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The red men of the west have many curious legends concerning the rivers, lakes and mountains of that region, none more weird than that which is told concerning Rock lake, Washington. Since time out of memory the Indian tribes of that vicinity believed the lake to be inhabited by a sea monster which never grows old and whose chief diet is Indian flesh. According to the legend, no Indian ever entered its waters and returned therefrom alive, no matter whether the rash act was committed by approaching its margin for a drink, for a plunge and a swim or for a canoe ride upon its placid bosom. All of the Indians of the northwest know of the terrors of Rock lake, and each and every one would prefer death with a poisoned arrow rather than to touch its waters. The last Rock lake horror, according to the legend, was in 1858, when a whole band of noble red men were sent to the happy hunting grounds by the monster.

The Gates of Paradise.

When the plague which visited Florence in the year 1400 had subsided the people decided as a thank offering to add bronze gates to the baptistery of the Church of St. John the Baptist, and the guild of merchants invited the best artists of the day to compete. The design of Ghiberti was considered faultless, and he was intrusted with the work on Nov. 23, 1403. It was twenty-one years before the two folding doors were completed, and so exquisite was their design and workmanship that Michael Angelo a century later said of them, "They are worthy to be the gates of paradise." This applied also to another door wrought and designed by the same artist, which was put in place June 16, 1452, a most important creation of Florentine art and one which evidently influenced Michael Angelo himself.

Stockings of Human Hair.

They were black stockings, thick, stiff, lustrous, and the price mark on them was $15.

"From China," said the dealer—"from northern China. Every family has a few pairs of human hair stockings there. They are worn over the cotton stockings—they are too prickly to be worn next the skin—and, properly treated, they last a lifetime. The Chinese exporter who sold me these stockings said that when a child's hair is shaved in northern China the hair is preserved in a special hair box of lacquer. As soon as the box is full enough the hair is taken from it, and a pair of stockings is woven. Such stockings have a sentimental, almost a religious value, and they are rarely parted with. It would be safe to bet that there are not six other pairs of hair stockings on sale in America."—New York Press.

They Tell a Different Story.

There are peculiarities of our English language which no other language exhibits. Did you ever notice how many English words are formed by simply dropping alternate letters—for example, wheat, heat, eat, at; sham, ham, am; wheel, heel, eel; whale, hale, ale, and scores of others?

Again, we have in our mother tongue two words which, joined together, make a distinct word of an entirely different meaning, just as a single word disjointed does. Take the words "since" and "rely" or the separate word "sincerely." To illustrate:

Your letter came, in words that tempt me dearly,
You wrote them, sweet, most truly and sincerely.
For praise like that heroes might gladly die,
But on another's love you since rely.

The Final Blow.

It is said that often when a woman says "no" she means "yes," but there are signs which discourage even the most hopeful and persistent wooer.

"I didn't so much mind Hetty's saying she'd as soon marry a jumping jack as me," said Ethan Hatch forlornly to a sympathetic friend, "nor I didn't much care when she said she'd rather stay at home than go out to Jordan's park with such a slow coach as I was, but when she told me she'd got to help her mother iron when I asked her to go with me down to the Center for some ice cream soda I saw 'twasn't much use hanging on any longer."

Bryant.

Bryant always thought he could write much better poetry than that contained in his "Thanatopsis," which was one of his earliest. During his later days he on several occasions expressed some surprise at the preference shown by his admirers for this particular poem, "when I have done so many things better." He believed the translations of Homer to be the best work he ever did.

What Puzzled Him.

Wife—I mended the hole in your trousers pocket last night after you had gone to bed, John, dear. Now, am not I a thoughtful little wife? Husband (dubiously)—Well—er—ye-es, you are thoughtful enough, my dear, but how the mischief did you discover that there was a hole in my pocket?

Wise Willie.

"You should be like the chickens, Willie. Just see how early they wake up in the morning."

"Oh, well, I could wake up early, too, ma, if I stood up all night."

Her Vocation.

She—Yes, she married him to reform him. He—But she is trying to obtain a divorce now. She—Well, I suppose she wants to reform another man now.

The first and most important quality of woman is sweetness.—J. J. Rousseau.

The Drummer's Furlough.

Countless drummer boys have swelled the rolls of heroic deeds, and the heart of many a stern officer has been moved to pity for the childish drummers in his regiment. In the critical days of the civil war an order was issued that under no circumstances should a furlough be granted. Just then "General Scott," a Ohio drummer boy, aged thirteen, became terribly homesick and hungry for a sight of his mother.

Poor little General Scott! He had been in many battles, always obedient and fearless. But he was beaten at last. His lip quivered and his eyes filled with tears.

The bandmaster wrote out a brief statement of the case, but carefully avoided asking for a furlough, and sent General Scott with it up the line of officers. Generals Comly, Hayes and Crook each added a line, and then it was laid before Sheridan.

"No furlough can be granted," wrote the hero of Winchester, "but General Scott is hereby ordered to repair to his mother and to report again at headquarters in thirty days." Thus it was that one drummer boy went home on duty.—Youth's Companion.

Tinted Lungs.

One of the exhibits in an English anatomical museum is a collection of three lungs preserved in alcohol. On one hand is an exhibit almost pure white, while the third is jet black, the one between being a dirty gray.

The first was taken from an Eskimo who all his life had inhaled the pure air of his northern home. The black was taken from a miner who had spent years in the production of coal. The third was from the body of a London man, and the tint was produced by the inhalation of the soot carried in the air.

It is a certain fact that the lungs of the miner were in a more healthy state than those of the city dweller, since the grit in his tissues was pure coal dust, while the discoloration of the other was due not alone to soot, but to the dust of a city's streets composed of a thousand and one deleterious elements.

The Skipper's Comment.

A burly, thick headed skipper had been given the command of a little steam collier. Going up with great pride on to the bridge of his new ship, the first thing that caught his eye was the engine room telegraph. "What's that for?" he demanded. "Why, that goes down to the engine room," was the reply. "You see all the orders on it—'Full speed, 'Half,' 'Slow,' 'Stop.' You just have to move the handle." The old man was charmed. "If Aa put the handle to 'Full,' will she gang full speed?" "Why, certainly." "An' if Aa put the handle to 'Stop,' will she stop ganging?" "Certainly." The old man was still more charmed. Finally, after thinking some time, he heaved a great sigh of pleasure. "Why, that's fine, man! That's clever! That does away with all them saucy imps o' engineers!"

The Drum.

The history of the drum goes back to the childhood of the world. The Greeks ascribe its invention to Bacchus. The Egyptians had it at least 1,600 years before Christ. Pizarro found drums in South American temples. The snakes of Ireland, we are told, fled from the island before the drumbeats of St. Patrick. Our Puritan ancestors used the drum as a church bell. When Sir Edmund Andros ordered the drums to "strike up" to drown the voice of protesting colonists, the lights in the Hartford council chamber went out and the charter of Connecticut disappeared in the darkness to the safer shade of the Charter oak. —Youth's Companion.

The Dog and His Master.

Men and women are very much like clocks. Some are always on time, some are never on time, some are always in order, some are never in order. And, while you may be able to tell something of a family by its timepiece, you can tell more by the nature of the dog that greets you at the gate. A dog grows up after the fashion of its master or its mistress; a kind gentleman will not have an ugly brute on his place.—Exchange.

Less Than Cost.

"But," protested the broker who had advertised for a confidential clerk, "you want too much salary." "I've had a great deal of experience in the brokerage business," urged the applicant. "But you ask too much for it." "My dear sir, I assure you I'm offering it to you for much less than it cost me."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Faithful Servant.

One night Prince Talleyrand was suddenly awakened by the firing of a pistol, and, seeing his valet walking about the room, he asked him what he was doing.

"There was a mouse in the room, your highness, and for fear it might disturb you I shot it."

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"If you were a teacher what would you do with a boy who acted as you did this morning in the classroom?" he asked.

"I'd send him to the principal," promptly replied the boy.

"What do you think the principal ought to do with such a boy?" continued the questioner.

"That's up to you," was the reply.

The boy escaped punishment.—School Journal.

Giants and Dwarfs.

In life giants are usually weakminded, as well as frail of body, and as a rule they do not live long. Dwarfs, on the other hand, are often nimble witted and stand a good chance of longevity. An Austrian empress in the seventeenth century took the whim to round up all the giants and dwarfs in her empire and turn them in together. Apprehension was expressed that the big ones would terrify the small ones, but it was the other way. The giants were compelled to ask for protection from the impish tricks of the dwarfs, and they had to be separated before peace reigned among them.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Logical Inference.

"No," said the business man, "I don't want a man in my employ who plays the races."

"Then you think gambling is wrong?"

"It isn't so much that, but I am convinced that a man who would make the loose, one sided contract required by a bookmaker is not competent to take care of his own interests or those of anybody else."—Washington Star.

A Bad Habit.

The Heiress—Papa, I am considerably embarrassed to discover that I am engaged to marry both the duke and the count.

"How like your mother, to jump in and buy more than she wants, just because it is cheap!"—Life.

Very New.

"I thought you told me that Miss Pastelle was old."

"She is—old as the hills."

"Don't believe it. I kissed her a few minutes ago and found that the paint was still fresh." — Cleveland Leader.

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