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On the Honeymoon.-Bridegroom (on ocean steamer, faintly but bravely)-I told her I would give up everything for her sake, and I'vo done it.

Too Lazy to Kick.-Flasher-So Eabeman's dead, eh 3 Poor fellaw! How did he die? Dumbleton-Without a struggle. Flasher-I might have known it. He never was known to exert bim self.
brcalled stomby timbs.
"Well that looks natural," said the old soldier looking at a can of condensed milk on the breakfast table in place of ordinary milk that failed on account of the storm. "It's the Gail Borden Eagle Brand we uefd during the war."

By the will of the late Charles Crocker, who died in 1891, Geo. Crocker, of San Francisco, Cal., is ontitled to the sum of 3490,000 should he abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors for five years. As George has kept sober for that time the custodians have brought suit to terminate the trust and turn the money over to bim.

From a Legal Point of View.-First Lawyer-1 was lonking over my boy' geometry lesson last night. I was quita interested in that proposition that the three angles of a triangle are equal to two right angles. Second Lawger-That isn't very complicated. First LawyerNo ; but I was trying to think what a man could do if he had the other side of the case.

One of the most unique festivals in the world-the Kansas corn carnival-is held annually in Atchison the last week in September. This year's festival eclip sed all former ones. It was a celebration of a harvest of $300,000,000$ bushels of corn in Kaneas in 1896. Twenty thousand people congregated on the principal streets of the city in $x$ most anasual demonstration. Fifty bands joined in a grand concert, and the flambeaux parade was magnificent.

Mrs. Do Morgan says of Carlyle that - all the neighbours and tradespeople of Chelsea were naturally proud of the sage who made their little nook of London so famous. The conductors of the orcnibuses wers very carefal not to haxry him in getting in and out, and I once saw him pointed out by one of them to a friend: "That ere old gent has written a lot of books." "Have you read them?" the friend aaked. "No; but the Queen has, and the Government."

Sir Charles Russell, Lord Chief Justice of England, was asted by a Montreal interviewer, "Have you geen our Sunday newspapers?" He replied, "Yes; I think they are monumuntal and awful." It is something we do not have in Eng. land. Whenever I see one I am reminded of the case of an old gentleman of Oxford, who read bis paper with great care and thoroughness, but whose progress was so slow and whose paper was so large that he was always six months behind the current issue."

In connection with his geological and cosmological investigations," says The Scientific American, "Prof. Clarence King bas constructed a series of temperature gradients, ss they gre termed; that is, tables with diagrammatic representations of temperatare and pressure from the sarface to the center of the earth. He finde that, while there is ronlly a very slight cbange of temperature from the gurface to the center belowa certain superficial depptb, the preasine angmenta with one downward
aweep to the center; thus it punses 1,741 sweep to the center; thus it puases 1,74 ateadily augmenting antil at the center it reaches over $3,000,000$ atmospheres preesure ; it appeart, therefore, that the empite of hent over pressare is confined only to the saperficial lajer of the earth, that of pressare over heat being not far below the surface and increasing steadily downward to the conter. The temperature of the earth, an a globe, according to Profeceor King' inventiga. tions, never exceeded $2,000^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$."

In the absence of the regular golf editor the following question from a beginner was referred to the turf editor for an answer : "In a game of golf is it right to fuzzle your put, or is it better to fetter on the tee?" The turf editor bot his teath firmly, stared bard at the wall in front of him a few moments, and wroto the following roply: "In case a playur snaggles his iron it is permissible for him to fuzzlo his put, but a better plan would bo for him to drop his gupoy into the pringle and snoodle it out with a niblick."

The Philippines comprise about four hundred inlands, which lie two or three bundred wiles south of Formosa and exend almost due north and south to Borneo. There is a small resident Spanish population, and a considerable number of Chinese; the natives are mostly Malays. The population, which is eatimated to number seven millions, is not of the character that would be likely to rist in spontaneous revolt ; and Madrid officials ascribe the troublo to the machi nations of Cuban agenta operating from Hongkong.

The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, the Eng ish preacher and anthor, tells this stury against bimself: " When I was going with my boy for a day's trout-fishing on the loch, we chanced to meet with a grav Scotch divine, who said, ' Pray, sir, are ye the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse ?' 'I am,' sald I, with all the cheeriness that a boliday pats into a tired Londoner. 'Ye are no what I pictured ye when I read your buiks,' eaid be. 'I am very sorry,' I stammered. 'Ab, but when I read your buiks I pictured ye as long and theen and sanctimoornious looking!'"

Mr. William J. Bryan, the Democratic candidate for the Presidency in the United States, is essentially a master of articulation and inflection, and can utte words at a tremendous rate when he wants to, and still preserve the distinctness of every syllable and mantain this proper pauses for cratorical effect. The stenographers who have been travelling with Bryan ever sioce he was nominated and have taken down every public speech he has delivered, agree that his average rate is 100 words per minute. This in remarkable, considering that the time consumed in applause is included, but Bryan's word-producing abilities are not limited by the century raark. In some of his train platform speeches, when he has argaments to makp, and a limited time in which to make them, he speaks at the rate of 170 words a minute, while his record is 2,000 words in ten minutes.

While in Britain as in all the thickly peopled countries of the Old World, and increasiogly also on this side the Atlantic, there is need for incessant care and watch. fulness over the morals of the people, there is no country where more is being done in this regard, if oven so much, as in Britain. The National Vigilanen As8ociation, of which the Duke of Westminster in president, has issued its elevent annual report. The Azsociation's efforts in the canse of social parity are many and varied. Offenders against women and girls are prosecuted, and women on the downward path are received into institutions connected with the werk. Tho Association makes war upon disgraceful posters and suggentive illustrated journals. A great amount of work has been ac complished in the last twelve months in the prevention of vice as well as in the protection of tho wronged.

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