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ON THE BIAS.

No wonder typewriters are so successful—they always have their business at their fingers' ends.

"Do you think his party will give him a vindication? They'll have to. He was proved guilty, wasn't he?"

Customer—"Seems to me that razor is rather dull." Barber—"Mought be, sah. It was to say it was a knock-out blow."

"Miss Daisy! admires her intended very much, doesn't she?" "No," replied the other girl, "she admires what she thinks he is."

Mr. Wickwire—"Isn't this society reporter mistaken in speaking of Mrs. J. Billington Betts, Jr.?" I didn't know there was any junior Betts." Mrs. Wickwire—"That is just a notion of hers. She is his second. He still pays alimony to the first ones."

Truth crushed to earth will rise again. But oft it rises up so slow
You bear the referee count down.
And say it was a knock-out blow.

A Quick Cure—Wagg—"It's too bad about the girl that jumped off the monument, isn't it?" Wooden—"Why, what did she jump off for?" Wagg—"Why, you see, she was very thin." Wooden—"What had that to do with it?" Wagg—"Why, she thought she would come down plump."

DRAM-ATIC.

Jinks—Gallon has taken to play writing.
Filkins—Well, he always was dramatic.
Jinks—How do you make that out?
Filkins—Why, he'd spend the last cent he had for a dram and live in an attic.

SO IT DOES.

"It takes two women a long time to say good-bye to each other, I've heard."

"YES."

"But I've noticed that it takes a young man and a young woman a great deal longer."

A LITTLE DRAWBACK.

"Dick Skinner says marriage is a failure."

"A failure? I thought he married a fortune?"

"Yes; but the girl that went with it has suspended payment."

DECEIVED HIM.

Cora—Didn't you think he was trying to flatter you when he said you was beautiful as an angel?

Dora—No.

"Why?"

"Because I thought so myself."

LOVELY WOMAN.

She may contend that white is black. Her prettiness may be jargon. Perhaps she cannot drive a tack. But she can drive a bargain.

LOVE'S LANGUAGE.

Jack—Love's language is the language of the eyes.

Tom (gloomily)—It may be, but I confess I have found it to be chiefly a language of "Noes."

TWO FOR MAMMA—ONE FOR HER.

"Reginald," she said, "I would like to ask you one very serious question."

"What is it, my dear?" he replied.

"Would you object to marry mamma if I refused you?"

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR BAROMETER.

"What's the matter with your barometer? It acts as if it was crazy."

"There's one of them rain-producing men experimenting over in the next field, and the blamed thing don't know whether to indicate rain or fair weather."

A BOSTON MAMMA.

Boston Mamma (to her second daughter)—What are you reading, Penelope?

Penelope—Howell's works, ma.

Mamma—Oh, why do you indulge in such intellectual frivolity when you are not yet thoroughly familiar with Emerson and Browning?—*New York Truth.*

LOVE ON A SOLID BASIS.

In New England—"Comfort," he said, "do you love me?"

"Do I, Henderson? Look into my eyes and see," said Comfort.

"Dear Comfort," sighed, as he drew her to him, "Sweet Comfort—solid Comfort."

N. B.—She weighed 180 pounds. GOOD FOR EVERYTHING.

Wife—Mr. Jones got tipsy at our party last evening.

Husband—Well, dear, we mustn't be too censorious. He made a lucky strike yesterday, and was probably celebrating.

Wife—Mr. Smith got tipsy, too.

Husband—Oh, well, we mustn't be too hard on poor Smith, he has met with severe losses lately, and was probably drowning his trouble.

A DISEASE THAT NEVER WILL BE EPIDEMIC.

Doctor—Notwithstanding the fact that there are new diseases coming up every day, the old ones seem to hold their own all the same.

Tartar—Yes. Well, that may be, but there's one of the old sort that don't seem to affect my out-of-town customers at all.

Doctor—What is that?

Tartar—The remitting fever.

NOT PERSONAL AT ALL.

It was in the early days of California. A friendly game was in progress, and one of the players was rendered noticeable by the loss of an eye. The game progressed quietly for some time, but the luck was very one-sided until one of the gentlemen interested drew his pistol and placed it on the table.

"Somebody's cheating," he remarked, "cheatin' all the game. I don't mention no names, but if that cheatin' don't stop whoever it is will lose his other eye."

WOULDN'T WASH.

For a soap machine firm he wrote many a line—A pot pourri of eloquent b—h—

But at last he, perfume, was compelled to resign.

For his verse, like their soap, wouldn't wash.

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"How odd of Mr. Ergent to make me a present of a parrot!"
THE PARROT: "Not at all! He's trained me to speak a good word for him."

A MODERN TORQUEMADA.

The Man Who is Mainly Responsible for the Russian Persecutions.

Harold Frederic, in New York Times.

But more important than any of these, more important than the Czar himself, is the thin-faced, slender, spectacled man who, since 1880, has been procurator of the holy synod—M. Pobiedonosteff.

This remarkable personage fascinates the imagination. He is as unattainable to the modern western mind as Torquemada.

Indeed, one must go back to medieval times for every parallel which he and his work suggest. The whole situation created by him is like nothing else in history so much as that which Spain presented under Ferdinand and Isabella, where the influence of a man we cannot now at all comprehend persuaded a gentle, wise and kindly sovereign to stain her reign with most hideous and stupid crimes against humanity, and to gratuitously work the destruction of her country.

Pobiedonosteff is a learned lawyer who was one of the present Czar's tutors in his youth. His tastes led him, however, when the opportunities for preferment arose, to choose the ecclesiastical side of the point.

That he is sincerely and fanatically pious man, as the Greek church understands piety, seems beyond doubt. During the great fast of the year he retires to the Sergieff monastery and mortifies the flesh as vigorously as any anchorite, remaining for days on his knees, fasting and beating his forehead against the stone floor. This does not prevent his telling the most amazing and barefaced lies, as it did not prevent his coolly persuading the Czar to steal Maurice Hirsch's million rubles.

His religious fervor contemplates without blinking the prospect of 10,000,000 Jews, Lutherans, Catholics, and dissenters generally being despoiled, evicted, harried by Cossacks and driven like criminals from their homes.

This theory of serving God with falsehood, with theft, with shameless treachery, with wholesale persecution, has in other times possessed the brains of great and good men of our own western races. But these men have all been dead 300 or 400 years. Russia and M. Pobiedonosteff have only just reached the point where Europe stood when Columbus discovered America.

Everything is nowadays ascribed to the ascendancy which Pobiedonosteff exerts over the mind of the Czar. In one sense this is true. The procurator of the synod had long standing claims upon the affection and respect of the new Czar when the present reign began. He became a trusted adviser; then, little by little, the power behind the throne, and to guide the Czar in the selection of new ministers and officials and in the distribution of honors and of rebukes until the whole official world of St. Petersburg dreaded him.

Paris did in its time before the "Gray Cardinal." To-day the enormous power which he yields is exerted much more through these eager official sycophants, who owe their places to him and scramble over one another in their haste to carry out his most faintly hinted desire, than through direct personal contact with the Czar.

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FARM HINTS.

Whenever seed corn is put away to dry place it where the squirrel can get access to it.

The common red squirrel is very fond of the germ of corn, and he is particular when he goes into a crib to always select that which is driest and best.

Burn up the heaps of litter, weeds and other material that are likely to make harboring-places for insects. This will greatly lessen their number next spring, as either the insects or their eggs are usually present in large numbers.

The fence corners are great hiding places for them. A great many turnips are wasted in the field because they are too small to pay for the gathering.

Now, turnips and turnip tops make excellent food for poultry, and all of them should be raked up for winter fodder.

A great many turnips and grain feed in the cooked state in the winter time make the hens lay more eggs than when fed on grain alone.

Chopped turnips, clover and grain make an excellent food for winter laying.

The American Cultivator considers that in exporting apples to Europe growers should remember that the red fruit always sell better than others on account of their looks, and that late in the season Golden russets take the market.

Apples well selected, and of good quality and color, will make excellent shipping fruit. New barrels are always best for shipping, but flour barrels will do.

As the barrels will be jounced around considerably they should be pressed and shaken down well when packed.

Fodder left out in the rain during the fall and winter becomes greatly damaged, and injurious effects are sometimes caused by animals eating it.

If the fodder cannot be stored away in the barn it should be stacked carefully on high, well-drained ground, and capped with old bagging or a wooden covering.

If any of it becomes moldy, or if it is so wet that it will not keep, a little salt sprinkled over it will help to purify it, and make it more palatable to the stock.

Clean up and purify the farm before cold weather, but above all attend to the manure pile.

Ditches and water courses that run anywhere near it should be conducted away. Half the strength of the manure is wasted by this rushing through the manure pile, soaking the strength of it away into the ground.

The proper way is to throw up a little ridge around the heap so that the water which falls on the pile cannot run away in a rushing stream.

The coal ashes are not of any value as fertilizer, but they should be saved for other useful purposes.

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