Fun and Fancy.

'Ma, what is meant by 'little pitchers have long ears?' 'It is simply an expression, my dear, used by grown people sometimes when children are about. Where did you hear it?' 'I heard pa say it to the nurse.'

'How silent the stars are tonight, George,' she said, softly, gazing at them over his shoulder. 'Y—yes,' he replied, 'but do you think they are more silent than usual?'

Janitor (to his wife, who has hung the water pail on the gas jet)—'Bridg.. me darlin', did Mr. Levystraus tell ye to put this pail on the gas?' Bridget—'No, Pat; but was afther sayin' that the gas was laking. shure!'

When little Willie L—— first heard the braying of a mule in the South he was greatly frightened, but after thinking a minute he smiled at his fear, say- 'Mamma, just hear that poor horse wiv the whooping cough.'

Self-sacrifice: Popkins (after his return to town)—'What did I think of the Rhine scenery? Why, my wife and the girls kept me at the guide book so continually I never saw a bit of it.'

A favorite style: 'Well, my daughter, your mother and I have been consulting recently about the windows for our new house. What kind would you like in the parlor?' 'Oh, thank you, papa, for seeking my advice. I should prefer bean windows by all means.'

Wife—'Good-by, hubby, I shall be out shopping all day.' Husband—'Well, I guess when you get through I'll be the one who's out.'

As many as seven small birds, nestled together, appear on the new fall hats for females. The combined bills of these seven birds is not a circumstance for size to the bill sent along home with the hat. The latter is much longer and broader.

A horrible example: A Parsian doctor prescribed for a lady who had objections against growing stout. 'Take exercise, my dear lady. Consider the trees in the field; they never take exercise, and as a consequence they go on growing bigger and bigger every year.'

A German in a hotel in this city, the other day, had some Limburger cheese sent to him. A little boy who sat beside him turned to his mother and exclaimed: 'Mamma, how I wish I was deaf and dumb in the nose.'

A Fargo young lady named Rouse
Caught a glimpse of a poor little mouse,
And the scream that she scrome
Shattered heaven's blue dome,
And bulged out the walls of the house!

A Duluth woman kicked a man on the shin and jabbed his eye out with an umbrella, simply because he kissed her. And yet he thought it was very funny. If she had rammed the umbrella down his throat and opened it inside of him, he might have been tickled to death.

'Mamma, is 'dog on' swearing?' 'Yes, my child.' 'But, mamma, I just wanted to say there's a big mad dog on our front porch!' 'There is? Well, circumstances alter cases. Just run down town for your papa and tell him to bring a policeman and a gun with him.'

A young mother, travelling with her infant child, writes the following letter to her husband at home: 'We are all first rate and enjoying ourselves very much. We are in fine health. The boy can crawl about on all fours. Hoping that the same may be said of you, I remain, etc., Fanny.'

'That lady is handsome, but she looks as if she had a temper of her own,' remarked one drummer to another on a train the other day. 'You read character correctly,' was the reply. 'Why, you speak as if you were acquainted with her!' 'Well, I am, slightly. I married her some ten years ago.'

Words of Wisdom.

A sweet temper tends to fill the whole house with sunshine.

Nothing can be held secret that gets into another's custody.

Character is what you are; reputation is what people think you are.

Fill any land with good homes, and it must be a good place in which to live.

Who ever knew truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter.—[Milton.

I have lived to thank God that all my prayers have not been answered.—[Jean Ingelow.

To persevere in one's duty and be silent, is the best answer to calumny.—[George Washington.

The history of the race is but that of the individual 'writ large.'—[G. H. Lewes.

If man should commence by studying himself, he would see how impossible it is to go further.—[Pascal.

In the soul's coercion of the lower nature, its valor is displayed.—[Frances Power Cobbe.

Discontent with the worse may always be, though often it is not, a prelude to improvement or change for the better.—[Edith Simcox.

I always have had, always shall have a profound regard for Christianity, the religion of my fathers, and for its rites, its usages and observances. —[Henry Clay.

I call, therefore, a complete, generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skilfully and magnanimously, all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war.—[Milton.

Keep your heart full of generous emotions and your head full of good thoughts; thus in heart and head there will be found no room for evil. The heart and head thus occupied, the words and acts will always be generous and beneficent.

Let not your peace rest in the utterances of men, for whether they put a good or bad construction on your conduct does not make you other than you are.—[Thomas a Kempis.

What the light of your mind, which is the direct inspiration of the Amighty, pronounces incredible, that in God's name leave uncredited; at your peril do not try believing that!—[Thos. Carlyle.

The more readily we admit the possibility of our own cherished convictions being mixed with error, the more vital and helpful whatever is right in them will become; and no error is so conclusively fatal as the idea that God will not allow us to err, though he has allowed others to do so.—[John Ruskin.

Household Hints.

The grated rind and the juice of an orange add much to the flavor of ginger cake.

A few drops of ammonia will be effectual in removing grease from the dishpan, and it is a good plan once in a while to add a little to the water used to cleanse the sink.

While it is conceded by most cooks that winter squash is best when baked, it is always necessary to use judgment about it, for if the squash is very dry it is rendered almost tasteless by baking. In this case it should be steamed.

A lovely lambrequin for a 'blue room' is of white broadcloth with tiny fans of satin or brocades in blue applied; canary colored silk or gilt cord, or narrow braid may be used to outline and embellish. The edge may be pinked or simply cut in points.

Here is a suggestion for that unhappy woman condemned by penury to make over an old Brussels carpet: If the carpet must be pieced, make a flat seam, than lay the edges back and catch them down; do this with care, and instead of having a ridge which betrays the piecing, it will, if you have matched the figure, escape observation.

There may be some who do not know how to make a 'maple sugar pie.' Try it and see if it isn't delicious. This is the way we were told it was made:—On the under crust put a layer of maple sugar; above this spread butter; then pour on a thickening of flour and water; when this comes from the oven, with a flaky cruet covering, it is a very rich dish.

Stiff hair is often difficult to curl. The following wash, if applied to the hair before putting in papers will have an excellent effect: Take two ounces of borax, one drahm of gum arabic, and add to them one quart of hot (not boiling) water. Stir, and as soon as the ingredients are dissolved add two tablespoonfuls of spirits of camphor; put in a bottle and keep on the toilet table.

Apples that are quite tart are considered a great addition to a suet pudding, and will be highly regarded by anyone who finds that kind of pudding too rich. A good recipe is here given: one cup of molasses, one cup of sweet milk, two-thirds of a cup of suet, chopped very fine, and with every particle of equal size, so that there will be no danger of lumps, one cup of tart apples peeled and chopped very fine, one cup of raisins also chopped, though not fine; two and a half cups of flour is about the right quantity. The mixture should be like cake dough. Mix two teaspoonfuls of baking-powder with the flour, spice to your taste, add salt also. Steam for two hours. Serve with any good sauce.

Fashion's Fancies.

Ulsters and travelling wraps are made long, with loose fronts. A rolling velvet collar, velvet cuffs, and a broad velvet revers extending from the throat to the bottom of each front, are the usual trimmings. The bouffant style of dress requires box-plaits at the back, but there is rarely any drapery. The new passementeries, composed to flat rings overlapping each other, are very effective upon cloth and velveteen, and are used largely for trimming coats, Newmarkets, and designs which possess long lines, that is, lines that are unbroken, and carried the length of the costume or its principal part. They must always be the shade of the material upon which they are applied.

A PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

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It was while talking in the latter strain that the General gave a story of a single soldier capturing Fort Sumter, or at least a piece of it. The battered old fort was in possession of the Contederates and one night a Union soldier of the force that was holding Morris Island said he believed he would take a skiff and pull over to Sumter and get a brick for a relic. He had been hitting the commissary bottle pretty frequently, and was in a condition to do anything. Taking an old water-logged skiff he pulled out, and was lost in the darkness. It was a long way, and he was beginning to think himself gone up, when he suddenly entered under the shadow of the walls, and heard click, click, 'Who goes there? Standing up as well as he could in the boat, he threw up both hands and cried: 'Yank.'

'What do you want, Yank?'

'Want one o' them bricks.'

'You got one in your hat now.'

'You bet I have, but I want another.'

'All right; come ashore and get one.'

He landed, walked up a short distance, and, sobered up by this time, took the first brick he found, and started back in quick order for the boat.

'Say, Yank, are all you uns drunk over there?'

'Pretty much; how is it with you?'

'Some of us air, an' some of us ain't. Good-night, Yank.'

'Good-night, Johnnie.'

'That man,' continued the General, with a quiet trinkle in his eyes, 'that man, if he is alive today and has the brisk imagination of some men I know, is telling his children how he arrived at Fort Sumter one stormy night, and, in a terrific single-handed combat with forty rebs, killed thirty-nine and brought the fortieth away badly wounded.'

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