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An Eclipse.

Prof. G. A. Hill, of the United States Naval Observatory, said, before sailing to study the sun's eclipse:

"I have high hopes of this expedition, but a cloud may ruin all. I desire to come back overloaded with priceless solar photographs, but everything depends on chance, and perhaps I will return as empty handed as I go away."

"High hopes, great expectations—in the end nothing. In this aspect eclipse expeditions are like the expeditions of young men from the country who give up the plow and haste cityward, expecting in a little while to become bank presidents, captains of industry and millionaires."

"Alas, hopes high enough accompany the expeditions of these youths. The boy departs bravely. His honest father and mother while away the long and lonely evenings on the farm with dreams of his future success. They recount to one another his innumerable virtues. Such virtues, they say, must inevitably lead him to the governor's chair, to a senatorial toga, to a mayoralty, and so on."

"High hopes—great expectations—and in the end, nothing. A farm boy from Elizabeth, my native town, went to New York to seek his fortune. For six months not a word was heard from him. Then, one winter afternoon, his father got this note:

"Dear Pa—Meet me under the old bridge to-morrow night after dark. Bring with you a blanket or a suit of clothes. I have a hat."

Went about it Wrong.

Chauffeur Campbell, who won the \$1,000 Cape May trophy, was talking at the Windsor, where he stopped, about his great success as a racer.

"To what do you attribute your success, Mr. Campbell?" said a lawyer.

"To thorough preparation," the young man replied. "I didn't attempt to race until I had learned all there was to know about automobiles and automobiling."

Then, with a laugh, Mr. Campbell declared that he had not jumped all unprepared into racing, as the Maine skipper jumped into sign painting.

This skipper and his men were putting the finishing touches on a new schooner. When it came to painting the name on the boat's stern, the men hesitated, fearing to make a blotch of so difficult a job. But the skipper reproached them for cowardice, and threw himself on his stomach upon the deck with a pot of paint and a brush and, reaching down over the side, in due course he finished the name—**SHINNIW.**

The Clock and the Pugilist.

"I met John L. Sullivan once in Philadelphia," said an editor. "He was living with his theatrical company, on a car side tracked at Ninth and Spring Gardens streets. On meeting me he called me 'son,' and accepted readily an invitation to dine down-town."

"As a hansom bore us out Market street in the twilight the city hall clock was suddenly illuminated. John L. pointed to the shining dial and said quietly:

"Son, in my prime I was like that clock. I kept my hands well up to my face; I never missed a strike when I could get one, and I was always ready for another round."

An Ignoramus.

They were talking about the failure of the Subway Tavern.

"Well," said a lawyer, "Bishop Potter would never have entered into this movement if he had not known of many similar movements that are succeeding

splendidly in England. Bishop Potter is a well informed and highly educated man.

"Speaking of his education," he went on, "I am reminded of a convention where I once heard him make an address. He spoke in favour of education, and a self-made millionaire took exception to a certain thing he said. The millionaire declared that he had never gone to college, and he thanked God for it."

The bishop rose instantly. "Am I to understand," he said, "that the gentleman thanks God for his ignorance?"

"Why, yes," replied the millionaire. "You can put it that way if you've a mind to."

"Then," retorted Bishop Potter, "all I have to say is that the gentleman has a great deal to thank heaven for."

Hypnotism before, Drugs now.

District Attorney Jerome was discussing the absurd defenses that criminal lawyers sometimes induce their clients to set up.

"A while ago," he said, "it was hypnotism. If you killed a man someone had hypnotized you. If you robbed a bank, hypnotism again. I even heard once of a schoolboy who, detected in the act of playing truant, claimed that he never would have sinned if he had not been hypnotised first."

"To-day the favorite defence is drugging. A woman elopes—well, she was drugged. A clerk robs his employer—some one had drugged the poor fellow. A clergyman disappears for a week—we find, on his return, that he was drugged, and his mind is a blank."

"An elderly woman was walking along the street the other evening with her son, a boy of 12. Suddenly she halted, enraged.

"Look at that intoxicated brute across the way," she exclaimed, "Did you ever see anything so disgusting? Where are the police? Of course never at hand when they're wanted. That drunken beast ought to be locked up for a year."

"The boy, who had been looking intently through the dusk at the reeling man, now said in a low voice:

"Why, mother, that's brother Bill."

"At this the woman threw up her hands with a gesture of horror and despair.

"O," she cried the saloonkeepers have been drugging that poor child again."

Did Shoot Six, Maybe.

Beals C. Wright, the tennis champion, was eating reed birds.

"When the reed bird season comes round," he said, "I think of my cousin, an enthusiastic sportsman."

"My cousin once went on a reed bird hunt, and had excellent luck. The family, on his return, feasted."

"His wife, a week or so later, said to him:

"How many reed birds was it that you shot, do you remember?"

"Just two dozen," said my cousin 'and all beauties.'

"Then the grocer," said his wife, 'has made a mistake. He charges for only eighteen.'"

Looking Forward.

A. S. L. Shields, the criminal lawyer of Philadelphia, said at a dinner that the plea of insanity in murder cases was being overdone.

"Why," said Mr. Shields, "at this rate the time will soon arrive when two burglars, in discussing a contemplated crime, will talk like this:

"First Burglar—And, Bill, if the old woman wakes, bind and gag her. But mind ye, Bill, no murder."

"Bill—Ah, why not?"

"First Burglar—It's such a reflection on yer sanity."

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