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Real Irish Anecdotes.
 It is the complaint of natives that the anecdotes which are frequently related as illustrations of Irish wit and humor are by no means characteristic of the Irish people, and are in fact, but inferior imitations of the Mr. W. T. Stead once told a story of a bet which was made two by Irishmen. It was to the effect that Pat would not carry up three ladders a load of bricks with Mike sitting on the top of the load. Two of the ladders were ascended without mishap but on the third Pat missed a step. He held on however, and thus saved himself and Mike from falling a distance of forty feet.
 "I have won the bet," he exclaimed when he reached the top.
 "Yes," replied Mike, "but when ye shipped I thought I had ye."
 A writer on Irish humor in the London Times mentions that the type of story which is often told to illustrate the humor of the Irish people.
 A laborer who fell off a building and fractured his ribs was awarded £55 compensation by the court. But his solicitor kept £15 for professional services. The laborer gazed at the ten sovereigns that were handed to him in great surprise.
 "What are you looking at?" asked the solicitor.
 "Well, as you ask me, sir," replied the workman. "I was just wondering which of us it was that fell off the building and broke his ribs!"
 During the great railway strike of 1911 an amateur engine-driver in pulling up at a country station, took the train a long way past the platform, and then, backing the train, went as far again beyond the platform at the other end.
 "Stop where ye are," shouted a Dublin playboy among the pickets; "we'll shift the station for ye!"
 In some notes on Irish bulls the same writer says: "It is a curious effect of an Irish 'bull' that however it may turn a thing the wrong way round, it always tends to its completion and more perfect understanding. Simple and true to Irish nature was the description, recently given by a Nationalist member of the desolation of a farm in Ireland. 'The only animals that can live on it' said he 'are the seagulls, which fly over it.'"
 "Happy, again, as an example of the fundamental incongruity between the ideas associated in a 'bull' is the report of a thirsty car-driver to his English fare, who had just refreshed him at the roadside public-house.
 "Well, has that made another man of you?" said the traveler.
 "Faith, it has, sir," replied the jarvey.
 A member of the Royal Irish Constabulary, taking the agricultural statistics of a rural district, called at a farmer's house when the occupier was out, and was directed by one of the family—a young lad—where he would find him.
 "He's out in the paddock with the ass," said the boy. "You'll know father by his straw hat."
 As an example of unconscious humor this story may be told:—"How does this damp weather agree with you, Mrs. Maloney?"
 "Badly, thin. I'm just contriving to keep out of the hands of the undertakers."
 "Faix, an' I'm sorry to hear that same ma'am."

Stamp Stories.
 "It beats me," the man in the street will say "how anybody can be such a fool as to spend £1,000 in buying a dirty little piece of paper, which once has done duty as a postage-stamp!"
 And yet, strange though it may seem, there are many men with their wits very much about them who, had they but the chance, would gladly pay this price for certain postage stamps.
 The collector, for example, who could obtain for £1,000 the one cent British Guiana stamp issued in 1857 would have every reason to congratulate himself; whilst even if he paid twice that sum for it, he could still feel that he had made a very clever bargain.
 Similarly, the so-called "Post Office" Mauritius stamps, issued in 1847 in two values, 1d. and 2d., are worth to-day anything from £800, according to the condition of the individual specimen.
 Stamps such as these are within the reach of the really wealthy collector. Still there are also treasures which can be procured by the man of lesser means; and this it is, no doubt, which has made stamp collecting a hobby universally popular.
 "It is one of the greatest pleasures of my life," our present King once wrote; and this Royal sentiment has since been voiced by thousands of his humblest subjects.
 Almost all men, in fact, are smitten at some time or other with the fever for collecting postage stamps.
 Most large towns—not only in Britain, but on the Continent and in America—have philatelic societies whilst Canada, South America, and Australia number collectors by the thousand and of all ages.
 But to the ordinary man—the man, that is to say, who, as a school-boy, collected, and since then has taken but little interest in his erstwhile hobby—the idea of investing money in postage-stamps may seem ridiculous. Perhaps at some time he thought of selling his collection, but was unable to find a dealer willing to give for it more than an eighth of what it cost originally.

If so, he has only himself to blame for his disappointment. He collected the wrong stamps—those stamps which dealers buy wholesale for a mere song, and sell, say, at one penny each so as to clear a small profit, pay the expenses of their establishments, the salaries of sorters and assistants, and the cost of having catalogues, and so forth, printed.
 No man can hope to realize a fortune by purchasing such stamps. Still collectors can make money. In 1870, for example, a certain stamp dealer in London for the sake of advertisement papered the walls and windows of his shop with unused Ionian Island stamps, then a drug in the market. Those stamps are worth three to four shillings each.
 Again, there was a gentleman at Torquay who made a collection, which cost him, all told, £360. For thirty years he left it untouched then he sold it to a London dealer for the huge cash price of £4,000.
 The man with a short purse cannot do better, perhaps, than to buy unused stamps, and preferably those belonging to small Colonies with small populations.
 Stamps, of course, are printed by the million. The supply of used stamps, therefore of almost any issue will, to all intents and purposes, be unlimited for a very long space of time. But when that issue becomes obsolete, unused specimens probably will advance in price immediately for the simple reason that the supply is no longer able to cope with the demand.
 Here are a few cases in point. The 6d. Cyprus of the 1880 issue, unused was worth 1s. 6d. in 1886, 12s. in 1893, and 30s. in 1897. The 1s. Gibraltar stamp, 1886 issue was worth, 3s. 6d., in 1890 and 7s. 6d. in 1893 whilst to-day any one would be lucky to secure one for 30s. A used specimen of the 1d. blue, triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps, 1861 issue, is worth to-day anything from £75. At one time the firm of Messrs Stanley Gibbons were retailers of these stamps at 2s. 6d. each.
 With profits such as these in view it is to be wondered at that shrewd business men often invest large sums of money in postage-stamps? One noted collector—a Frenchman, be the way—is known to have invested in thirty years nearly a quarter of a million pounds in such bits of paper.
 That stubborn headache can likely be removed by properly fitted glasses. No doubt it is caused by one of the various forms of astigmatism or hypermetropia. Go to TRAPNELL, the Eyesight Specialist, and have your eyes tested.—1914

How Not to be Shocked.
 With electricity becoming more and more a part of everyday life the necessity for caution in regard to its use should remain uppermost in our minds. Fatal or severe injuries received from contact with electric light fixtures and other wiring in house holds are not common in Philadelphia, but it does not follow that persons should be warned.
 Throughout the country there have been many deaths due to electric shocks where poor insulation was to blame. Insulation may wear off; consequently, it is a good thing not to handle exposed wires. Among the most common dangers of electricity is that in connection with water. A person should never touch an electric fixture while standing at a water faucet, or while standing at the bath tub or on a wet floor, or while barefoot. Likewise never attempt to use an electric light fixture while in the bath tub. These have been cases where bathers have attempted to use electric vibrators while in a tub of water, and the results have been serious.
 Two telephones should not be grasped at the same time, and neither should a telephone and an electric light fixture. Loose electric wires of any sort should be avoided and never touched. Trying to get shocks may be entertaining, but it is dangerous, for electricity is treacherous. In a trolly car on a rainy day never touch any of the electric lamps or metal decorations in the ceiling of the car with an umbrella or hands.
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most potent influence in the lives of good men and women. If you would save the child, spare the rod rather than the love. If this cap doesn't fit you, take each of your children aside and say this: I am the best friend you will ever have. We may have misunderstandings each other in the past. Let's talk it out frankly as two friends should and can talk to each other. If you have been bad, tell me now so that the two of us can find a way to straighten things. If you have acquired a secret disease, take me into your confidence and I will see to it that the best possible medical skill shall be secured for you. If you have been wayward—if you have lost your virtue, tell me now while there is yet time to save you from further shame and guide you back to decent living. A father is the man, to come to, when you are afraid to confide in any one else.—Herbert Kaufman in the Woman's World for August.

A Milk Bureau.
 Calgary's municipal milk bureau which is now under way has already proved itself to be a great success and large numbers of mothers are availing themselves of the opportunity it presents to get absolutely pure milk for their babies. The idea at the bottom of the scheme is to do something to prevent high infant mortality in Calgary by enabling parents to get wholesome refrigerated milk for their offspring at moderate prices. The municipal milk dispensary gets its milk daily from one dairy, the first plan to get it from several establishments.

Revamps Old Plan to Rob Jeweller.
 New York, July 9.—Louis Freeman, the 18-year-old clerk, who found bound and gagged in his employer's jewelry store, in Maiden Lane, yesterday, told a story of having been attacked by a pretended customer, was arrested last night, charged with grand larceny. Jewelry, valued at \$4,068 and \$98 in cash, were missing after Freeman recovered consciousness and was released. According to the deputy police commissioner, Mr. Dougherty, Freeman confessed he entered into an agreement with a second man to rob his employers, Louis Stern & Company. August Sachs, 19 years old, a clerk in the jewelry district, was arrested accused of robbery. He was Freeman's "assistant," the police say. The jewelry has been recovered. Several hours later Henry Rosofsky, wearing the full uniform of an American sailor, was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

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