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Less Arduous.

"Why is that man always complaining about the amount of work he has to do?"
"Because it is an easier occupation than doing the work."—Washington Star.

Value of Walking.

Walking, if properly and regularly followed, would become not only a restorer of health to many who at the present time are on the road to disease, but also a source of pleasure. Let the arms swing if you feel like it and the limbs too. Open the nostrils and fill the lungs, and the movements will send a gentle electric vibration through the entire body, the result of which is the awakening of new life. Never take the lazy gait, as it soon makes one tired and produces languor. A little perspiration on the home stretch may prove to be a blessing not only in carrying effete matter from the body, but in bringing an increased supply of oxygen into the blood and putting the blush of health on the cheek. Perhaps the best time to walk is in the early morning. The air is then the most highly charged with the life giving oxygen and the freest from dust and smoke, which rise later in the day. At this time also the mind is liable to be free from worry and anxiety, hence in the best condition to drink in the blessings of freshness for us on every hand.—Health.

Why Do Scotsmen Succeed?

"Johnny, dear," said the visitor. John McTurk turned around, while the family cat rescued her tail from his grubby fist.

"Now that you are going to school," continued the visitor, "I want to ask you a little question. How many marbles would you get if I gave you twenty, to be divided between you and Andrew MacDonald?"

Johnny thoughtfully rubbed the point of his nose where the cat had scratched him.

"I dunna ken," he said.
"Come, come," said his elder. "How's that?"

"Well, ma'am," said Johnny, "ye see it's a' according. If ye gie me them when we're both here we'd hae ten apiece. If Andrew was here and I wasna I'd only hae about five, but if I were to get them when Andrew wasna here I dunna ken whether he'd hae any at a'."—London Tit-Bits.

Romance of Radium.

The story of radium is one of nature's masterpieces of satire. The alchemists spent lifetimes in trying to change base metals into gold when for untold eons nature had already been turning a relatively common metal, uranium, into radium, 170,000 times as costly as gold. The alchemist's wild dream was more than fulfilled, but at the same time nature was endowing the radium itself with the property of ceaseless change and, according to some, decreeing that the transmutation should proceed until the radium became converted into lead, worth a few pennies a pound. It is true that it would take an ounce of radium 2,000 years to form half an ounce of lead, but this only makes the satire more striking, for we first learned of the existence of radium when of lead there was enough and to spare.—Dr. W. S. Lazarus-Barlow.

Mark Twain's Egg Order.

Mark Twain once lived at the Players' club in New York. The egg cups they use there easily hold two eggs, but not three. One morning a new waiter came to take the breakfast order. Clemens said:

"Boy, put three soft eggs in that cup for me."

By and by the waiter returned, bringing the breakfast. Clemens looked at the egg portion and asked:

"Boy, what was my order?"

"Three soft eggs broken in the cup, Mr. Clemens."

"And you've filled that order, have you?"

"Yes, Mr. Clemens."

"Boy, you are trifling with the truth. I've been trying all winter to get three eggs into that cup."—Bookman.

Derelets at Sea.

The wooden vessel is the most dangerous of derelets, for she may drift about the seas for months. Among the board of trade records one reads of the Fanny E. Wolatin, which was abandoned Oct. 15, 1891, and traveled about 4,000 miles before she was last seen, in December, 1893. And there was the William L. White, which was abandoned March 13, 1888, eighty miles from New York, and tossed about the north Atlantic for months, during which she was recognized by some forty vessels. She at last went ashore off the Hebrides, Jan. 23, 1889.

A Good Memory.

A man went into a store the other day carrying a tin bucket. "The fellow claimed that when I sold it to him I guaranteed it for ten years," said the dealer. "He hadn't had it but six years, and it was all battered up. He wanted a new one. I went and got him one without a word. I had no desire to argue with a man who had a memory like that."—Kansas City Times.

The Gospel.

"You seem to know a great deal about Mrs. Wombat's affairs. I didn't know that you moved in the same circle."

"We have the same laundress," said the other lady guardedly.—Pittsburgh Post.

Helpfulness.

Mrs. Church—Are your children being brought up to help themselves? Mrs. Gotham—Are they? Why, I can't keep a particle of jam in the house more than a day!—Yonkers Statesman.

Foolish Worry.

Poetical people begin, as soon as today's tasks are done, to worry about the work they will have to do tomorrow.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Not So Easy.

"Dibble, don't you think a man ought to save at least half the money he makes?"

"Yes, but how can he with his creditors howling for it all the time?"

A Close Father.

She—You must ask father for his consent. He—He won't give it to me. She—Why not? He—He's too close. He never gave anything to anybody in his life.

TALES OF CATS.

Stories That Came From the Historic Tower of London.

Two stories of the intelligence and sympathy of our feline friends were told me during one of my numerous visits to the Tower of London while I was living in England.

Southampton was a prisoner in the Tower with the Earl of Essex during Elizabeth's reign. In some strange way or by some unrecognized faculty a favorite cat of his found his abode and suddenly appeared to him, having made an entrance down the chimney. After his release by James I. Southampton had his picture painted with his faithful friend at his side. The portrait, I believe, can today be seen at Wilbeck abbey.

The other tale is of Sir Henry Wyatt, who was committed to the Tower during the reign of Richard III. and suffered much from want of clothing and food. He would have perished if a cat had not come down into his room and warmed him by lying on his breast and saved him from starvation by bringing him an occasional pigeon caught on the leads. Although the keeper was under orders not to tamper with his food, he agreed to cook anything which Sir Henry provided, and the pigeons which the cat brought saved his life. He also had a picture painted showing the cat offering a pigeon through the bars of his cell.—Our Dumb Friends.

MOCK WINDOWS.

They Were Common in England When Real Ones Were Taxed.

The window tax in England, a very old tax commencing in the reign of William III., was not discontinued until Lord Halifax changed it to the house duty in 1851.

It must have caused a great amount of consumption, anaemia and other foul air maladies, for in 1850 there were only an average of six windows in English houses. Indeed, the British architects are not yet free from the bad influence of this tax.

In very many old houses in England today there may be seen mock windows painted on the walls for symmetry—hideous things. Not only were glazed windows taxed, but any hole in the wall was included. Indeed, in the early days only very rich people in England had glass windows, and so precious were these that they were carried from one house to another when people moved their quarters.

Curious dodges were practiced to escape the tax, such as extending one window across two houses or making a very wide division between two panes of glass. The loss to the nation must have been a hundredfold the revenues collected from this bad tax.—Boston Herald.

The Word "Set."

What is the favorite word of the English language? The Germans have their "schlag" and "zug," which cover many meanings. But we beat them in the one word—not "post"—which you might suspect of the supremacy of ambiguity—but "set." One always thought that "post" was the word that meant all things and nothing. The punster should watch the word "set," which has achieved nearly seventy columns in the new English dictionary. It is a small word, but its meanings are almost unlimited. You should set to work on the word, which you use every day in a hundred senses. And it would be a pleasant, popular game to set down the number of ways in which you have used that word during the day. "Set to partners" you might call it.—London Chronicle.

Hard Questions.

Oh, tell me, does the setting sun e'er feel a sinking pain? Why is (inform a "Puzzled One") a weathercock so vain? Do stars require a gun to shoot? What makes a bucket fall? What tailor makes the chimney's soot? Who writes the comet's tail?

And why are dogs so lovable, however much they whine? Pray tell me, Mr. Editor, what makes the fir tree pine?

Why is a vessel's hind part stern? Who sings an old hen's big? Please tell me, for I'd like to know, who wears the close of day?—London Answers.

The Greek Figure.

Greek figures of men appear taller and more graceful than those of moderns. Modern artists make the upright figure seven and one-half times the length of the head. The Greeks made it eight times, lengthening the shin, and the longer sweep from knee to heel gave the figure increased grace and dignity. The same plan was frequently adopted by Lord Leighton, in whose paintings the same effect is obtained.

His Method.

"I always did make a hit with the women," bragged Henry VIII. "With your wit, sire," murmured the obsequious courtier.

"No," answered the monarch, with a sly smile, "with an ax."—Baltimore American.

She Was Anticipating.

"When he proposed to her she knocked him down."

"Gracious! What did he say to that?" "He yelled 'Hold on, hold on! We ain't married yet!'"—Houston Post.

Words With the Teacher.

First Pupil—What makes you so late? Second Pupil—I had words with the teacher. First Pupil—Yes? Second Pupil—But I could not spell them.

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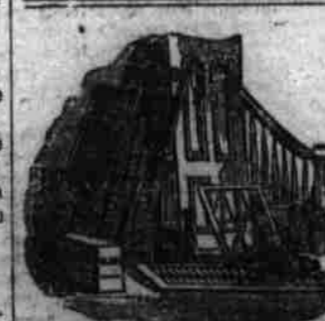
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