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He Made a Mistake.

Into a Broadway car stepped a man and a woman, both young, well groomed and good looking. There were only two vacant seats, and they were on opposite sides of the car, so, instead of sitting side by side, they were divided. Presently the man at the girl's right hand gallantly arose and stumbled over to the unfortunate young man. "I will exchange seats with you, sir," he said.

The young man hesitated, blushed, but accepted the offer. Everybody was interested and expected to see the young couple strike up a conversation without delay. But they did not speak, and when the conductor came around the man dived down into his pocket for a nickel, and the woman dug around in her purse and brought up another, and they paid their fares independently. An audible sigh went up from the rest of the passengers. The man with the chivalric spirit felt worse than anybody else, unless it was the young people themselves, both of whom understood the situation and blushed furiously.

"Well, I don't care," growled the gallant man finally. "I did my duty anyhow, and he has had the pleasure of sitting beside her even if he doesn't know her."—New York Mail.

Romance of Stocking Knitter.

Romance may certainly figure in many of the knitted waistcoats and gorgeous stockings worn by our undergraduates today, but these have not so romantic an origin as the first of these articles produced in England, for tradition has it that William Lee, who in the sixteenth century invented the knitting frame on which both stockings and waistcoats were produced mechanically, was driven to this piece of ingenuity by the cruel flouting of the lady he loved, who happened to be a stocking knitter. Enraged at his failure to make an impression on her heart, he sought to make it on her purse by killing her means of livelihood, and one is glad to read that all stocking makers combined to frustrate his cruel purpose, with the result that he fled with his invention to France, where he finally died of a broken heart, whether for love of his lady or of his spoiled invention tradition does not say.—London Chronicle.

What "Yf" Spells.

A gentleman once received a letter in which were these words:

"Not finding Brown at home, I delivered your message to his yf."

The gentleman, finding it bad spelling, and therefore not being very intelligible, called his lady to help him read it. Between them they picked out the meaning of all but the "yf," which they could not understand. The lady proposed calling her chambermaid, because Betty, says she, has the best knack at reading bad spelling of any one I know.

Betty came, and was surprised that neither sir nor madam could tell what "yf" was.

"Why," says she, "yf spells wife. What else can it spell?"

And indeed it is a much better as well as shorter method of spelling wife than doubleyou, i, ef, e, which in reality spell doubleyifey.—From a Letter by Benjamin Franklin.

Birds Evolved From Reptiles.

It may be a shock to some persons to learn that the birds of the present day are descendants of reptiles. This fact has been conclusively proved by the fossil remains of creatures that form the intermediate stages between the birds of today and the reptiles of prehistoric ages. In fact, many of the birds have not yet completed their evolution, as in the case of the penguin, whose wings are merely rudimentary, absolutely inadequate for flying purposes and useful only as a means of propelling these awkward creatures through the water.

Too Much For Him.

"Andrew," said a devoted wife to her husband, "I want $100."

"A hundred what?" exclaimed the husband.

"Dollars," she replied calmly.

"What for?"

"Oh, a whole lot of things."

"Um—um," he hesitated. "I guess I shall have to check your extravagance, my dear."

"Do," she smiled, "and make it payable to my order, please."

He collapsed then and there.

Ruskin and Chrysanthemums.

Mr. Ruskin was asked if he did not admire chrysanthemums. Now, he liked nothing abnormal or artificial, and he regarded the production of chrysanthemums as an unhallowed attempt to grow flowers at a season when nature meant that there should be no flowers, and so the startling answer came, "I hate chrysanthemums."—Westminster Gazette.

Friendly Advice.

Coal Dealer—I want to insure my stock of coal. How much will I have to pay yearly on 150,000 francs' worth? Insurance Agent—Is it the same as you sent me the other day? Coal Dealer—Exactly. I. A.—Then take my advice and do not insure at all. Nothing could possibly make that coal burn.—Caricaturista.

Cheerfulness.

Cheerfulness is a sign of sanity. It is the person who has no laughter, no fun in his nature, the person who becomes morose and melancholy, who is in danger of losing his balance.—Success.

Stronger Than His Income.

Jack—Old fellow, what a fragile creature your fiancee is! She really looks as if she might break. Tom—Indeed, I expect she'll break me first.—New York Herald.

Queer Timekeepers.

To ascertain the time at night the Apache Indians employ a gourd on which the stars of the heavens are marked. As the constellations rise in the sky the Indian refers to his gourd and finds out the hour. By turning the gourd around he can tell the order in which the constellations may be expected to appear. The hill people of Assam reckon time and distance by the number of quids of betel nuts chewed. It will be remembered how, according to Washington Irving, Governor Wouter van Twiller dismissed the Dutch colonial assembly invariably at the last puff of his third pipe of tobacco. A Montagnis Indian of Canada will set up a tall stick in the snow when traveling ahead of friends who are to follow. He marks with his foot the line of shadow cast, and by the change in the angle of the shadow the oncoming party can tell on arriving at the spot about how far ahead the leader is. Doubtless the first timekeeper was the stomach, which notified its owner when the hour for a meal arrived.

Battles Decided by a Single Shot.

There are certainly three instances on record of a siege or battle having been decided by a single shot. First in order of importance was the shot believed to have been fired by one of his own men which killed Charles XII. in the trenches of the fortress of Friedrichstein, which immediately led to the raising of the second siege of Friedrichshall. This is perhaps the most important musket shot ever fired in the history of the world. Next comes the discharge of the mortar fired by Lord Cochrane during the defense of Port Trinidad in 1808. This shot foiled a French surprise and saved the fortress. Lastly, there was the single discharge of grapeshot which saved the fortress and town of Haddington in 1548. The French invaders had actually forced their way into the outworks the castle when the one well directed shot created such havoc in their densely packed ranks that there ensued an immediate panic, which ended in flight.

The Advantage of an Accident.

"The small size of the propeller screw," says a noted shipbuilder, "is not due to the perception of any inventor of its greater effect as compared with a larger one, but purely to accident. Many years ago screws for steamers were made as large as possible, it being the theory that the greater the diameter the higher the speed. A vessel was sent to sea with a screw so large that it was deemed best to cast each blade in two parts and then weld them together. During a storm all three blades of the propeller broke at the welding, reducing the diameter by more than two-thirds. To the surprise of the captain the vessel shot forward at a speed such as had never been attained before. Engineers then experimented with small propellers and discovered that they were much more effective than large ones. Had it not been for that accident we might have gone on using large bladed screws to the present day."

Where Fogs Are Thickest.

"In going from Rome to Paris," said a young man, "I paid extra money to cross the St. Gothard, but that lofty Alpine pass was a disappointment. It was foggy, and I saw nothing of the Alps. Hard luck, eh?"

"Not at all," replied the globe trotter. "Nearly everybody finds the St. Gothard wrapped in fog and mist. The St. Gothard, in fact, is the foggiest place in the world. London has 38 days of fog a year, Munich has 47, Hamburg has 52, Tegernsee, in the Bavarian Alps, has 134. Overtopping all of them comes the St. Gothard with an annual average of 277 foggy days."

The Starry Cross.

The first order ever bestowed upon women was the order of the Starry Cross, founded in 1668 by Eleanor, widow of Ferdinand III. of Austria, in thanksgiving for the saving of a portion of the holy cross at a fire in the palace at Vienna. This order, which was confirmed the following year by the pope, is divided into two classes containing different jewels, and is conferred in recognition of distinguished virtues. It is worn on the left breast attached to a black ribbon.

No Chinese Language.

An English traveler says that "Chinese language" is a misnomer. "There is no such thing as a Chinese language any more than there is a European language. A Canton man cannot understand an Amoy man, and I have seen two Chinamen sitting together with a third one acting interpreter. Pigeon English is the common tongue of commerce."

Her Idea of It.

"Is this the Stock Exchange?" inquired the sweet young matron.

"Yes, madam."

"Then I wish to exchange these securities for some that will pay dividends. These never have."—Exchange.

His Distinction.

A doctor forbidding a patient to drink alcoholic beverages, the patient replied, "But, doctor, you yourself drink alcohol." "Yes, my friend, but not as a doctor. When I do drink I do so only as an ordinary man."

The Poets.

"Poets usually have sad lives," said the sentimentalist.

"Well," answered Mr. Cumrox, "writing the kind of things they do, I don't see how they could expect to be very cheerful."—Washington Star.

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