Kerosene.

Kerosene is not so explosive as inflammable, but it should never be brought in contact with fire.

Jamaica's Fireflies.

So strong is the light emitted by Jamaica fireflies that the presence of six will enable a person to read.

Australia's Fruit.

Within the boundaries of the commonwealth of Australia almost every known fruit can be cultivated.

Nails.

America has the honor of having made the first cut nails, toward the close of the eighteenth century. Before that nails were made by hand, and their manufacture was a household industry. Cut nails are made by machinery from plates rolled to the proper width and thickness. They may be made of steel or of malleable iron. Wire nails, though originally a French invention, were brought to perfection in the United States.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

The Instinct of a Mother Greater and Stronger Than Anything in the Known World.

We read a great deal about a Mother's Love and it is all right—but we read more about a Mother's Instinct to preserve her young. When it is possible to buy for fifty cents or a dollar a bottle of Gowan's Preparation — a certain and infallible remedy for Pneumonia, Croup and Colds, the marvel it that so many mothers do not make the purchase. This wonderful remedy is applied externally and will positively cure colds, croups, and that dread disease, pneumonia. It is a remedy that has been on the market several years, contains no dope, no harmful ingredients, but acts as no other medicine ever acted on the afflicted parts. All druggists sell this marvelous remedy—Gowan's Preparation, and every home should contain a bottle.

Filing Lead.

A file kept in a wet condition with water will not clog when filing soft metals, such as lead, tin and soft solder.

Secreted Wealth.

The secreted savings of the natives of India are believed to amount to something like $1,500,000,000 in gold alone.

Big Task.

You will find that those persons who mind their own business are always busy.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Exceptions.

"Don't you like hot water in the home?" "Not when I'm always in it."—Baltimore American.

Jewelry Polish.

Jeweler's rouge rubbed well into chamois skin is handy to polish gold and silver articles with.

The Definition.

"What is the call of the wild?"

"That's easy. It's the joy rider's honk!"—Baltimore American.

New England's First Bank.

The first New England bank, the Massachusetts, was established in Boston, March 13, 1784.

Deceived.

Gibbs—Hodge thinks he knows it all. Dibbs—Then he's a victim of misplaced confidence.—Boston Transcript.

Sure of One Thing.

"I tell you he is a dipsomaniac."

"There! I knew he was something dippy."—Baltimore American.

Boston's Codfish.

The codfish was placed in the old statehouse, Boston, over the speaker's chair, March 17, 1784.

It's Up to You.

If you don't like your bed don't lie in it. Just get up and make it again.—Judge.

Blue Coral.

Blue coral, which is probably the most precious kind, is fished up in the bay of Benin.

A Matter of Age.

Grace—This photograph makes you look so old. Gladys—Yes. It is an old picture, you know.—Exchange.

Finland's Lakes.

Finland, with its thousand lakes, is now considered attractive enough to be on the general tourist's list.

The Ruling Passion.

A young contractor in a Missouri town found himself after the war in dire financial straits. He owned a few pieces of property, all of which were mortgaged, the mortgage in each instance being held by an old man who lived with his one son, Brocky, in a tumbledown hut that could not be rented to any one else. In the course of time the miser foreclosed, taking over all the contractor's property, which was valued in excess of the amounts loaned. The contractor began to pay rent on the house in which he lived. Three months after the foreclosure the miser lay dying. An urgent message reached the contractor, and he, supposing that the other, knowing his end to be near, wanted to make what restitution he could for the good of his soul, hurried down to the cabin. He found the old man in a rickety bed, covered with a tattered quilt and an old overcoat. The contractor bent his ear hopefully to the other's lips. The miser drew a long breath, clutched the quilt in a skinny hand and whispered:

"Pay your next month's rent to Brocky."—Kansas City Star.

The Other Woman's Opinion.

"How well she preserves her youth!"

"Yes. The stuff she puts on her face must be weather proof."

Bastle Oil.

An African fat used for domestic purposes is the oil of a species of beetle. It is like hardened cocoanut oil.

Good Evidence.

"Do you really think that your sister is making such a match with the baron?"

"Judging by the great number of anonymous letters addressed to her, I should say so!"—Fliegende Blatter.

Shy of Pointers.

Griggs—Lost money in that stock deal, did you? Say, let me give you a pointer. Briggs—No you don't. No more pointers for me. What I'm looking for is a retriever.—Boston Transcript.

Little Things.

"Never despise the little things."

"What now, for instance?"

"Think how much more valuable the deuce of clubs is to a four card club flush than the king of diamonds."—Detroit Free Press.

Bad Investment.

"How about that girl who married the duke?"

"She has entered suit."

"For divorce so soon?"

"No; against the company that guaranteed his title."—Pittsburgh Post.

Her Explanation.

"You asked what the trump was at least a dozen times last night!"

"Yes, Charley, dear. But I didn't really have to. I did that to show I was taking an interest in the game."—Washington Star.

Plenty of Room Inside.

Grandmother—Why, Bennie, what a big dinner you are eating for such a very little boy! Bennie—Yes, grandma I know I ain't very big, but I've got an awful thin shell!—Woman's Home Companion.

Both Interested.

Two young girls were on an east bound Euclid car.

"Tell me the truth. Are you engaged to Harry?" said one.

"Uh-huh! Why? Are you?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MUCH BUILDING IS BEING DONE

Sound of the Hammer and Saw Is Heard On Every Side In New Bern.

VISITORS GREATLY IMPRESSED

Present Activities Have Prevailed For More Than Two Years.

Visitors to New Bern cannot fail to be impressed with the marked building activity which prevails at the present time and which has been in progress for many months. The first structure that attracts the attention of a stranger just arriving in the city is that being erected at the corner of Griffith and Queen streets by Dr. G. A. Caton. This is a three story brick building and is rapidly nearing completion.

Coming on down in the business section of the city he would see the handsome brick store being erected on Broad St. by L. H. Cutler, Sr. The contractors are rushing this work to completion as rapidly as possible and hope to have it in readiness by the latter part of this month. On the corner of Middle and Broad streets George C. Eubank is erecting a commodious brick structure which, when completed will be occupied by a mercantile firm.

Continuing further down Broad street he will find that a large force of workmen are now engaged in adding the finishing touches to J. B. Blades palatial home. This structure is one of the costliest as well as one of the most attractive in the State and is admired by every one who views it. On Craven street, near the corner of Pollock, workmen have just completed tearing down the frame building formerly occupied by the Journal and within a few days the contractors will begin the erection of a large brick structure to be used by the owner, Eugene Williams, as a garage.

Retracing his steps and visiting the Northern end of East Front Street he will find that a commodious frame dwelling is being erected at that point and on going out National avenue he will find several homes now in course of construction. Among these, one is owned by William Dunn, Sr., and another by John Taylor. Contracts for the erection of several other buildings in this locality have been awarded and work on them will be started just as soon as the material can be secured.

Crossing the city to the recently opened suburb of Ghent the visitor will find that a mammoth casino, owned bu the New Bern Ghent Street Railway Company, is now in course of construction and the work being pushed ahead just as rapidly as possible. Within a month or two this company will begin to erect a number of attractive homes in the new suburb and the contracts for some of these have already been awarded.

The contract for the erection of a fireproof building to cover the city's water and light plant is in the hands of the contractors and operations will be started just as soon as the material can be secured. In that section of the city there are several small frame structures now in course of construction, and others, it is learned, will be erected at an early date.

In addition to the buildings in couse of erection which are mentioned above there are several others located in different points of the city, but those mentioned are ones most noticeable and most likely to attract attention of the casual observer. This condition of marked building activity has prevailed for the past two years and from present indications will continue for several years longer.

There ought to be a grand waffle rally before the season is over.

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