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GOSSIP.

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"And so," remarked the judge, "you say the iron entered your soul. How did it happen?"

"Well," replied the plaintiff, "I think the beginning of it was when she stuck her hatpin into me."

Note the offering of 100 head of Shropshire and Cotswold sheep by John Miller, Brougham, Ont. Among the lot are ten shearing rams and fifty ram lambs. Sheep are worth money these days, and are eagerly picked up. Order early and secure the pick from this excellent and reliable flock.

An English debtor, on being sued, admitted that he had borrowed the money, but said that the plaintiff knew at the time it was a "Kathleen Mavourneen loan." "A Kathleen Mavourneen loan?" questioned the court, with a puzzled look. "That's it, your lordship—one of the 'it may be for years, and it may be for ever' sort."

A southern Congressman tells a story of an old negro in Alabama, who, in his bargaining, is always afraid that he may get "the worst of it." On one occasion, it appears, this aged darky went after a calf that he had pastured all summer, and asked what he owed for the pasturing.

"I have a bill of \$10 against you," said the farmer, who had undertaken the care of the animal, "but, if you are willing, I'll take the calf and call it settled."

"No, sah!" promptly exclaimed the negro, "I'll do nothing like dat. But," he added, after a pause, "I'll tell you what I will do—you keep the calf two weeks longer and you can have it."

Said a drummer for a big Cincinnati wholesale shoe firm: "My district included a large part of rural Ohio. I recall once that I got into a crowded train, and the only seat I could find was one near the car door. I became interested in a conversation between two brakemen. One was a green negro, and the other was instructing him what to do."

"Now, you have got to learn the names of the stations, and call them out at each stop. So, when the train stops, you open this door and listen to what I call out at the other end, and then repeat it," said the instructor.

"All right," was the reply.

"Everything went fairly well for a while, but finally the old-timer stuck his head in the door and called out 'Wapakoneta! Wapakoneta!' The greenhorn listened attentively, with a puzzled expression. At length his face brightened up, and he exclaimed:

"Jes' de same at dis end o' de car!"

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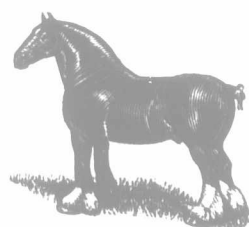
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THE SPICE OF LIFE.

No one questions the truth of this characteristic remark by Booker T. Washington: "It is no disgrace to wash windows or sweep a floor. The disgrace comes when it is poorly done."

Pett Ridge, the London journalist and author, is of the opinion that the keenest repartee, after all, is that half-unconscious sort which springs so wholeheartedly from the masses, and here is a story he tells in support of his theory: A woman who had been selling fish entered an omnibus with the empty basket on her arm, still giving forth an unmistakable odor of the finny folk it had carried. She took a vacant seat next a young "gentleman," who drew his coat-tails away and plainly showed his disgust. "I s'pose," remarked the woman, presently, "that you'd rather there was a gentleman sittin' beside you?" "Yes, I would," was the prompt reply. There was a moment's pause, and then came, "So would I."

Sir Henry Irving tells that at one time, visiting Shakespeare's birthplace, he had a slight experience with a rustic of the vicinity. Being in a quizzical frame of mind, Sir Henry addressed a few questions to the fellow, and in reply obtained some illuminating information.

"That's Shakespeare's house over there, I believe," Sir Henry innocently remarked.

"Ees."

"Have you ever been there?"

"Noa."

"I believe Mr. Shakespeare is dead now. Can you tell me how long?"

"Dunno."

"Let's see, he wrote, did he not?"

"Oh, yes, he did summat."

"What was it he wrote?"

"Well, I think it wat the Boible?"

Mark Twain on his last visit to his birthplace, Hannibal, Mo., told to the school children a true story about a schoolboy.

"This boy," he said, "awoke one morning very ill. His groans alarmed the household. The doctor was sent for and came post haste."

"Well," said the doctor, as he entered the sick-room, 'what is the trouble?'

"A pain in my side," said the boy.

"Any pain in the head?"

"Yes, sir?"

"Is the right hand stiff?"

"A little."

"How about the right foot?"

"That's stiff, too."

"The doctor winked at the boy's mother."

"Well," he said, 'you're pretty sick. But you'll be able to go to school on Monday. Let me see, to-day is Saturday, and—'

"Is to-day Saturday?" said the boy in a vexed tone. "I thought it was Friday."

"Half an hour later that boy declared himself healed and got up. Then they packed him off to school, for it was Friday, after all."

James Dalrymple, of Glasgow, the expert on municipal street-car ownership, was comparing in Cleveland the public with the private operation of water supplies, gas works and kindred utilities.

"When private hands take hold of these things," said Mr. Dalrymple, "they run them beautifully at first. The people at first are highly pleased. But with time's passage the popular pleasure wanes; it changes to vexation and to bitterness; and that," said Mr. Dalrymple, "reminds me of a recent happening in Glasgow."

"There was a Glasgow man to whom his wife said:

"Donald, next Thursday is Helen's birthday. She will be eleven years old. Give me a little money, please, to get a birthday present for her."

"The man, as he took out his purse, said querulously:

"How the deuce are you able to remember so exactly the dates of all our children's births?"

"Easily enough," the woman answered. "Our first child was born on January 17, and on that day I gave me a necklace of diamonds and rubies. Our second was born on June 2, and on that day you gave me a gold watch worth sixpence. Our third child was born on October 1, and that day I bought a new dress for my mother through a lady's maid, that you made a cat a new dress."

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