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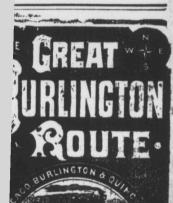
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#### Fun and Fancy.

'Have you,' asked the Judge of a re-cently convicted man, 'anything to offer the Court before sentence is passed?'
'No, your honor,' replied the prisoner, 'my lawyer took my last cent.'

'Indade,' said Mr. O Rafferty, who was discussing the good old days, 'the paple who lived in the wurruld whin there was not a single livin' soul on the free of the earth had the best time of it that I can imagine.'

Emerson says a man ought to carry a pencil and note down the thoughts of the moment. Yes, and one short pencil devoted exclusively to that use, would last some men we know about two thousand years, and then have the original

'What is the price of axle grease?'

ked a new clerk of a grocery dealer;

There is no mark on it.' 'It depends on
your customer. If he asks for axlegrease charge him fifteen cents a peund,
hut if he wants butter, make it thirty-

At an evening party one of the guests preserved a strict silence, no matter what might be the subject of conversation. Theedore Hook at last advanced to him and said: 'If you are a fool you are wise man; if you are a wise man you are a fool.

There comes a time in every little girl's life when she is seized with a longing to coek.—[Evening Post. And there comes a time in every big girl's life when she is seized with a longing to hire somebedy else to cook. It comes after she cate merried

gets married.

'Helle, Johnny, where've you been all the morning?' asked one urchin of another as he appeared in the school-room during the afterneon session. 'Been fishin',' was the rejoinder. 'Ketch anything?' 'Yes, a lickin',' and the second class in geography stood up.

Impoverished aristocrat—'What dish, waitah, combines the greatest ah, luxury with the least expense?' Waiter—'Codfish and cream—fifteen cents.' I. A.—'And how much for the codfish, ah, plain?' Waiter—'Same price, sir.' I. A.— Waitah, bring me some, ah cream.'

The intellect that directs the bee lines in Life, under the caption of "How to Handle Bees," says a bee is not a very difficult thing to handle. He is as easily picked up as a strawberry, is reasonably light and compressible. To handle him is, therefore, a mere song. Any man can do it. In fact the more ignorant of bees a man is the more easily he can handle one. The main difficulty seems to be in quieting the man down after he handled a small but froliceme bee. There have been men known to race around a 10 acre lot, and eventually lose their salvation, after handling one hee for the tenth part of a second What the country really needs is an article on how to avoid handling

#### HOW THEY LIVE.

A Transp's Off-hand Replies to a Whole

A browsy-headed, eiderly-looking sunbrowned man was lying sleeping under a tree by the soadside. Near him was his black slouch hat, a heavy cane, and his greasy-looking black knapsack. He was

ped at a hunter's feet. The tramp in a wreath of smoke curling about his head, happy as a king. 'Beg pardon for disturbing you,' said

the gunner. 'No matter; I'm through,' said the tramp, sitting up.

The gunner put his pigeon in his game
bag, sat on a rock, and the following talk

'On a tramp ?' 'How long?' 'Ten years or more.' 'How's that ?'
'Because I don't like to work.' 'How do you get food?'

'Beg it.' From women? Always from men? "Why not women?"
"They frighten too easily." 'Do men ever refuse?' Very seldom.

Do you ever ask for money ? 'Never,' Ever get any ? Sometimes, when I ask men

'How's that ?' Men melt easy. "Men not as close as women?"
"Not when I touch em." 'Touch 'em where?' Their hearts, by asking for bread.

'That's a scheme, is it?'
'A successful racket.'
'Do you drink?' 'All tramps do—when they can.'
'When?' 'Only at night.'
'Why at night?' 'Nothing else to do.' 'Why not drink in the day?'

'Strong breath kills the business. 'No one gives to a man who smells of

"That's why you drink at night?"
'Yes; it wears off by morning."
'Clothes?' 'They're easier getting than grub.' 'Wat's the hardest to get ?' 'Boots to fit.' 'The easiest ?' 'Old hats.' What is the best way to win women 'Beg for soap.
'How's that?'

'They'll think you're poor, but clean. 'Catches them ?' Every time. 'Do you sleep in barns?'
'Never.'

'Why?'
'If one burns you're blamed for it,'
'Do you bathe?' Always-in summer. 'In winter ?' 'Skip that.' 'Are tramps happy?'
'Yes, as the world goes.' 'Uon tented?'

\*Certainly not !

'Are you well informed?'

'Only in matters that concern tramps. 'That is...' Crime, tramp laws, and arrests 'Would you wear new shoes?' 'Never.

'No, sir, even if I got 'em honest. New hat ? 'No.'
'Why not?'

tore robbed.

'What does a tramp most want?' 'To be left alone.'
'Do you consider that the world owes

'Oh, no. 'Why not?'
'Wouldn't be any fun getting it.'
'How do you consider it?'
'The world owes no man anything, but

he smartest gets the most the easiest.' 'Suppose the world did owe each man

'Why, then, we'd have ten times more Bad for you?

'Anybody worse off than tramps?'
'Plenty.'
'What becomes of tramps?' 'They get old if they're not killed.'

'Not natural deaths.' 'How is that ?' 'A healthy tramp's dirty and contracts no disease. Besides, he's no wear and

tear of brain. 'Filth a prevention of disease?'
'Certainly. Did you ever see a sick dirty man?'
'Are they scarce?'

'As dead mules.'
'How are tramps made,?' 'In two ways.' 'First ?'

The American becomes a tramp first generally through misfortune. It is never deliberate. 'And then ?'

'In a few years he gets so used to it that he wouldn't do without it.' 'The second way?'

'Disappointed foreigners. They get to America thinking they'll find gold in the street. They slip up, and then drift about the country with the crows.'

'What of your future?'

'I'll live long on the tramp, and finally

die happy.'
'And then ?'
'Why, I'll be a volunteer for some dis-

'For science?'
'Yes; I'll be of some service, anyhow.'
'You said tramps never die.'
'Se I did. I meant they never die oung. Generally they are killed on the nailroad, or smothered in iron furnaces 'Do tramps lie?'

'Do marines, or Jews, or showmen, or newspapers? 'Do you pray?' 'As much as any others, except preach

'Do you ever go to church?' 'Look at my wardrobe.'
'Did you ever hear a sermon? 'Yes, in jail, five years ago.'
'Do you do any good ?'
'Well, I'm a tramp yet, but am out of

a tramp.

'Bang' went a gun and a pigeon dropas he turned for the last time was the

### Words of Wisdom.

We have read of wooden seeds, so perfectly made as to deceive the husbandman. But there never was one so per fectly made as to deceive the soil.

True art resembles good company. It compels us. in the most delightful manner, to admit the extent to which our inward faculties have been cultivated. Let the young man who intends following a profession make the money acquisition idea a subordinate one, and take no counsel of mere money chang-

If the truth were known it would doubtless be found that a vicious juvenile literature is largely responsible for the formation of characters of the Jesse James

If a man is to be what he ought to be, his powers must be brought up together, by giving due attention to all, and undue attention to none of the God-given constituents of his being.

So far as material comforts are con-cerned, the Creator has done nothing for man that he has not done for ants and monkeys, except to give him not only the desire but also the capacity for end-

less improvement. Gambling goes on day and night in private clubs and casinos, and it undoubtedly occasionally has very unfortunate results; but it is no more immoral to in-dulge in the habit in such places than it

is on the stock exchange. Witty sayings are as easily lost as the pearls slipping off a broken string; but a word of kindness is seldom spoken in vain. It is a seed, which, even when dropped by chance, springs up into a

It is not enough to give special infor-mation, and to fit the student for engaging in this or that money-making business. Above and beyond, before and under and through all such utilitarian ends, there should be kept alive the higher motives and the larger intellectual

Sir Roger L'Estrange says, 'there are braying men in the world as well as braying asses, for what is loud and senseless talking and swearing any other than braying? This is an evil that is spread-ing and working its direful effects. It produces that cold indifference to religion that leads to unbelief—the destroy-ar of all happiness here and hereafter. This want of reverence for the name of God, especially in the young, leads di-rectly to infidelity. And yet the con-versation heard almost constantly among the workmen at all our public works, at the corners of the street and places of lounging, is disgustingly low and vile.

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