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A Bargain Day.

A clergyman, anxious to introduce some new hymn books, directed the clerk to give out a notice in church in regard to them immediately after the sermon. The clerk, however, had a notice of his own to give with reference to the baptism of infants. Accordingly at the close of the sermon he announced: "All those who have children they wish baptized please send in their names at once." The clergyman, who was deaf, supposing that the clerk was giving out the hymn book notice, immediately arose and said, "And I want to say for the benefit of those who haven't any that they may be obtained from me any day between 3 and 4 o'clock; the ordinary little ones at 15 cents and special ones with red backs at 25 cents each."

THE CRY OF THE DREAMER.

I am tired of planning and toiling
In the crowded lives of men;
Heart weary of building and spilling,
And spilling and building again.
And I long for the dear old river,
Where I dreamed my youth away,
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.

I am sick of the showy seeming
Of a life that is half a lie,
Of the faces lined with scheming
In the throng that hurries by,
From the sleepless thoughts' endeavor
I would go where the children play,
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a thinker dies in a day.

I can feel no pride, but pity
For the burdens the rich endure;
There is nothing sweet in the city
But the patient lives of the poor,
Oh, the little hands too skillful
And the child-mind choked with weeds,
The daughter's heart grown willful
And the father's heart that bleeds!

No, no! From the street's rude bustle,
From trophies of mart and stage,
I would fly to the woods' low rustle
And the meadow's kindly page,
Let me dream as of old by the river
And be loved for the dream I lay,
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.

—John Maye O'Reilly.

Two of a Kind.

It was a sleighing party. One of the seats contained two gentlemen and one lady, the lady sitting in the middle. After a time the gentleman on the right passed his hand into the lady's muff, and the lady withdrew her right hand. At the same time the gentleman on the left passed his hand into the muff, and the lady withdrew her left hand. There were then some indications of an athletic contest, a test of gripping power, inside of the muff, and later the lady, raising her two hands, said, "It is very selfish of you two to take my muff when my hands are freezing!"

The Value of Laughter.

"I find nonsense singularly refreshing," said Talleyrand. There is good philosophy in the saying, "Laugh and grow fat." Laughter begins in the lungs and diaphragm, setting the liver, stomach and other internal organs into a quick, jelly-like vibration which gives a pleasant sensation and exercise almost equal to horseback riding. The heart beats faster, sends the blood bounding through the body, increases the respiration and gives warmth and glow to the whole system. Laughter brightens the eye, increases the perspiration, expands the chest, forces the poisoned air from the least used lung cells and tends to restore that exquisite poise or balance which we call health and which results from the harmonious action of all the functions of the body. This delicate poise, which may be destroyed by a sleepless night, a piece of bad news, by grief or anxiety, is often wholly restored by a good hearty laugh. A jolly physician is often better than all his pills.—O. S. Marden.

A Pity It Is.

In his old age Washington Irving said, "What a pity it is when we have grown old we could not turn round and grow young again and die of cutting our teeth."

On Falling in Love.

Falling in love is the one illogical adventure, the one thing of which we are tempted to think as supernatural, in our trite and reasonable world. The effect is out of all proportion to the cause. Two persons, neither of them, it may be, very amiable or very beautiful, meet, speak a little and look a little into each other's eyes. That has been done a dozen or so of times in the experience of either with no great result. But on this occasion all is different. They fall at once into that state in which another person becomes to the very gist and center point of God's creation and demolishes our laborious theories with a smile; in which our ideas are so bound up with the one massier thought that even the trivial cares of our own person become so many acts of devotion, and the love of life itself is translated into a wish to remain in the same world with a creature so desirable a fellow-creature. And all the while their acquaintances look on in stupor and ask each other, with almost passionate emphasis, what so-and-so can see in that woman or such-and-one in that man? I am sure, gentlemen, I cannot tell you.—R. L. Stevenson.

Roquefort Cheese.

Roquefort cheese is made in France from the milk of a certain breed of sheep, which are fed on wild thyme. Thyme is a kind of aromatic plant with a pungent odor, and after it is converted into Roquefort cheese it is the pungentest thing known to man. After this cheese is made it is put in solitary confinement until its whiskers begin to turn gray and sagreous sets in, when it is taken out and chained to

a post. Before it is served it is chloroformed or knocked in the head with an ax. It is then brought to the table in little square sections about the size of a domino. It is served at the close of meals, together with black coffee. It usually has a running mate in the shape of a round cracker that has to be broken with a maul.

Roquefort cheese is of a dull white color, except in spots, where mortification has set in. Some claim it to be inhabited, but this is not true. Even the intrepid and mephitic microbes flee from it as we flee from a pestilence. We have seen Limburger cheese strong enough to shoulder a two bushel sack of wheat, but a piece of Roquefort the size of a dice can carry an election. Limburger is a rose geranium when compared with Roquefort. There is as much difference between them as there is between the pur of a kitten and the roar of a lion. A man who will eat it is an open sepulcher and should be quarantined or driven into the wilderness and never again allowed to look into the face of a human being.

Canard, the Whittier.

Sam Canard, the whittling Scotch lad of Glasgow, wrought out many odd inventions with brain and jackknife, but they brought neither honor nor profit until he was consulted by Burns & McIvor, who wished to increase their facilities for carrying foreign mails. The model of a steamship which Sam whittled out for them was carefully copied for the first vessel of the great Canard line and became the standard type for all the magnificent ships since constructed by the firm. When Samuel Canard was knighted, he did not forget that he owed his honors and his wealth to conscientious whittling—"Pushing to the Front."

Preaching in Labrador.

An old missionary who had been many years in Labrador was at length compelled to return, his influence all gone and his mission entirely fruitless. A young man was appointed in his place, and before he went to his assignment he thought he would visit his venerable predecessor and learn from him the cause of his trouble in the land of icebergs. The old man received him very cordially.

"My venerable brother," said the young man, "I wish you to tell me the cause of your difficulty that I may avert a like failure."

"My young friend," said the old missionary, laying his hand on his brother's arm; "this was the rock I split on. I preached to those untamed savages a hell that was hot, and they rather liked the idea of going there. I think if you preach there a hell 60 degrees colder than Labrador you will drive them all to repentance."

The Wicked Do Not Laugh.

The envious, wicked and malevolent rarely laugh, because they are impregnated with bile and are therefore morose. The laughing, the vain and the awkward also laugh very little, for fear of losing their dignity. The Spanish people, proverbially grave, are a good example.—Louis Mann.

Speaking of Floods.

A veteran of the war of 1861 had listened patiently to the very long story a youthful veteran of the Spanish war told. The account of hardships left him unmoved.

"Just after the Johnstown flood, my boy," said he, "there was a man in the next world who went about telling everybody how that Johnstown affair had sent him where he was."

"His listeners hung on his words—all of them, that is, except a quiet looking little man who seemed so little impressed that every time the Johnstown man got through he merely looked bored and said, 'Oh, shucks!'"

"The Johnstown man got tired of it after awhile. It got on his nerves to have anybody act as if what happened at Johnstown wasn't of any importance. No matter how he told his story, the quiet looking little man merely said, 'Oh, shucks!'"

"At last the Johnstown man spoke to a fellow who had been there a long time about it."

"Say," said he, "who is that, little man who keeps saying, 'Shucks!'"

"Who?" said the man who had been there a long time. "Do you mean the fellow over there? Why, his name's Nosh."

Thoughts of Amiel.

The more a man loves the more he must suffer.

Beauty refreshes and strengthens one like some miraculous food.

Love must always remain alluring and fascinating. As soon as the mystery is gone the attraction dies.

Generous Feelings.

I do seem to be extraordinarily interested in a whole lot of arts and things that I have got nothing to do with. It is a part of my generous, liberal nature. I can't help it. I feel the same sort of charity to everybody that was manifested by a gentleman who arrived at home at 2 o'clock in the morning from the club and was feeling so perfectly satisfied with life, so happy and so comfortable, and there was his house weaving, weaving, weaving around. He watched his chance, and by and by when the steps got in his neighborhood he made a jump and climbed up and got on the portico. And the house went on weaving and weaving, but he watched the door, and when it came around his way he plunged through it. He got to the stairs, and when he went up on all fours the house was so unsteady that he could hardly make his way, but at last he got to the top and raised his foot and put it on the top step. But only the toe hitched on the step, and he rolled down and fetched up on the bottom step, with his arm around the newel post, and he said, "God pity the poor sailors out on sea on a night like this."—Mark Twain.

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