

Humor and Philosophy

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THE TEN DOLLAR SUIT.

I'm not in the market for office this fall. No snaps from the public I seek. My name on the ballot you wouldn't observe. Although you might look for a week. There is no occasion for me to be plain. And common and humble to boot. I won't ostentatiously go to the shop. And buy me a ten dollar suit.

In running for office, you know, it's a fad. To be unaffected and plain. The candidate comes to the front in a garb. That gives the beholder a pain. He climbs on the platform and starts his bazoo. And then if the thing is a frost. He points to the suit and triumphantly says, "Ten dollars is all that it cost."

Although at society's nobly events. And when he is bid to a feast. His garments are cut on the latest designs. And cost forty dollars at least. Yet when he is running like fury he hopes. For office and what it will bring. Among common people who scoff at the styles. A ten dollar suit is the thing.

But as I am not, as I said at the start. This year running wild in pursuit. Of office (perhaps, though, it isn't my fault). I won't need a ten dollar suit. And so I am free to indulge in the tastes. Boasting my noble estate. I think I will amble around to the store. And buy one for six ninety-eight.

Training a Husband.

There are several systems for training a husband, and some of them are put into practice by the women of the land with more or less success.

It seems to be the general opinion, probably based on experience, that a husband is not of much use about the place until he has been trained, although many women, after trying all of the printed recipes from kind words to the application of a flatiron, give the job up and then claim that they like him best as he is.

Training a husband so that he will lie down, roll over and jump through a hoop really requires a great amount of patience, firmness, skill and tact, and it is no wonder that some women come to the conclusion that they could better put in the time in putting up canned tomatoes.

The reasonable woman, if she can get a man trained to give her his wages, is usually satisfied to let him enjoy such eccentricities as he may have accumulated.

Eternal Vigilance Needed.

Man, if he values his freedom, should be mighty careful how he allows the first suggestion of a chain to creep in.

A few years ago he was induced to wrap his manly form in a shirt waist for a time. Now come the disinterested ladies begging him to wear hats that have feathers and fruit and sway-backed crowns and in general some style about them.

Suppose he yields to the temptress. Next she will climb the tall lecture platform and tell him that he must braid his whiskers and tie them up in a pink ribbon if he would be correct in appearance. Then it will be but a step to the skirt. After that she will have him in her power, and he will have no option but to say "Yes" and "No" when the milliner or dressmaker issues an edict. With such a prospect he will, if he is wise, throw things at the hat and run.

Gave the Impression.

"Is he much of a lawyer?" "Considerable. I should judge he wrote the constitution to hear him talk about it."

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

A lady doesn't become of an uncertain age until we are quite certain about her age.

When blue blood loses its money and its grip on things it becomes still bluer.

Those of us who would not be ashamed of our ancestors, could we meet them, might find that they would be ashamed of us.

When an honest man hears that he is an honest man he feels as if he ought to get out a search warrant to find himself.

There is this to be said for baby talk: Although few people understand it, it is no dead language.

Money is a key that will unlock any door except the one you are trying to get through on a chilly night at about 2 a. m.

It is more than likely that an honest dollar is often ashamed of the purpose to which it is put.

You can forgive some people when you think of the parents they drew in the lottery.

SELECTIONS

NETS FOR WHALES.

Made of Three-quarter Inch Wire Rope in 8 x 8 Foot Meshes.

If I did not have photographs to offer as proof I might hesitate to put upon a fairly well established reputation for veracity the strain of standing for the assertion that the business of catching whales—not baby whales but 62 sixty foot right whales—in nets is carried on in the south Pacific.

The biggest fish stories ever told may be heard by the wanderer in southern seas and some of the most amazing of them are literally true. This whale netting yarn is not strictly a fish story, because a whale is not really a fish, and it is not the most startling of the collection in my south sea notebook, but let it go as a fish story.

Wangamumu is a little bay on the east coast, a few miles south of a prominent cape, which juts out to the northeast and might easily be mistaken for the northeastern extremity of the North Island. During May and June the antarctic whale migrates north into warmer waters, and it seems probable that there is some set of currents around the headland of Wangamumu which deceives him into seeking a passage to the Tasman sea by boring into the shore at that point. Whatever may be the cause, the fact is that schools of whales hug the shore and pass very close to a great jutting rock at Wangamumu.

Straight out into the sea from the point of rocks is stretched the whale net, made of three-quarter inch wire rope in six foot mesh, each mesh being formed of separate sections of rope attached to iron corner rings, taking the places of knots. The top edge of the net is held close to the surface by barrels serving as buoys. A whale cruising along the shore gets his head through a mesh, and instead of attempting to back out he rushes forward and entangles himself hopelessly in the net. One of my photographs shows a whale rushing into the net and dragging the shoreward buoy through the water with much commotion. Close to the shore can be seen the disturbance of the surface caused by the dragging under of the shore end of the upper wire rope.

From a lookout station on the top of the headland a watcher signals the approach of whales, and the boats then put off and lie in wait. An entangled whale carries away the net with his rush, but the great weight of the wire rope and the drag of a long line of buoys impede him, and instead of holding out to sea and going away at great speed with the whole outfit he thrashes about and soon gets fins and flukes entangled, when the boat approaches and the whalers finish the business with harpoon and lance, as in the old days. —Forest and Stream.

Lunatics.

A "prominent" English physician has discovered that the time is coming when there will be more lunatics than sane persons in the world. Statistics, of course, show this, as they will show anything that is good for advertising purposes. They will show that we live longer, that our general average of physical health is better and that we grow bigger than our ancestors, but that our minds are going to the bows. We suspect from some of the things like the above, written by great "alienists," that it takes a lunatic to detect lunacy, as a thief to catch a thief.

The American Way.

How an American machinery agent secured an order in Japan is related by the commercial agent of New South Wales in the far east as follows: It was a question of some lathes for a large factory which was being started. They were required of a certain size. The agent for the British firm said, "That is three inches longer than they are made, and we can make no alteration." The American said, "I will make them to any size you like." The American secured the order. —United States Consular Report.

Shooting Butterflies.

The ancient question, "Who breaks a butterfly on a wheel?" should have a modern counterpart. A Transvaal agricultural paper says: "A great deal can be accomplished toward reducing the numbers of the larvae of the swallowtail butterfly by destroying the butterflies. The most effective instrument for this purpose is a light fowling piece loaded with dust shot or coarse salt. It may seem ridiculous to advocate the shooting of butterflies, but an insect with such a large wing expanse affords a very good target."

Too Much Affection.

Dr. Zamenhof, the inventor of Esperanto, went through a trying ordeal at the conclusion of the recent Esperanto congress at Geneva. Hundreds of the departing delegates shook him with every show of affection. This he bore with patience. But when the Esperantists of the other sex insisted on kissing him goodbye the fortitude that had stood by him so well throughout the conference deserted him. He broke down.

The Long Way Around.

That was a long distance message through the earth, or over it, to the Goettingen seismograph from "a powerful earthquake 14,000 miles away." If it was 14,000 miles one way, it must have been only 11,000 the other. Perhaps the reporter thought the longest way round was the shortest way to tell about the mysterious shake. —Buffalo News.

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A Year of Blood.

The year 1903 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tackett, of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood, which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tackett's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me at death's door when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven permanently cured." Guaranteed for sore lungs, coughs and colds at Hamilton's drug store. Price 50c and 1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Criminals are punished that others may be mended.

TYNER'S DYSPEPSIA REMEDY.

Many Have Dyspepsia Don't Know It.

Do you belch up wind? Taste your food after eating? See specks before the eyes? Are you pale and haggard? Does your heart flutter? Are you dizzy? Do you have pains in side or back? Rising or pimples on the skin? Are you low spirited? Is there a sour taste? Breath bad? Headache? Weak Kidneys? Biliousness? Constipated? Are you nervous? If so you have Dyspepsia, and it is a dangerous condition. To cure take Tyner's Dyspepsia Remedy. It is made for just such troubles and symptoms. Tyner's Dyspepsia Remedy removes acids from the stomach, strengthens weak stomachs and cures the worst Dyspepsia or Indigestion. Druggists or by express sends a bottle. Money refunded if it fails to cure. J. G. Hall, Oxford, N. C.

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The oldest inmate of the Soldiers Home at Raleigh is dead, at the age of 97. His name was Bunn. He and three his sons were in the Forty-seventh North Carolina Regiment and served throughout the war. Two of the sons are now living.

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