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## JOHN BULL'S "SLOTH."

John Bull is wide awake to the needs of the hours, and although in many cases, in which the wish is father to the thought, he is said to be "effete" behind the age, etc., he usually contrives to be fully prepared when the demand is made upon him. His navy is a magnificent force, and he is continually strengthening it. That the Admiralty is not blind to the rapid increase in the number of ships of greater displacement and improved armament which characterizes the building programmes of other maritime powers is shown by its own programme, the principal feature of which is a new type of warship, surpassing all the existing battleships in size and power, designed by Mr. Watts. There will be three of these big fighting machines built. Their displacement will reach 18,000 tons, which is nearly 2,000 tons more than the King Edward class, the largest type of battleship built by any power. They will carry four 12-inch guns, placed in pairs in two barbettes, fore and aft, also eight new pattern 9.2 inch guns, mounted in pairs; four smaller turrets, ten or twelve 6-inch quick-firers. As a remarkable feature they will carry twelve heavy armor-piercing guns, well protected by armor, 9.2 1-inch guns, an extremely powerful piece, firing a 380-pound shell twice or three times a minute. The speed will be nineteen knots.—St. Catharines Star.

## NEWSPAPERS AS SUGGESTERS.

Mr. Andrew Lang has recently and tritely said that newspaper reading is a misfortune, inasmuch as it keeps people from reading better things. Another English critic, Mr. William Alden, wonders that Mr. Lang should make the hackneyed and foolish assumption that because a man reads a newspaper he reads nothing else. "As well might we say that the practice of wearing shoes interferes with wearing hats," Mr. Alden refers to another fact in regard to newspaper reading that has never been fully realized. He says that in many cases people turn from something they have read in a newspaper to a book in which the same subject is treated.

Most people can verify this fact within their own experience and it would be interesting to know the exact value of the newspaper as a suggester, an inspirer to better things. Not only does one turn to a book to verify or refute certain newspaper assertions but a mere allusion or reference will arouse dormant intellectual desires and send the reader from the plain and open road of journalism into the highways and byways of literature.

In these days it is wiser to assume that the newspaper reader is also a book reader, and it is even safe in some cases to say that a man is a book reader because he is a newspaper reader, because journalism arouses appetites that only literature can appease.

## THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

Rudyard Kipling.

The toad beneath the harrow knows Exactly where each tooth-point goes. The butterfly upon the road Preaches contentment to that toad.

## UNCLE ANDREW'S FAILURE.

Detroit Tribune.

Mr. Carnegie so far has given \$19,630,050 for the establishment of 258 libraries and he hasn't been obliged to touch anything but his income to do it. The good die young, not rich.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY WOMEN.

Badminton Magazine.

Hunting ladies do not compare unfavorably with their town sisters. The latter spend their lives in playing bridge, talking gossip and gambling in stocks; eat four huge meals a day, sit up all night, and for exercise loll about in an electric landaulet.

## WHERE JUSTICE SEES.

Toronto Star.

The Italian in New York who, finding himself robbed of all his savings, slays the thief, is electrocuted in Sing Sing. The lunatic who assassinated McKinley forfeits his life. Nobody expects that Tillman, who assassinated an editor in the street, in broad day, in South Carolina, will pay the penalty of his crime. He is too influential. In the United States the murderer, unless he is lynched, can usually tire out justice and escape punishment.

Canada must look to herself that she does not fall into the same loose way of parceling justice.

## SMOKING MANNERS.

Tobacco, New York.

Rapid smoking is as bad as rapid eating, or worse. It is also "bad form," whether it is pipe, cigar or cigarette. Many persons have smoked all their lives, and yet do not know how to smoke. It is as painful to watch some people smoke as it is to sit at the table with a man who "gobbles" and "gorges" his food on the "fifteen-minutes-for-refreshments" plan.

## A Wonderful Memory.

Hortensius, the Roman orator, had a memory so wonderful that on a wager he spent a whole day at an auction and at night repeated all the sales, the prices and the names of the buyers.

## Sleep.

Six hours' sleep is necessary for every one, but it is not sufficient to meet the physical needs of all, some requiring eight hours and others even longer. When possible, at least one hour's sleep should be obtained before midnight.

## Cleopatra's Needles.

Cleopatra's needles were not erected by that queen; neither do they commemorate any event in her history. They were set up by Rameses the Great.

## Log Line Knots.

The knots on a log line are the one hundred and twentieth part of a nautical mile apart.

## A Lesson From Swallows.

A colony of bank swallows some years ago taught a young but observing engineer how to build a tunnel which his more learned superiors had refused to undertake.

## Savory Cutlets.

Mix a teaspoonful of fine breadcrumbs, two teaspoonfuls of chopped parsley, a teaspoonful of chopped onion and half a teaspoonful of chopped herbs together. Season with pepper and salt. Roll the cutlets in beaten eggs, then in the above mixture as quickly as possible. Put by for an hour. Fry in boiling fat.

## Museums in Russia.

Museums are in much favor in Russia. Even in Siberia nearly every town of 10,000 inhabitants has one. The museum of Irkutsk is nearly a century old.

## Verbena.

It is said that if one saves and sows his own verbena seed it will run out in a couple of seasons and the majority of the flowers become a dull purple, the original color in the wild state of the plant.

## Ecuador's Volcanoes.

Ecuador has a record in volcanoes, three active, five dormant, twelve extinct. Eleven of these peaks have never been climbed.

## Newfoundland Game Laws.

In Newfoundland the game laws are framed to give the natives great liberty, the open season extending from July 15 to Oct. 1 and from Oct. 20 until Feb. 1.

## Gladiolus Bulbs.

All gladiolus bulbs should be taken up in the fall and saved from frost until planting time in the spring, and the little bulbs that form at the root of the old bulb are more certain to grow if kept over a whole season before planting out.

## Ground Glass Imitation.

To imitate ground glass dissolve epson salts in beer and apply it with a brush to the glass. As it dries it crystallizes.

## A Hard Tongue Twister.

One of the longest words on record occurs in a United States patent for a certain chemical compound. The patent reads thus: "It is an amidobenzo-flavine produced by transforming the nitrotriamidoditolyphenylmethan of amidoditolyphenylmethan into pentamidoditolyphenylmethan."

## Cucumbers.

Certain cucumber lovers say that the only way in which to preserve perfectly their crispness and flavor is to pare them, cut them into lengthwise sections and serve them with salt, like celery.

## The First M. D.

The first "doctor of medicine" was Guglielmo Gordenio, who received the honor from the college of Aosti, in Italy, in 1220.

## A Maniac's Delusion.

One of the delusions of a lunatic recently sent to an asylum at Ararat, Victoria, was that he was being pursued by a ghost which had come all the way from the Galtee mountains in Ireland, to haunt him.

## Coins For Cholera.

All kinds of remedies are used by the Chinese to cure cholera, but the strongest which has come under notice so far is this: The patient attacked with cholera chews up a number of large "cash," the old ones of better days, when they were made large and of copper.

## When Iron Melts.

The heat of a common coal fire is 1,140 degrees, but it takes 3,479 degrees to melt iron.

## Coal Consumption.

It is calculated by an engineer that 630,000,000 tons of coal are used annually throughout the world. Of this amount 148,000,000 are burnt in the United States. Great Britain comes in second, with an annual consumption of 140,000,000.

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## A Bachelor's Cost of Living.

If the average bachelor, with a millionaire's income, not the fellow who goes in for extravagant fads, but the man who maintains good social position and who entertains liberally, were to balance up his personal account for the year, it might contain these charges without comparative extravagance:

House or apartment and service.....	\$10.00
Valet.....	50
Clubs.....	1.00
Restaurant and entertaining.....	12.00
Clothing.....	3.00
Automobile.....	5.00
Chartered yacht.....	10.00
Cards.....	5.00
Bad loans.....	3.00
Horses, coach, grooms, etc.....	10.00
Total.....	\$59.50

These are the more or less fixed items of expense, and any one who has ever attempted to keep a personal account knows that when you have put down the necessary expenses you may add almost as much for the thousand and one things that may be grouped conveniently under the head of "incidental expenses." In a general way it may be said that the millionaire bachelor who spends from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year is living his life in accordance with the demands of the time on men of wealth.—Ainslee's.

## A Catch Bet.

Turn round, and, with your back to the table, ask somebody to throw the dice. Then tell the person who threw them to double the number of the spots on the die on the left, and keep the number to himself. Tell him to add five, then multiply by five. To this figure have him add the number of spots on the die in the middle and multiply the product by ten.

Then ask him to multiply the number of spots on the third die and give you the aggregate sum. From the amount subtract mentally 250, and the remainder will show in the three figures the number of spots on each of the three dice. For instance, take three dice. Their numbers are three, five and two. Double the one on the left—five plus five equals ten. Add five, equals fifteen. Multiply by five, equals seventy-five. Add the number of spots on the die in the middle, three, equals eighty-eight. Multiply by ten, equals 880. Add number of spots on the third die, two, equals 882. Subtract 250 and 532 remains, which are numbers on the dice.

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10c.

40c cashmere hose at 25c pair—25 dozen ladies' fine rib pure wool cashmere hose, seamless spliced heels and toes, regular 40c pair, February sale price

25c.

34 dozen children's heavy rib cashmere hose, pure wool, 3-fold knee, double heels and toes, sizes 5 to 8 1-2 inches, regular 35c, 40c and 45c a pair, February sale price

25c.

10c muslins at 5c yard—300 yards fancy lace stripe white muslins, choice range of patterns, regular value 10c yard, February sale price

5c.

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12 1-2c.

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10c.

8c and 9c shaker flannels at 6c yard—500 yards fine heavy quality shaker flannels, 32 inches wide, in large range of stripe patterns, assorted light and dark colors, fast dyes, regular 8c and 9c yard, February sale price

6c.

15c dress muslins at 10c yard—600 yards imported dress muslins, fine corded effects, in choice range of new patterns and colorings, fast dyes, very special at 15c yard, February sale price

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25c.

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39c.

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