NEWSPAPER FUN.

The Cheerful View of Life as Seen by the World's Exchanges.

HIS THROAT WAS WATER-PROOF.

From the San Francisco Wasp.

A man from Kentucky consulted one of our physicians the other day for a bad case of indigestion, and the doctor advised him to try the hot water cure, handing him at the same time a glass of that popular remedy. Taking it in his hand the patient began to put on a wry face and brace himself for the ordeal.

"Is it very nasty?" he asked.

"Oh, no," said the medico; "not very, but some people have tender throats—can't stand anything strong. I'll dilute it a little if you like."

The Kentuckian's vanity was hit hard. He turned in the steaming liquid without flinching, recovered his breath, and said, with affected indifference:

"Bah! I could take it cold."

A Mother's Sacrifice.

From the Philadelphia Call.

"Now, Eliza, listen to me and pay attention, for on these few words may depend your future happiness."

"Yes, ma."

"When Henry comes this evening and you pass him the pie, watch his countenance closely."

"Yes, ma."

"If he trembles with joy, ask him how he likes your cookery. But if he shudders, just mention casually that your mother always attends to the pastry."

"Oh, ma! how kind of you!"

"Don't mention it. He will hate me, but when I live with you after marriage all will be explained."

The Domestic Compromise.

From the Pittsburg Telegraph.

"Bromley, I'm having a wretched time with my wife. We wrangle fearfully, and she's so wordy that she overwhelms me every time."

"Well, Darringer, these little pleasantries are not to be avoided, it seems. My wife and I have reduced them to a science. She demands but two words, and I good naturedly let her have them. It's a small concession, you see."

"I should think it was. I envy you, Bromley, 'pon my soul I do. Oh, by the way, what are the two words?"

"The first and the last."

Scientifically Snubbed.

From the New Haven Union.

"I wish I were you 'star,' he said, dreamily. "So do I," she returned promptly, heroically swallowing a yawn. "And why, dear one?" he asked impulsively; "why do you wish I were yon brilliant orb?" "Because," she replied, in cold, matter-of-fact Bostonese tones; "because yon brilliant orb is just 11,760,971 miles away." And he faded silently out like a mist before a summer sun.

Level-Headed, Though Tipsy.

From the Boston Courier.

Wife—This is a nice time of night to come home—ain't you ashamed of yourself?

Husband (pulling off his boots and putting them carefully on the bureau)—Don't—er—scold. Couldn't get away—er—moment sooner. Had a—hic—big argument.

W.—Big fiddlestick!

H.—Fact I 'sure you. Whadcher think? All—er—boys of the lodge in it. Queshun was, which of us had—er—most amiable and—er—beautiful wife. I beat 'em all. Described you—hic—beautiful eyes, silky hair, cheeks—hic—roses, teeth pearls, lips cherries—temper—er—hic—like nangel. Offered to fight 'em if they wouldn't admit it. They gave in, 'n here I am—late, late—er—victorious, finest wife in—er—world.

W. (with a sweet smile)—You are a sad fellow, John. I'm afraid you'll never be anything better. Let me help you take off your coat, dear.

Wanted His Money's Worth.

From the Chicago Rambler.

Dr. Pighead visits Mr. Coldham, the pork manufacturer.

"Well, my dear sir, I don't see that there's anything radically wrong with you. Go to bed early, don't drink anything stronger than coffee and you'll be all right in a week."

"What, are you not going to give me any medicine?"

"Certainly not. You don't need it."

"But you get your $25 just the same?"

"Yes. Just so."

"Well, I don't think it is a square deal. Sposin' you bleed me, put a mustard plaster on the back of my neck and gimme a dose of salts. Everybody that works for me's got to earn his salary!"

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A Novel University Scheme.

There is a movement on foot in England to extend the advantages of university education to all who desire them and are able to devote some hours of the day or evening to study. It is proposed to do this by means of a system of itinerant teachers "taken from the most highly trained and successful graduates" of the established institutions. Courses of lectures in all departments of knowledge will be given. "Notes are expected to be taken, the books recommended by the lecturer are expected to be read." Examinations are held and any one found qualified will receive the appropriate degrees. A small charge is to be made. Residents of different localities will have to indicate that the instruction is wanted by a sufficient number to form reasonably large classes, and the branches of study are to be agreed upon in some way. The universities are to take charge of the rest. The supporters of the plan point to the evidence that where opportunities for such instruction are furnished the poorer classes they have been seized upon with avidity. The project is not an idle one, and is worth watching with a view of imitation.

—What Toronto's well known Good Samaritan says: "I have been troubled with dyspepsia and liver complaint for over 20 years, and I have tried many remedies, but never found an article that has done me as much good as Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure." CLARA E. PORTER.

Selling Jewels for Girton.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

The movement for the higher education of women is rapidly approaching to a boiling point. Godly women not a few have not yet quite come to throwing all their goods at the educational apostles' feet or to boiling down their gold for the good of Girton. But one of them at least has done the next best thing. This is Miss Gamble, who recently died and appointed Girton College her residuary legatee. Some of the property, consisting of valuable lace and property, is to be sold at Christie and Manson's this afternoon. The collection includes a large quantity of diamonds, miniatures, quaint old watches, parasols and fans, and a most tempting array of laces of various ages and sorts, the most remarkable specimens being a flounce and berthe of the finest point de Venise of the seventeenth century, said to have been worn by Marie Antoinette on her wedding day. Here, then, is an opportunity for converts, not yet braced to the point of selling their jewels for Girton, to buy them instead—which will be a less exacting but not less useful service.

The Cleaning of Upper Windows.

From the London Truth.

An unfortunate servant girl was cleaning an upper window in a house in Glasgow the other day, when she lost her balance and fell on to the railings in front of the house, on which she was literally impaled, death being apparently instantaneous. As I have not seen that either Mr. Minto, the gentleman in whose service the girl was, or any member of his household, has been charged with manslaughter, it would appear that public feeling is not as sensitive as it ought to be toward the reckless indifference to human life which can expose a girl to danger of this kind. From what one sees in London and elsewhere, it is to be inferred that there will always be masters and mistresses ready to impose these dangerous tasks on their helpless domestics, and it would be no bad thing if the owner of every house where a girl was seen thus risking her life were made liable to indictment.

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Worms in Ice.

From the New York Herald.

The remarkable fact was recently discovered by Prof. Leidy that a block of ice which had been some months in store on being melted yielded a number of worms in a living and active state. The low temperature in which they had been secreted was entirely harmless, the ice being spongy, with numerous air bubbles and water drops. This discovery confirms the observations of a French scientist made three or four years ago after an excessively cold winter in France. He found that animalcule encased in hard ice had survived all the rigors of the winter. Were there no other confirmatory facts, these observations abundantly prove that it is inadvisable to drink water which has been cooled by spongy ice, or to take such ice into the stomach. Our water coolers should be so constructed that the ice would do its cooling work without coming in contact with the water.

The Finest Diamond in the World.

From the London Times.

In August, 1884, the arrival of the celebrated 457-carat fine white diamond from South Africa was announced, and its subsequent purchase by a syndicate of London and Paris diamond merchants. The gem was intrusted to the care of one of the most skilful cutters, who has been engaged on the stone during the past eight months, and expects to complete the work in April. As anticipated, the stone will turn out the most wonderful "brilliant-cut" diamond on record, surpassing in weight, as also, it is believed, in color, purity, and lustre, all the crown and historical brilliants of the world. The stone in its almost finished state weighs still 230 carats, but in order to give it the best possible shape and lustre it is intended to reduce its weight to something under 200 carats. The Koh-i-noor weighs only 106 carats, the Regent of France 136½ carats, the Star of the South 125 carats, and the Piggott 82½ carats. The Great Mogul weighs 279 carats. It is, however, a lump stone, only rose-cut, and if cut to a proper shaped brilliant it would probably not weigh more than 140 carats.

A Famous French Fortune-Teller.

From the London World.

Desbarolles, the fortune-teller, died on Thursday at the age of 85. Desbarolles was originally a painter of considerable talent, and it was during a journey in Spain with the elder Dumas that he began to study fortune-telling under the guidance of gypsies. Finally he abandoned painting, studied divination by the lines of the hand more deeply, and proclaimed it to be a veritable science based upon physiology. This theory he maintained in books, lectures and statements before learned societies. For the last thirty years he has lived comfortably by chiromancy and graphology, and I could cite many well-known people in Paris who have allowed this amiable sorcerer to shape their lives and those of their children at 20 francs a consultation. The younger Dumas is an ardent disciple of Desbarolles, and made a farewell speech over the grave yesterday. Strange, is it not? In the greatest minds there seems to be always some little nook or corner where betise finds a refuge and home.

Ancient Nursery Rhymes Corrected.

New York Independent.

One, two,
Come, buckle my shoe!
Some gentler phrase the times would suit,
As "Button, if you please, my boot."

Three, four,
Shut the door!
Of rude imperatives beware;
Please to close the portiere.

Five, Six,
Pick up sticks.
Next gather wood, since we desire
Fuel to light the winter fire.

Seven, eight,
Lay them straight.
The load arboreous, oak and pine,
Now place in geometric line.

Nine, ten,
A good fat hen.
Our gallinaceous fowl will prove
Such biped plump as gourmands love.

Eleven, twelve,
Dig and delve.
To Mother Earth devote your spade;
Here Health and Wealth their keystone laid.

Thirteen, fourteen,
Boys were courting.
On matrimonial quest intent,
The village lads a-wooing went.

Fifteen, sixteen,
Girls are fixing.
Behind the lattice maidens fair
Their daintiest toilets now prepare.

Seventeen, eighteen,
Boys are waiting.
Without the door, on either hand,
The restless youth in patient stand.

Nineteen, twenty,
Girls are plenty.
The census tells its story sad:
Not every lass can have a lad.

Sophie E. Eastman.

A Fish Story.

A whale of great porosity
And small specific gravity
Dived down with much velocity,
Beneath the sea's concavity.

But soon the weight of waters
Squeezed in his fat immensity,
Which varied—as it ought to—
Inversely as his density.

It would have moved to pity
An Ogre or a Hessian,
To see poor Spermaceti
Thus suffering compression.

The white he lay a-roaring
In agonies eicantic,
The lamp oil out came pouring,
And greased the wide Atlantic.

(Would we had been in the Navy,
And cruising there! Imagine us
All in a sea of gravy,
With billow olesginous!)

At length old million-pounder,
Low in a bed of coral,
Gave his last dying flounder,
Whereto I pen this moral:

MORAL.

O let this tale dramatic
Anent the whale Norwegian
And pressures hydrostatic
Warn you, my young collegian,

That down-compelling forces
Increase as you get deeper;
The lower down your course is
The upward path's the steeper.

—Henry A. Beers.

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