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**Woman at Her Worst.**  
In every sense the most objectionable dress ever worn by English women was that of the early sixties, writes Harry Furniss in the Gentlewoman. A lady to appear refined in the correct fashions of that period. I was just old enough to look at them in picture books and gaze in my perambulator at the common objects of fashion with infantile astonishment. The hair stuck out at the back of the head, as a chignon or bun (freely resembling a loaf), surmounted by a little black turban with a feather stuck in it; tight fitting purple jacket, strapped and crossed with black or red braid; pannels of gray color—bright yellow, say—on which were worked startling patterns in red braid; short full skirt—say of red—with wide upright stripes of purple braid; a red parasol, yellow gloves and violet boots completed a costume that our gentlewomen once wore!—Pall Mall Gazette.

**The Old, Old Scorpion.**  
Scorpions are relics of prehistoric times. They have been in existence since the middle Silurian era, and through all the changes in environment in the millions of years which have elapsed they have remained practically the same in structural character, in habit. There is little, if any, evidence that these animals in the past days of their history have ever gained a livelihood by means other than those employed at the present day. But, though abundance of time has been granted them to become specialized into any number of strange forms, they have retained a wonderful resemblance to the original form. Although the arms of the sea constitute barriers which scorpions cannot pass and although their means of dispersal are very limited, the antiquity of the animal is so great that it has succeeded in distributing itself over the greater part of the globe, outside of the arctic areas, and before the present period their distribution was even greater.

### Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

#### THE MALIGNED SPOT.

Wow!  
I'm bad and woolly. Experts allow I am first.  
As the worst  
Thing in my class  
That ever sent a good man to grass.  
Watch my smoke!  
I joke  
With the tenderfoot  
And put  
A few frills on the wise guy  
Who thinks he is on to my  
Curves.  
The wise man who observes  
My style will stay  
A few hundred thousand miles away.  
I am the Panama climate of which  
You have heard,  
Also a bird  
Men who roam  
This way  
Write home  
To their wives and say:  
In mildly stating the case:  
"This is a fine place  
To leave by the first ship.  
In looking for summer resorts skip  
This favored spot and hunt a treeless plain  
Where there have no rain,  
Plenty of sand  
And the sun beats down to beat the band.  
Then if you are annoyed  
Think of Panama and be overjoyed  
That you struck such a nice place."  
That practically states my case.  
I have, to say the least, a few  
Mosquitoes, two  
Or three billion yellow fever germs,  
and if there is still an aching void  
Enough typhoid  
And malaria to use the world's supply  
Of quinine in about three minutes  
and then be shy  
Some.  
I transport you to kingdom come  
By fast freight.  
I am the original place to go broke  
On health, and, as I said above,  
watch my smoke!

#### The Laziest Man.

"Speaking of the laziest man on earth," said the colonel, "I think there was one in our town that fitted the description. He was so lazy that they had to tell him the house was on fire every morning to get him out of bed."

"Didn't he catch on after awhile?" asked the doubt-er.  
"Don't spoil a good story by going too closely into particulars," rebuked the captain.  
"He was certainly lazy," said the major slowly, "but I think we had one in our town who had him beat. He was so lazy that one day when he sat down on a hornet he refused to get up again."

#### Just Human.

He moved, to make his life complete,  
On what he thought was Easy street.  
But found the people there were  
Were kicking on the bill of fare.

#### Why?

"Mr. Giddy, do you know where the lake is located?"  
"Yes, just down here about two blocks. Why?"  
"Oh, I just wondered."

#### Expensive Luxuries.

"He is the father of thirteen children."  
"He doesn't look it."  
"Turn the X rays on his pocketbook, and you will see."

#### Something In a Name.

"Who is this Mrs. So-and-so I hear so much about?"  
"Some celebrated seamstress, I reckon."

#### Call of Duty.

When Duty calls a man will fly  
So rapidly the dust will whirl,  
Astonishing the passersby,  
If Duty is a pretty girl.

#### Further Use For Poor Memory.

"He forgot to tip the waiter."  
"Well, he would better forget to dine there again."

#### PERT PARAGRAPHS.

It is impossible for a girl to whistle when the right kind of man is around. As soon as she puckers her lips to begin something else happens.

A soft answer has little effect in turning away a bill collector.



When Cupid goes on a strike the courts are busy with breach of promise and divorce cases.

Disease may be brought on by suggestion; also by indigestion.

Sometimes it takes all of the tact a woman possesses to drag a proposal out of a deliberate man.

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It takes an expert to tell the difference between a great scientist and an impressive guesser.

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#### Etymology of "Mutiny."

"Mutiny" is a word of terrible sound, partly because of the many dreadful events that it recalls and partly, no doubt, because to the ear it suggests "mutilate," but it signifies, etymologically, nothing more than "movement," and "commotion" ought really, again according to etymology, to be the stronger word of the two. The old French "meute," meaning sedition, to which the word is traceable, has given way to "meute" in this sense, "meute" nowadays signifying only a pack of hounds, a much more innocent specialization of movement. It may be noted that, while Shakespeare knows "mutiny" in the modest sense, "Love's Labour's Lost" also speaks of "a man whom right and wrong have chosen as umpire of their mutiny," where "mutiny" only means discord or quarrel.

#### Military Discipline.

During the early conquests of the French in Algeria the quick tempered General P., thinking that one of his adjutants had displayed want of skill in carrying out his orders, so far forgot himself as to strike him with his riding whip. The officer seized his pistol, took aim at the general and was about to fire, but the pistol would not go off. Then the general immediately called out, "Eight days' arrest for not keeping your weapon in order."

#### A Storm.

The general public is of the belief that the word "storm" simply implies a precipitation of some kind, either rain, snow or sleet, when, in fact, in a scientific sense the word "storm" means "wind in motion," and when a storm is mentioned by the weather bureau it is expected that the winds will be high regardless of the attending conditions. —Toronto Mail.

#### A Lost Art.

Modern stained glass is a terrible thing, and, great as is the progress of science in other directions, up to now it has failed to discover how the makers of mediaeval times produced those wonderful deep tints which never tire the eye or offend the taste.

#### Moral Courage.

It is moral courage that characterizes the highest order of manhood and womanhood, the courage to be just, the courage to be honest, the courage to resist temptation, the courage to do one's duty.

#### The Old, Old Story Dotted Down.

She (early in the evening)—Good evening, Mr. Sampson. Same she (late in the evening)—Good night, George.

A dull razor is full of the old nick.

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