

WHEN BABY LEARNED TO WALK.

Father Wanted to Start Him at Once on Career of Usefulness.

"Children seem to be considered a nuisance among the rich nowadays."

MAKING AND LOSING FRIENDS.

Reflective Man Points Out Fault of the People of To-day.

"I'm not so sure," observed the doctor reflectively, as he watched the smoke curl upward from his cigar.

REAL CAUSE OF THE SMASHUP.

Railroad Sign to Blame for Accident It Was Intended to Avert.

The old ducky was suing the railroad company for damages. The man contended that, not being warned by whistle or engine bell, he had started to drive his rig across the company's track when a shunted box car of said company crashed into his outfit.

LAWYERS AVOID DEAF CLIENTS.

Are a Handicap to Their Efforts in the Courtroom.

A man in the Tombs for theft consulted three different lawyers, each of whom seemed unwilling to undertake his defense, says the New York Press.

IN LEAGUE WITH THE DEVIL.

Balloon Ascent in London in 1784 Was Made a Holiday.

Tremendous excitement was caused when London's first balloon went up nearly a century and a quarter ago.

CAME BACK TO THE BLANKET.

Chaplain Didn't Make as Good Exchange as He Thought.

One would think that almost anything is preferable to a soaked bed in the rainy open.

GIFTED WITH STRANGE POWERS.

Lawyer Objected to "Conversation" Between Witness and Horse.

At a term of the circuit court in Ohio not long ago a "horse case" was on trial, and a well-known "horseman" was called as a witness.

QUEER NAMES USED IN CHINA.

Much the Same Idea as That of the North American Indian.

"We Chinese," said the law student, "give our children queer names. Our girls, for instance are not called Mabel, Jenny or Mattilda, but Cloudy Moon, Celestial Happiness, Spring Peach or Casket of Perfumes."

POWER OF THE ROTHSCHILDS.

Accumulated Wealth Soon to Make Influence of House Enormous.

It has been calculated that at the present rate of accumulation the Rothschilds will own by the middle of the present century some \$5,000,000,000 sterling, or nearly enough to pay off the national debt three times over.

BROUGHT BACK SAD MEMORIES.

Good Reason Why This Man Disliked Particular Perfume.

"You always have the odor of incense or something in your rooms," he said as he entered. "Why is that?"

CONSIDERED IT GOOD THING.

Sporty Individual Wanted a Part of the Wager.

Congressman Champ Clark was a passenger recently on a train bound for Kansas City when he was much amused by the colloquy of an old chap who, it appeared, was proceeding to the city named on certain legal business.

MAN 84 TO WED BRIDE OF 46.

She's His Stenographer and He's Worcester's Richest Lawyer.

Because he believes it is in accordance with the teachings of the Scriptures that old men with money should marry young women, Thomas H. Dodge, a prominent Worcester (Mass.) millionaire and noted patent lawyer, 84 years of age, will take for his bride Cora D. Dodge, his stenographer, who is 40 years old.

Miser's Peculiar Will.

William John Watson emigrated a half century ago from Portadown, County Armagh, Ireland, to Australia, where he made a fortune of over £10,000.

Up-to-Date Laundress.

Users of the telephone are becoming so numerous that it is not surprising to find one installed in almost every home, but it did seem rather an up-to-date affair for a negro to have one in the back room that comprised her "apartments."

For Happiness in Marriage.

I have spoken of the only true and right motive for marriage, and venture my opinion that marriage should not be too eagerly sought by either sex, but rather waited for until the certainty has come that one loves worthily and well.

Suppression of Opium Smoking.

An observant traveler who reached Hong Kong the other day from the interior by way of the West river tells of a great change so far as the use of opium is concerned, says the North China News.

The Kansas Sunflower.

Noble L. Prentiss, in the Archibald Champion for September 2, 1889, suggested the sunflower as the distinctive flower of Kansas.

Made Clients Look Cheap.

A lawyer appeared before one of the New York city boards asking the damages to be awarded to certain clients because of a change of grade in their street.

Interesting Use of Gas.

A very interesting use for producer gas is made in a factory in Jersey City, where tempering of metal to be made into certain springs is successfully and economically done with its heat.

The Face and the Emotions.

Habitual worry shows itself in the action of the facial nerve—the nerve of expression, as anatomists call it—producing lines which in course of time become permanent.

Out of the Schoolroom.

A schoolboy was asked to give some information in regard to the Cary sisters, the once famous New England poets, and he said of them: "The Cary sisters were two poets who lived in Massachusetts most of the time. They went to New York where they made many fast friends. Their fastest friend was John G. Whittier."

Wanted It Kept Up.

The family was gathered in the library admiring a splendid thunder storm when the mother bethought herself of Dorothy alone in the nursery.

Not the Man.

Loafers (sounding perfect stranger)—I remember you, major, when we was in the regiment.

Thought It Something to Eat.

A young Englishman with a little and a healthy appetite went to spend a few days at a monastery in Switzerland. By chance he arrived on a Friday when the fare was especially frugal.

A Diamond in the Dark.

It is said that some diamonds will shine by their own light when placed in a dark room. Prof. Crookes, of London, says that when diamonds are placed in a vacuum and exposed to a current of electricity, they shine with different colored lights.

Family Life in France.

Modern France is the stronghold of the family system. See a French family at dinner in a restaurant, or for that matter, at home. You will never see a gayer, livelier function.

Spectacles for Cows.

A Russian firm which manufactures optical goods has just completed an order for 40,000 pairs of glasses to be worn by cows. These spectacles are necessary because the steppes, the great Russian prairies, are covered with snow for six months in the year.

Splash of a Raindrop.

Even the splash of a raindrop is of sufficient importance to receive scientific investigation. Prof. A. M. Worthington of the Royal Engineering college at Davenport, England, has found that a drop of water falling into water excavates a perfectly spherical hollow, which is lined with the liquid of the drop, reaches its greatest depth as the water rises attains its maximum height, but is enormously greater in volume than the water thrown out.

Thackeray's Poets.

Thackeray's favorite poets were Goldsmith and the "sweet lyrical singers." Prior, whom he thought the easiest, the richest, the most charmingly humorous of English lyrical poets, and Gay, the force of whose simple melody and artless ringing laughter he appreciated.

Perfectly Proper Word.

"Tote" is good English, on higher authority than that it is a colloquialism which has become engrafted into our language. It is Anglo-Saxon in the core, as says Bosworth's Anglo-Saxon Dictionary, London, edition of 1852, thus: "Tote from Tithian, to lift up, to carry in the hands or upon the person in the same sense as the Latin—Toll-tollere." Tote is not known except among English descended people, and is unquestionably correct, although now obsolete to a great extent.

Too Much Tea.

He was a collector of more or less repute, and his Saturday afternoon's pursuit was golf and whiskey and soda. On this particular Saturday, however, he had been detained in town. On reaching home he was met by his wife and little daughter. "No game to-day my dear," he said to his wife, as he picked up his little girl and kissed her.

"Cash" and Domestic Rows.

"That money is the 'root of all evil'" is a maxim we all learned in our copy-book days. And 80 per cent. of newly-made wives discover to their astonishment that money worries, disputes over bills, and accusations of "extravagance" against the lady of the house are at the bottom of the clouds and thunder storms which rouse the honeymooners to the fact that "life is real, life is earnest," and not an unending chapter of connubial bliss, courting and kisses.

What's Geography Good For?

This is from the philosophy of Mrs. Louisa Schmitt, who berated a teacher for not promoting her daughter because the latter was deficient in geography. "Teacher, you don't know it all, I guess," said the frate Mrs. Schmitt. "I wish it that my daughter gets through school so she gets a man. Never mind about the geography; I just promote her without it. Why, my other daughter she didn't know geography and she got a man. And you know all about geography and you ain't got any man at all. What is this geography good for? See that my daughter gets through school."

A Flare-Back.

"Brooder Jones, if you didn't smoke, you might own a brick house, like what I do."

Sight Reading.

Mrs. Rusticus—Pa, our boy Tommy must be awful careless with that there automobile he got you to buy for him, up to the city.

Making It Plain.

Little Rastus—But Ah kain't ondahstan' 'bout de yarth an' de sun. Uncle Mose—Lemme 'plain hit ter you 'all. Now s'posed dis lantern am de sun, an' mah hald am de yarth. Ah swinge de lantern roun' an' roun' an' it done shed light on de inhabitants of mah hald. Now does yo' ondahstan'?

An Unimportant Matter.

Reporter—Was the operation a success, doctor? Eminent Scientist—Oh, completely so! I demonstrated beyond dispute exactly what I contended all along. Reporter—Then the patient is all right? Eminent Scientist—The patient! The patient died. But why in the face of my triumphant vindication do you want these unimportant details?

Serious, Indeed.

"Lady," said the tattered tramp at the gate, "can't yer spare me a dime on a very urgent collection?" "What do you call an urgent collection?" asked the busy housewife. "Why, yer see, I have just been fined \$29,240,000 for ridin on an oil car an' I've only got two days to get it together."

A Mistaken Impression.

"Of course," said the analytical questioner, "there is a great deal to be said on both sides of the question."

The Dummy in the Clouds.

She had been invited to join a hallooing party. "How many are going up?" she asked. "Three," they told her. She looked disappointed. "What is wrong?" they asked her. "If there were four," she answered, "we could play bridge."

A Different Medium.

Huggins—That pretty little sculptress I met at your reception the other evening completely turned my head. Miss Peachley—Indeed? I knew she modeled in clay, but I wasn't aware that she worked in wood.