

British Repartee.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke is credited with this bright bit of repartee: A New Englander, about seventy years old, who apparently is a vegetarian, having learned that Henry Van Dyke, author of "The Ruling Passion," made occasional expeditions to Canada and elsewhere in search of big game, recently sent to him a pen-drawing made by himself of a stag—a charming piece of work for a man of such years—and underneath placed this motto in large letters: "Then shall not kill!" Dr. Van Dyke, in acknowledging receipt of the drawing, thanked his friend for his kindness, and suggested that under certain conditions a more appropriate text would be Acts 10, 13: "Rise, Peter; kill, and eat."

A Task for the Cook.

A good story is told of a certain "nouveau riche" whose desire to show his ignorance was only exceeded by his guests, a well-known literary clergyman, said:

"I dined at X's, and he gave us a capital epigram at dessert."

He was humiliated. After his guests were gone, he called the cook.

"Didn't I give you 'carty blanchy' for this dinner?" he demanded.

"Yes, sir—you did, sir," replied the cook.

"And didn't I tell you to have everything that anybody had?"

"Yes, sir—you did, sir."

Well, now it seems that at X's they have epigrams at dessert, and good ones, too, and folks miss 'em when they come here. Now, you'll have to serve up epigrams, and what's more, cook 'em better than any one else.—Tit-Bits.

Seton-Thompson as Vocalist.

Ernest Thompson-Seton—he of animal story-telling and converted name fame—was describing to a clergyman the other day some of his experiences with various animals, particularly squirrels.

"It is an astonishing fact," said Mr. Seton, "that I found, after some few tests, that I could attract squirrels, howsoever wild, by singing to them. Whenever I sang they would come out of their holes or down from the trees and thouch at first showing some timidity, sit and listen intently and apparently with enjoyment. I remember one day, however, when, after singing them various songs—rag-time and others—I tried 'Old Hundred' on them. Would you believe it, the instant they heard it they scampered off, nor could I induce them to return. And to this day I can't understand why."

The clergyman, a far-away look in his eye, suggested very briefly:

"Probably they were afraid you would next proceed to take up a collection."

Cured by Telephone.

That stammering may be cured is a well-known fact, but that it may be cured by telephone is not so widely known. Yet an exchange asserts that such may be the case.

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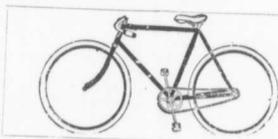
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