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FUNNY FACTS.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton, discouraging a tendency to take his paradoxes frivolously, makes a profession of complete seriousness in the London News:

"I should like to state at once, for the benefit of those particular people, that to me the only perfect pleasure in life is the pleasure of fighting for something in which one passionately believes and that if that were left to me I would do without daylight and tobacco. I do think my own opinions very funny. But I also think them absolutely true. I think it very funny, for instance, that Mr. Kipling should be, as he is, psychologically incapable of a patriotic emotion and be, nevertheless, hailed everywhere as a patriotic poet. But I think it funny because I think it is the fact. The humor of it is like the humor of a hippopotamus. The principal humor about a hippopotamus is that he exists."

Good Business.

"I first met Toole in 1858," said Mr. John Billington, the veteran actor, "when he joined the company for 'Good For Nothing' for the first season at the New Adelphi, the one before the present theater. We had many experiences together. One night, in 'Le Roi sur le Trone', I had to kick him, and instead of doing in pretense with the flat of my foot I forgot and gave him a rousing kick with my toe. He went writhing up the stage, and I hurried after him, fearing I had hurt him frightfully. But the audience was screaming with laughter, so all Toole said was, 'John, like it if I don't, so do it again.' Every night afterward Toole insisted that I should get as near to reality again as could be without killing him. That was the hardest part I have ever played."—London News.

New York's Hotels.

There are now about sixty first class hotels in New York, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. The addition of the fifteen new ones will increase the number to seventy-five. If these seventy-five hotels were piled on top of one another they would make a structure 750 stories high—taller than the tower of Babel; or, to look at it in another way, if they could be conglomerated into one huge composite hotel it would be twenty-seven stories high and occupy a ground space of seventeen acres, more than four city blocks, including the intersecting streets. This great building would cost \$75,000,000, have 22,500 bedrooms and accommodate 50,000 guests daily.

Luck In Politics.

The late Chief Justice McCollum of Pennsylvania owed his election to a singular accident. He was nominated for the vacant judgeship by the Democratic state convention of 1888 in opposition to James T. Mitchell, the Republican candidate. There was then no chance of his election, but the death of one of the justices made another vacancy on the bench, and both Mitchell and McCollum were chosen. Lots were then cast for seniority of rank, as their commissions were to expire at the same time, January, 1910, and McCollum had the further luck of drawing the prize and so succeeded to the chief justiceship.

His Personal Memoirs.

A man of eighty years died in New York city the other day leaving written on a small sheet of paper the following: "Personal memoirs. At the age of thirty I gave up dancing, at forty my endeavors to please the fair sex, at fifty my regard of public opinion, at sixty the trouble of thinking, and I have now become a true sage, or an egotist, which is the same thing. I have never meddled in any marriage or scandals, I have never recommended a cook or a physician, consequently I have never attempted the life of any one."

Horseshoeing.

Robert Bonner was the man who started fancy prices for horseshoeing when he paid \$100 for shoeing Dexter. There are expert blacksmiths who work only for owners of big stables and who travel with crack racing horses wherever they go. Some of these blacksmiths get \$12,000 a year and expenses, besides a liberal present if the owner has had a lucky year. The blacksmith of a crack stable is constantly asked for castoff shoes from crack horses by persons who want to gild them and frame them "just for luck."

Decorated With Elk Teeth.

A dress owned by a Kiowa Indian squaw was sold in El Reno, Okla., for \$1,600, and the purchaser thinks he was lucky to get it at that price. It is lavishly decorated with elk teeth, which are becoming almost as valuable as pearls, and the squaw, like many of her paleface sisters, thought that \$1,600 was altogether too much money to be invested in one dress.

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CONDENSED STORIES.

When Sir William Acted as Substitute For the Band.

It is not often one hears of people telling stories against themselves, but in the case of Sir William Preece, late engineer in chief to the post office, the story which he tells so illustrates his own versatility that it is worth repeating.

At the time a telephone had just been set up between London and Osborne, where the late queen was then residing. In order that Queen Victoria might have an exhibition of the wonderful possibilities of the telephone certain tests were carried out.

One of them was the playing of a land in London, so that her majesty might hear it in the Isle of Wight. By some unfortunate occurrence the band did not arrive at the appointed time, and Sir William heard that the queen was waiting at the other end of the wire.

Sir William was distracted. There was only one thing to be done. The engineer in chief hummed an air into the receiver and afterward inquired if her majesty had recognized the tune.

"Oh, yes," she replied. "It was the national anthem, and very badly played too."—London Answers.

Why He Came.

Rev. E. A. Horton of Boston at a banquet of the Unitarian club there told of a fellow minister who went fishing last summer. He was perch-



"I DIDN'T COME TO FALL IN."

ed in a precarious position when he got a bite, and in his excitement he fell into the stream.

He yelled lustily for help, and a farmer came along and pulled him out.

"How did you come to fall in?" inquired his rescuer.

"I didn't come to fall in," replied the dripping preacher. "I came to fish."

Pleaded Guilty.

James R. Mack, the attorney, tells this reminiscence of his law practice in Ohio:

"One Sam Johnson, a negro, was indicted in Cincinnati, charged with the theft of a ham. Johnson was still necked, for the only witness against him was a man of his own color, and 'one nigger's word is as good as 'nuther's,' said Sam. 'He'd swear I did, an' I'll swear I didn't.' The case came up for trial, and the indictment was read, 'The state of Ohio against Samuel Johnson, defendant,' etc.

"As he listened Johnson grew nervous and at the demand for a plea rose to his feet, ignoring the counsel assigned to him.

"'Yonah honah,' said Johnson, 'I've not been treated right nohow. I t'ought dar wuz only one nigger 'gainst me, an' heah's de whole state ob Ohio. I wuz not 'feared of dat nigger wuz sern me hook de ham, but I've got no show no. De whole blame state 'gainst me's too much. Yessir, I took de ham. I pleads guilty. But I'd like to know whar all de watchers wuz hidin', I suttinly would.'—Philadelphia Ledger.

Dr. Harper's Retort.

President Harper of the University of Chicago was departing from a banquet in New York when a young clubman, who had sat beside him, said, with a slight sneer:

"I had always thought that philosophers and learned men ate oaly plain food, but there are a number of philosophers and learned men here tonight, and it seems to me that they are going in for all these rich dishes as heavily as the rest of us."

"Well," said Dr. Harper, "why shouldn't they? Do you think the good things of life are intended only for fools?"

It Saved His Life

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CONSTIPATION

A Boy King's Throne.

When the boy king Daudi Chua of Uganda appears on state occasions he sits on his best throne (he has a second best one for less important functions), which is upholstered in red velvet and decorated in red and has a leopard skin, the emblem of royalty, under his feet.

At other times his costume seems far from regal. It consists of a long shirt with a tweed coat over it, a linen toga and an embroidered Indian cap. He knows only a few words of English and is described as a quiet, dignified boy, well grown for his age, yet somewhat frail.

An Aristocratic Nose.

"Mame," said little Elsie to her elder sister, "Flossie Green says I've got a pug nose. Have I? And what kind of a nose have you got?"

Mame glanced proudly at her aristocratic profile and answered in satisfied tones:

"Mine is a Grecian, I guess. And I'm afraid your nose is a pug, Elsie."

And a quarter of an hour later Elsie was saying cheerfully to one of her sister's callers:

"Mame will come down in a few minutes. I guess she's greasing her nose. That's the kind she's got."—New York World.

Slightly Mixed.

T, a little boy of nine years, handed in the following composition on George Washington:

"George Washington was the father of his country one day he went in his father's yard and cut down a tree. What are you doing asked his father I am trying to tell a lie and cannot when he grew up he was president and was killed by a man named getto who was jellish of him and the no 9 engine house was draped in black."—Harper's Bazar.

A Point of Etiquette.

Johnny (who is sitting on the rocking horse with Ethel and who wishes to be polite)—I think if one of us got off I could ride much better.

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Due From Banks and Bankers	33,107.25		
Cash on Hand	5,092.81		
TOTAL	\$ 103,536.81	TOTAL	\$ 103,536.81

J. J. Godard, Cashier, of Bank of Martin County, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the above Statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. J. GODARD, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of Jan., A. D. 1904. C. H. GODWIN, Notary Public with Seal.

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