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## Fun and Fancy.

Whipple, the essayist, defines poetry as "the protest of genius against the reality of life." When the poet gets kicked out of the editor's sanctum it is the protest of the reality of life against genius.

"Wife, why do you open the window? We have only ten degrees of heat in the room. Yes, that's so; and in the open air it's four degrees. Now, I'll let those in, and then it will be fourteen, and quite comfortable here."

A physician said jocosely to a policeman one evening: "I always feel safe when I see a policeman in the evening, for there was no danger about. 'Yes, safer than I feel when I have a doctor about,' was the bright retort.

During the thick fog the other evening Gorn Gorn took a poor blind man by the hand and led him to his door. Telling the story to a friend on the following day he cried: "It is terrible to be blind in such a fog!"

A lady's boudoir is a powder magazine. Preparatory to an exhibition into the very heart of the enemy, she has a little brush and then raises her colors.

"No, sir," said Fogg, "I never knew Brown to mislead or deceive anybody in his life. No, sir; fact is, he couldn't. Nobody would believe anything he ever said."

A Brooklyn colored man who was having an affidavit prepared for him to swear to, was asked by the notary how he spelled his name. "Nebber mind the spellin', jess put it down."

"You ought to be in our room now," said Amy, "we have a teacher that rules the room." "Well," replied the high school girl, "I'd balance of myself; you should say, 'governs the horizontal perch on which the fowl repose,' not rules the room."

It is estimated that the number of ladies who cannot pass a mirror without glancing into it averages about twice to every dozen.

"See here," said a fault-finding husband, "we must have things arranged in this house so that we shall know just where everything is kept." "With all my heart," sweetly answered his wife, "and let us begin with your late hours, my love. I should dearly love to know where they are kept." He lets things run on as usual.

Evidence—"Pray, my good man," said a judge to an Irishman, who was a witness on a trial: "What was the name between you and the prisoner?" "Oh, then, please your lordship," said Pat, "sure I see Phelim atop of the wall." "Paddy?" says he. "What?" says I. "Here," says he. "Where?" says I. "Whist!" says he. "Hush!" says I. And that's all, please your lordship."

At a party the other night a young man got a girl into a corner and began whispering to her. It was very wearisome to her, and just as she was about to faint she startled the company by the spurring shriek of a girl over-board!" and this brought immediate relief.

Young man, remember that when you marry you not only get a wife but a mother-in-law. Yet you don't see why you need be afraid of the latter, as long as she remains what she will be when you get her—a mother-in-law. But if she should prove a mother outlaw that would be another thing.

Ethel: "I can't see what I could see in that ungainly, awkward Captain Heavittree." Madge: "My dear, it's becoming perfectly absurd. One thing, the gardener told the cook yesterday that he hoped the captain would stay for another fortnight, for positively there was no necessity to roll the gravel walks while they kept perpetually promenading up and down."

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## Household Hints.

**LOAF CAKE.**—One cup of butter, one cup of sugar, four eggs, two cups of flour, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, and one-half teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one-third of a cupful of sweet milk. Sift the cream of tartar with the flour. Flavor with nutmeg. Currants or raisins may be added if liked.

**DRIED APPLE CAKE.**—Two teaspoonfuls of dried apples, soaked over night and chopped fine; stew them in two cupfuls of molasses (or sirup) until well cooked. Then take two eggs, one cup butter, one cup sugar, one of sour cream, a little salt, two teaspoonfuls of soda, three cups of flour; stir some flour with the fruit before mixing with the rest; spices to suit the taste; the more the better. This makes an excellent cake.

**SILVER CAKE.**—Beat one-half cup of butter and one and one-half cup of powdered sugar together; one teaspoonful of baking powder sifted into two cups of flour; three-fourths cup of sweet milk; the whites of four eggs beaten to a cream; flavor with lemon; bake in an evenly heated oven.

**HINTS FOR FURNISHING FARM HOMES.**

Many farmers' wives and daughters have an instinctive sense of beauty in regard to the adornment of their homes; yet feel that their income is too limited to do anything. But if they look around for what nature will freely supply, they will be surprised at the transformation which can be easily wrought in rooms that before seemed dull and plain.

Ferns gathered in summer, and leaves in autumn, ressed, and pinned on the wall in irregular sprays, beginning at the cornice, look very graceful. Let white tulle, costing eighteen or twenty cents a yard, be cut in strips about half a yard wide and tacked over parlor and sitting room windows for lambrequins. On these pin some brilliant autumn leaves scattered here and there carefully, with perhaps a border of ferns, and you will be astonished at the fair-like appearance presented. I remember gathering great quantities of ferns while one summer at a New England resort, and a homely, but a very successful remark of the farmer, that "he wished he could turn all the Philadelphia ladies loose into his field and have them pull up all the 'brakes.'" But even this practical man was impressed by the arrangement above described.—[American Agriculturist.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**—SUGGESTIONS.—Christmas is coming! with its demand for pretty fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts; and a few suggestions as to new styles of art needlework may be acceptable to those having a number of friends to provide for. A nice present for a housekeeper is a set of half a dozen doilies of small fruit napkins. The latest fashion is to turn down one corner of the linen squares and work upon it an orange, or other fruit, varying the designs on each. Embroidered aprons are now very fashionable for home wear, and may be made of satin, linen, pongee, or muslin, and decorated with silk, wools, or crevells, as the material suggests. A very tasteful apron for a young lady is one of pure white pongee worked with dainty knots of violet, the waistband and strings being of delicate lavender ribbon. We have seen them of ecru, tied with scarlet, the front decorated with comical looking honey-bees, and the motto, in outline stitch, "How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour!" These are for evening aprons. A new feature of art needlework is in embroidered or plush balls, which are sold by the dozen. These are flattened on one side, and sewed on in groups of three, a shadow being worked beneath each, and when mixed with artistically shaded leaves, are very effective. One thing always to be remembered in embroidery, as well as in painting, is to decide at first on which side of your bunch or spray the light shall fall, and work accordingly, the shades gradually melting into each other, from the deepest to those which are almost white.—[American Agriculturist.

**A Life Saving Present.** Mr. M. E. Allison, Hutchinson, Kan., saved his life by a simple Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, for Consumption, which caused him to procure a large bottle, that completely cured him, when Doctors, change of climate and everything else had failed. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe Coughs, and all Throat and Lung diseases, are guaranteed to cure. Trial Bottles at J. Wilson's drug store. Large size \$1. (1).

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**A few days ago a young fellow named Drake, who has been making the Brussels billiard room, got into some altercation with Geo. Armstrong about making change and to make his statements more explicit he drew a revolver and threatened Armstrong's life. It is reported that the young man has "aid," if not he should be taught a lesson he will never forget.**

## THE PAY OF "FREAKS."

Salaries Received by Fat Women, Living Skeletons, Etc.

"How are they paid?" was asked a museum manager.

"I'll read you the salaries we pay from the books," said Mr. Kohl. "For instance, there is Charles Tripp, the armless man, and Eli Bowen, the legless man. They have doubled up now and travel together, assisting one another. They get \$125 per week and expenses. Lizzie Sturgeon, the armless girl, who plays the piano with her toes, gets \$75 per week."

"How about giants?"

Well, Bates and Swan, the Nova Scotia giant and giantess, will receive from us \$500 a week and all expenses. They have retired from the show business and own a farm near Mansfield, O., where they live, but we have coaxed them to come on here. Plain, everyday giants can be had from \$80 to \$500 per week. Chang, the Chinese giant, and Chemah, the Chinese dwarf, are paired this season and get \$500 per week."

"Are giants jealous of one another?"

Generally they are. They back up one another and usually claim the largest size for themselves. I once heard one of them say he could lick salt from Chang's head, but he was wrong."

"The Wild Man of Borneo" got \$125 per week, and the Siberian Hermit gets \$50 a week. He claims to have been banished to the wilds of Siberia. Here's his picture. Though looking like a citizen, ain't he? Major Atom and his uncle, Admiral Dot, the dwarfs, receive \$150 per week. The seven long-haired sisters are cheap at \$300 a week. We give Herr Hoag, the elastic-skinned man, \$175 per week and the expenses of himself and servant. He is a daisy. He can take the end of his nose and pull it out a foot, and when he lets go, it it snaps back into its place. Then he can cover his face with the skin of his chest."

We have a contract with Barnum for the Botocodoe—five men and a woman. One of the party died recently in this country. They cut holes in their lips and insert blocks of wood as ornaments. Barnum's thirteen Australians bring \$250 per week and all expenses."

"How are bearded ladies?"

Well, bearded ladies with good beards bring \$150 per week. Myrtle Corbin, the four-legged girl, brings \$300 per week. She lives in the North Carolina mountains with her father, and the old man is too shiftless to take her on the road. She would draw big money for him, but he has to be coaxed too hard to get her, and he is liable to leave a show at any moment."

What human curiosity gets the most money?"

Miss Christine, the double-headed girl, gets \$100 per day and the expenses of herself and three servants. She is a good one to do business with, too, and always keeps her contracts to the letter. She won't play Sundays, though. The \$200 a week for four arms and four legs gets \$400 a week. We are to give Blind Tom \$500 per week, and it will be first time he has ever showed for less than \$500 admission."

"I suppose some of these 'freaks' made a good deal out of the sale of their photographs?"

"Well, I should say they did. Some of them make more than their salaries. The greatest picture-seller is Mrs. Tom Thurst. She has had a few contracts before her husband's death and is now filling them. She will be seen here in December, and then goes to her home on the Hudson to live. We give her \$550 per week, and she will not show Sunday. She sells her pictures just as fast as she can make change."

"What are first nighters paid for?"

"O, from \$15 to \$30 per week. The rooster that dances on red-hot iron has the call, but I don't fancy his act."

"Is there any call for Circassian women?"

"None at all," said Mr. Kohl. "Circassian ladies are a drug, and the market for them is great. They are too fresh, and have too much to say to the young men in the audience."

"How about the trained-bird men?"

"Well, the men with canaries get \$50 a week, but those who have the parrots, macaws and larger birds receive only from \$18 to \$25 per week."—[Chicago Tribune.

## What a Baby Can Do.

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