says no;
Do not fret, for can't you guess,
When she says "no," she means "yes?"
—*St. Louis Chronicle*.

Tom Anjerry, of the university of Texas, has trouble in meeting his bills. To a pressing creditor he said: "I can't pay you anything this month." "That's what you told me last month." "Well, I kept my word, didn't I?"—*Texas Sift- ing*.

A row and a row, though spelled alike,
Have very different meaning—
One's on the water with a girl you like,
And the other is when you come home at 2
o'clock in the morning with your eyes
crossed, a dark brown taste in your
mouth, and you try to go to bed with
your hat on.
—*St. Louis Chronicle*.

The conductors of the Paris omnibuses are witty as well as polite. The other day a woman of immense size stood on the sidewalk and hailed a passing vehicle. "Is there room for me?" she asked. "No, madame," replied the conductor with great suavity, "there is only room for one."—*Tid-Bits*.

An Optical Illusion.

M. De Parville has called the attention of the French Academy of Sciences to a curious illusion of the vision which may account for the apparent oscillation or swinging of stars sometimes observed, and called by the Germans Sternschwanken. When the eye looks for some time at a small, feebly lighted body, itself being in complete darkness, the body appears to oscillate or describe certain curves. It is a phenomenon of the subjective order, and appears to be of the same nature as the movement of a star observed when a person leans the head against a wall, and fixes his eye upon the star. The star appears to be agitated in its place and to oscillate rapidly. In order that the motion may be noticed, there should be no moon, and the sky should be clear. A lunette takes away the apparent motion.—*Scientific American*.

A piece of soie leather tacked on the butt of a squared-off chisel handle will prevent its splitting under the blows of the mallet.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

At the Vesuvian Observatory, Palmieri has found that when steam is condensed by cold negative electricity is developed, but that positive electricity is produced during evaporation.

A new and plausible explanation of the destructive fires occurring in pine forests is offered. The pine resin exuding from the trees is often of lens shape, and before it thoroughly hardens frequently of crystalline clearness. It is surmised that while in that condition a resin lens may focus the sun's rays upon some twig or resinous point, and so start a blaze that quickly eats up a forest.

A Parisian physician has brought before the French Academy of Medicine the result of his investigations concerning color blindness. He has examined 11,175 persons. Two of these only were incapable of distinguishing one color from another; three were blind for red and six for green, eighteen could not distinguish green from red, fifteen saw no difference between green and blue or gray, and fifty-two had a peculiar weakness in color vision in general.

An area of about four and one-half square miles forms the nucleus of the whole oil-bearing region of the Caucasus. The naphtha-bearing beds consist of sand, calcareous clays, marls, and in places compact sandstone, often of great thickness and penetrated by bands of pyrites. As in Pennsylvania, the naphtha is in some places associated with salt water, which gives much trouble in driving bore holes. The plateau is on a level of about 140 feet above the surface of the Caspian, and a depth of 700 feet below the great lake has been reached by the borers.

London *Nature* says: "The following facts exemplify the strong migratory instinct of trout. At the fish-culture establishment at Delaford, where the utmost care is taken to isolate the various species of Salmonidae, a few of the fish occasionally are found in ponds long distances from those in which they were originally located. Considering that each pond is so constructed as to prevent such a contingency, the occurrence is very remarkable, and can only be accounted for in two ways, viz., that the fish either burrow through holes that probably are made by rats and moles, or they jump out of the water and so proceed to the next pond. It is not likely that they are borne thence by birds, as the appearance of the fish on the occasions referred to does not justify such an assumption. It will be interesting to inquire further into the subject with a view of eliciting the real facts of the case.

The average pitch of large rivers, excluding regions of cascades, seldom exceeds twelve inches to a mile, and is sometimes but one-third of that amount. According to Humphreys and Abbot, the pitch of the Mississippi from Memphis down (855 miles) is only 4.82 inches at low water; from Cairo, at the mouth of the Ohio (1088 miles), 6.94 inches; and above the Missouri, from its source, only 11.75 inches. The Missouri, from its highest source (2908 miles), descends about 6,800 feet, or 28 inches a mile; but from Fort Benton to St. Joseph (2,168 miles), about 11.50 inches; and below St. Joseph to the mouth (484 miles), 9.25 inches. Dana gives the average pitch of the Amazon as a little more than 6 inches a mile; of the Lower Nile, less than 7; of the Lower Ganges, about 4. The Rhone is remarkable for its great pitch, it being 80 inches per mile from Geneva to Lyons, and 32 inches below Lyons.

Or 9,000 miles of disputed boundary the Afghan commission has conceded 7,000 to Russia and 2,000 to the Ameer of Afghanistan.

Mr. J. E. Bonsal, New Bloomfield, Pa., clerk of the several courts of Perry Co., Pa., was afflicted with rheumatism for more than thirty years. After spending hundreds of dollars with different physicians, and trying every known remedy without benefit, he used St. Jacobs Oil, which effected an entire cure.

Senator Hearst's career at Washington was not altogether barren. He introduced a new cocktail from California called "the cowboy's dream," which is said to be "peculiarly searching in its operations on the internal system of the average Congressman.

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"Laura," said Mrs. Pa ventu, on the hotel piazza, to her daughter, "Laura, go and ask the leader of them orchestras to play that 'symphony from Meddlejohn' over again. 'It's such a awful favorite of mine and your father's, too!"—*Unidentified Exchange*.

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WISE WORDS.

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Love's sweetest meanings are unspoken; the full heart knows no rhetoric of words.

It is not enough to have reason; it is spoiled, it is dishonored by sustaining a brusque and haughty manner.

True politeness consists in being easy one's self, and in making everybody about one as easy as one can.

To listen kindly is often an act of the most delicate interior mortification, and helps us very much to speak kindly ourselves.

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