

A Wonderful Son.

Fussy Old Gentleman—"Have you any children?"

"Yes, sir; a son."

"Ah! Does he smoke?"

"No, sir; he has never touched a cigarette."

"Does he frequent the clubs?"

"He has never put his foot in one."

"Does he come home late?"

"He goes to bed directly after dinner."

"A model young man, madame. How old is he?"

"Just two months."

The bag pipe, the favorite Scotch and Italian musical instrument, was invented in Greece 200 B. C.

The first silver coin was made by Phidon, king of Argos, 869 B. C.

The first American coins were made in England in 1612 for the Virginia Company.

Venice is built on 72 islands in a lagoon, and is often called the "City in the Sea."

The banana produces per acre 44 times more food than the potatoe and 131 times more than wheat.

It is estimated that over one hundred millions of people now speak the English language, over forty-one millions the French, sixty-nine millions German, thirty millions Italian, forty-one millions Spanish, thirteen millions Portuguese and sixty-seven million Russians.

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