

SURPRISE FOR THE VISITOR

Maggie Remembered Her Lesson and Was Only Anxious to "Do It Right, Ma'am."

How to open the door and receive visitors properly was the first lesson taught green Maggie...

PARROT AN INTERESTING PET

Bird in No Way Objectionable and Easy to Keep Healthy and Happy.

Parrots, always popular, are now quite the rage, and any girl acquiring one for the first time will find him a most interesting pet...

Men of the Sea

There is that in the sea life which can ennoble the roughest material, though, as Fielding observes...

Value of Good Humor

It is not great calamities that embitter existence; it is the petty vexations, the small jealousies, the little disappointments...

Recess of Temple Gardens

Perhaps the two most famous flowers in history are associated with the Temple Gardens at London...

The Main Objection

"No," said the principal constituents with a shudder, "we can never vote for that man for the city council."

LION'S HEAD ALWAYS IN USE

From Earliest Times It Has Been Associated With Fountains and Flowing Water.

"The sun glows in the Lion," says Seneca, meaning that when the sun enters the sign of Leo at the summer solstice...

The constellation which is called Leo bears very little resemblance to the outline of a lion...

Furthermore, the lion's head with widely open jaws is in itself very suitable for the mouth of a fountain or waterpout...

The water clock, which was used in judicial proceedings, had the form of a lion and a name which means the guardian of the stream...

CAN BE CARRIED TOO FAR

Relaxed Muscles, Indulged in to the Extreme, Detrimental to the Health.

We read much of the benefit of relaxing, which is true as far as concerns the nerves and temper...

It is all right not to keep oneself tense; to let everything go occasionally and just flop...

If a girl or boy gets into the habit of dropping his shoulders, slouching, sprawling over a table, crouching over books or game...

It is not pleasant to be continually nagging at children, "stand up!" "keep your elbows off the table..."

Gruesome Charm Worked Well

Charm as a cure for sickness were common in England a century ago. Lady Wake, who was born in 1806, tells of a gruesome cure adopted for the removal of some birthmarks...

Dream That Saved Life

"Hints conveyed by dreams are occasionally worth heeding," says the London Chronicle. "The late Lord Dufferin when in Paris dreamed that he was in a hearse on the way to the cemetery..."

A Snake in His Hair

The hair of the Indian yogi or religious mendicant owing to long years of neglect becomes matted together in a fashion more easy to imagine than to describe...

KING BEE OF BUSINESS MEN

Writer Tells How Banker Stays Home and Has Money Brought to Him.

Hats off, fellows fighters in the battle of business—hats off to the banker. He's the king bee of us all, says the Bookkeeper...

With cheerful equanimity he takes their coin and cheerfully agrees to return it to them in installments...

TRUTH IN REFERENCE GIVEN

Doubtful, However, If It Would Aid Bearer in Securing Another Position.

The bearer, Hayashi Kishi, has been in my service for the last four weeks. During that period, he was trusted with the keys of the wine cellar...

For a teetotal family, to whom cleanliness and punctuality are no objects, who use no stoneware or other breakable dishes...

It is purely out of personal regard for him that I am compelled to dispense with his services...

I shall be glad to hear that the earth contains another fool so confident as to take him into service and relieve a white man of his burden.

Unity of the Universe

According to the Spencerian view, the universe is a complex unity, which, when reduced to its ultimate analysis, is seen to be one fact—the redistribution of matter and motion...

Correct Standing Position

The correct standing position has been frequently described, but as frequently forgotten, or at least neglected. Chest up is the essential direction...

Importance of Deep Breathing

Nervousness can be cured by forming the habit of breathing deep and long, and one medical authority prescribes it in his schedules for nervous women...

TOWN BUILT ON TOP OF ROCK

Ancient Human Habitation Known to Have Been Constructed Many Centuries Ago.

It would undoubtedly be a peculiar sensation to live on top of a mushroom. If the mushroom were of gigantic proportions and were planted so as to overhang the sea...

The strange mushroom-like rock on which the town stands is a splendid specimen of fantastic erosion, having overhanging sides nearly 400 feet high...

This town belongs to a past civilization. It is one of the most perfect specimens of the prehistoric Puebloan architecture. With inconceivable labor this town in the air was built and fortified for the safety of its inhabitants...

NOT IN HER SECOND BEST

Aunt Peace Had Retained Some of the Vanities Common to the World.

Quakers believe in a sober garb, but they are by no means without that quality which would be termed vanity in "the world's people."

One day a strolling photographer asked permission to take a picture of the Lawton family, sitting on their velvet lawn...

"William," said the old lady, calmly, "if these things that I propose to be put in a picture with my second-best cap on and my kerchief sadly in need of an iron they are greatly mistaken."

Souvenir of Florida

A young woman who recently returned from a trip to Florida brought with her as a souvenir a small coconut shell on which a human face had been roughly carved with a few strokes of a knife...

Why She Couldn't Plug

Telephone operators who plug wrong numbers or get the wires crossed sometimes are responsible for very embarrassing situations, as was exemplified by a broker.

The broker called up his home number and said to the person on the other end of the wire:

"Hello, dear, is that you?" "Yes, I've been thinking about you all morning. I want you to come down town and meet me for lunch and we'll go to a show this afternoon."

"Well, that would be very nice," replied the person on the other end, "and I should dearly love to do so, but my husband is home and I'm afraid he'd object. Don't you think you've got the wrong number?"

A Squirrel Barometer

A merchant in a western city has a queer barometer. It is a domesticated fox squirrel. He keeps the little pet in a large paint barrel, all inclosed with the exception of a small round hole in one end...

But should there be a change coming, say 10 or 12 hours off, the squirrel plugs up his hole with the matter from his bed and keeps it closed until the change comes. It is claimed the squirrel never makes a mistake, and that he gives no false alarms to his keeper.

Sitting Mobby

Young Father (in the future)—Great smash! Can't you do something to quiet that baby? Its eternal squalling just drives me wild.

Young Mother (calmly to servant)—Marie, bring in my husband's mother's photograph, and put in the cylinder "At Ten Months." I want him to hear how his voice sounded when he was young.—N. Y. Weekly.

WASP IS FRIEND OF MINERS

Active in Ridding Cabins of the Pest of Spiders and Therefore Well-Comed and Protected.

The miners of Colorado, who have built cabins on the mountain sides, know what a pest the small brown wood-spider proves to be. They throw their webs over your best clothes, cooking utensils and in every corner...

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SENSIBLE MOTHER OF BOYS

Had Made Up Her Mind to Welcome Daughters-in-Law and Love Them.

No small number of men and women are acquiring sons and daughters-in-law these days, and the thought of it brings to mind the conversation of two women, one the mother of a boy, the other the mother of four of them.

"It will not be long now until Jim will want to be marrying. I dread the thought of it."

"Why?" questioned the mother of the four.

"I may not care for the girl," "Well," said the other, "when my boys were small I figured it out in this way: If my boy could see enough in some girl to love her, happy her, and be willing to spend the rest of his days with her, surely there must be something in that girl I could find to like. I went on through the years expecting to love those four girls because they were the loved of my boys, and it has worked. I've two of the four daughters-in-law now, and I love them dearly for their own sakes. But I don't believe I would have had I dreaded the day."

Just a little story for the parents and parents-in-law of the brides and grooms to ponder over.

Kind-Hearted

It was a sweet sight. Private Jones was feeding his horse with lumps of sugar. There was no stint.

The colonel stood by, visibly affected.

"I'm very pleased to see you so kind to your horse, Jones," he said at length. "You will be sure to find that the animal appreciates your thoughtfulness. I shall remember this."

Private Jones touched his hat, and the colonel dissolved. Then Private Jones wiped his honest brow, and turned to a brother soldier.

"Well, if that ain't a bit of bloom in luck!" he murmured. "Why, the best threw me this mornin', and I'm tryin' to give him the rag's toothache."

Reference Books at Home

Any house that holds a family of children should have a good dictionary, an encyclopedia, a cyclopedia of biography, a dictionary of dates and names of mythology, some kind of a guide to English literature, a globe and an atlas. I would as soon think of keeping house without a clock as without such books as these...

Smoking for French Youth

It is curious that while in this country a child is not allowed to smoke cigarettes but may consume chocolate imitations to his heart's content in France the case is exactly reversed. Boys may smoke as much tobacco as they like, but any one serving them with chocolate "cigarettes" would be liable to heavy punishment...

It appears that an article of the French code, passed in 1835, prohibits the sale of spurious tobacco or other substances to be sold as tobacco, and was intended to prevent competition with the state monopoly.

Silk Hat Temperature

Men who wear silk hats know that the temperature inside the hat is much higher than outside; but it has remained for a French physician to measure the difference. He has discovered that when the thermometer registers 90 degrees in the shade in the outer air it stands at 106 degrees in his silk hat, and that when it is 68 degrees outside it is 88 inside. From these differences he concludes that the unnatural heat causes many nervous troubles.

INDIAN IS NOT UNDERSTOOD

White Race Has Proved Utterly Unable to Fathom Pride and Philosophy of the Red Man.

Even among the five civilized tribes there still remain many communities wholly full blood. These people drift together, following their own ideas of life, speaking their own language and retiring before the whites with the same strange reserve and pride that characterized them in their wild state.

Although claiming the name of several Christian denominations, and following certain tenets with devotion, their ways of thinking, their dislike of innovation and their aversion to work have made them withdraw to the mountain districts. Whether this so-called reserve comes from pride or a distrust of the white man or timidity or merely a stubborn conservatism it produces the same result; the backward and nonprogressive Indian.

There is, too, a certain mystic quality that holds the Indian aloof, a quality the Southern Workman; a quality that we do not understand and with which there is little sympathy in our everyday life. He is so much of a philosopher that he looks upon our strenuous life with some contempt, dismissing our efforts for personal comfort and material advancement with the remark that "the white man is heap trouble to himself." White people call him lazy because he does not care to exert himself for those things which seem important to whites, and yet to some religious ceremonial or some artistic expression his application is persistent and the "patience of an Indian" has passed into a proverb.

FINDS IT HARD TO EXPLAIN

Husband Undoubtedly Meant Well, but He Can't Get His Wife to Believe It.

Just to please his wife a Staten Island man consented to go to a matinee on a day when the only seats they could get in the part of the house she preferred were single seats in different rows, says the New York Sun.

When he went in the man promised the usher a quarter if he could get them seats together. At the end of the first act he noticed that the woman sitting beside him appeared detached. His wife looked lovely, so he said:

"Pardon me, are you here alone?" Just then the usher passed. The woman halted him.

"You must get me another seat," she said. "I cannot sit here any longer. This man has insulted me."

"Sure," said the usher. "We'll fix that all right. Come with me."

The woman said "brute" and followed the usher to the seat occupied by the Staten Island man's wife.

"This lady will change seats with you," said the usher.

"I'd advise you not to sit by that brute," said the indignant stranger. "He will insult you. He insulted me."

"What did he say?" gasped the wife. "He asked me if I were alone."

The Staten Island man and his wife saw the play out. Between the acts he tried to explain.

"It was to get you near me," he said. He has been saying the same thing most of his waking moments for the last six weeks, but he hasn't been able to make her believe it.

Perverved Quotations

More persistent even than the hackneyed misquotation is the verbally accurate quotation which is almost invariably perverted in meaning. One touch of nature makes the whole world kin" is commonly understood as expressing the fraternal sympathy of mankind. But turn up the line in "Troilus and Cressida" and you will discover, or rediscover, that it only means that all men are very much alike in one respect, that of liking societies. A "foregone conclusion" is always used to mean a result which is absolutely certain. Othello meant by the phrase something that had actually been done in the past, which Cassio did over again in a dream. And "to be or not to be" is almost invariably repeated in the sense of "to be done or not to be done," instead of "to exist or not to exist."

Japan's Toy Shops

There is no country in the world where there are so many toy shops. Japan. In all towns, and in many of the villages, there is a children's store, and the neighborhood of the principal temples is crowded with stalls containing things to amuse children. At the great religious festivals even the poorest are to be met with their arms full of toys to take home, and the number of men and women who earn a livelihood by itinerant street shows, got up solely to amuse the children, can be counted by hundreds. These entertainments include theatricals, where brave deeds are performed by heroic warriors, story-tellers, song-singers and confabulators.—Wide World Magazine.

Rare Eggs of Familiar Birds

To one not conversant with ornithology the statement that the eggs and nests of some well-known birds remain yet to be discovered must appear surprising. Yet such is the case.

The eggs of the curlew sandpiper, for instance, a bird familiar in Great Britain, were first discovered not so long ago on an island at the mouth of the Siberian river Yenisei.

There are a few other birds whose eggs have not yet been found, since they make their nests in remote regions, although living part of their lives among civilized men.—Harper's Weekly.