

KNOW BETTER THAN TO INSIST

Conductor Willing to Miss Fare Under the Circumstances.

There was a determined-looking woman on the far end of the seat of the car, and as the conductor began to pass along the running board to collect his fares the woman got out his own nickel and asked the woman if he should pass hers.

POINT HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.

Purchaser of Windmill Really Was Not Badly "Jeeted."

"Dej jeeted me on der windmill," complained Big George in the boozie bar at the Fairmont.

Destructive Music.

A member of the board of directors of the New York Metropolitan opera house tells a story that he had from one of the musicians attached to the orchestra there.

Rushing a Boy.

In Virginia a boy climbed an apple tree to fill his pockets with the fruit. The farmer's hired man discovered him, and came running. In his hurry to get down, the boy lost his hold and fell and broke his leg.

Picks-a-Back in Mexico.

The queer mode of travel I saw in all Mexico was that adopted by a woman who was on her way to the doctor, seated complacently in a chair borne upon the back of a man.

Bursting Shells.

"It's a poor soldier yez are," bawled Larry.

Good Work in Aiding Her Sex.

In Bengal Miss Cornelia Borah, a Parson's lawyer, who some time ago was appointed to an office under the court of wards for the purpose of advising women in certain cases, has been publicly commended by the government for her efficiency.

TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SKY.

How Exact Position of Heavenly Bodies Are Fixed.

Star gazing is a trifle in modern astronomer's tasks. Their real job is to fix the exact positions of the heavenly bodies. The object glasses of transit telescopes are crossed by fine lines made from the spider's web.

USED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES.

Tailors Accustomed to Making Pockets to Order.

"The average man has five pockets in his coat—two outside, two inside and a ticket pocket," says a tailor.

What He Was After.

Andrew Carnegie is fond of quoting the witty remark made by an old friend of his in Pittsburg, who for some time held the record for fast horses, but was one day beaten in a brush by a young man.

Solve This If You Can.

If the serpent told Adam, and Adam passed it on down through his line to Noah, and Noah told his sons, and it became a chestnut among his seed, and it disappeared for a time with the lost tribe of Israel, and then bobbed up again in Egypt and got engraved on one of the pyramids, and the crusaders took it to the continent of Europe, and it reached the shores of the new world in the Mayflower, and it was revamped for Godey's Lady's Book, and was copied out of that venerable publication for a vaudeville gag, and then was published as brand new by one of those English comic weeklies, why, then how old was the anecdote?—Chicago Journal.

Modest Ambition.

"So you expect to convince your constituents that you are a great, good and wise man," said the sneering friend.

Depew as Side Show Attraction.

Senator Depew made a speech in support of the Alaska-Seattle exposition bill, in which he said that while serving as orator of the day at the Omaha exposition he went into a side show, which soon filled up, and he learned that the Barker had been shouting through a megaphone "Come in, ladies and gentlemen, and see the orator of the day, only ten cents."

Gives Money to Fight White Plague.

The largest contribution by one person to the fund for the prevention and relief of consumption in this country was made by a woman. Mrs. Grace Leattie, said to be the richest woman in Missouri, has given \$200,000 to the St. Louis society that devotes its energies to the prevention and cure of the white plague.

SEES VIRTUE IN THE PADDLE.

Oregon Newspaper Sounds Praises of Corrective Implement.

If boys must be flogged, the paddle seems to be an almost divinely appointed implement to do it with. That area of the body which it most aptly hits is not very susceptible to mortal wounds; it has merely a sufficiency of nerves to unleash penitential tears by their tingling when temperately flogged; and so abundantly swathed about with muscular tissue that there is no danger of breaking them.

AMERICANS IN GRAND OPERA.

There Are Few of Them Because They Won't Sing in Chorus.

Opera-goers would have to discard their opera glasses and lorgnettes for telescopes to find the Americans on the Metropolitan stage. There are only about ten in all, and they are in the chorus, says the New York Times.

Labby's Irregular Lead.

While Henry Labouchere was an attaché at Frankfurt he was once playing whist against a very high German functionary, sitting on his left. Mr. Labouchere led a small card. The lead turned out so well that he won the rest of the tricks. The minister said: "Well, Mr. Labouchere, you won the game by leading that card, but there was no earthly reason, according to the rules of the game, why you should have done so. You have therefore won the rubber by accident."

The Woman Amanuensis.

The male amanuensis has been hopelessly beaten in the race, by the busy woman scholar. Her industry is tireless and her knowledge absolutely thorough. Her winning qualification is patience—the dry details which slacken a man's attention are vigorously grappled with in her case, so that the demand for her labor and knowledge is on the increase.

New Jersey's Peculiarity.

An affable New York police officer who cultivated the acquaintance of the people who passed his corner regularly, says that he missed a German porter who was in the habit of stopping to speak to him every day. A few days later he reappeared and was asked where he had been. "Over in Jersey," he replied. "What part of Jersey?" "I don't know," replied the German. "Funny thing 'bout them towns over in Jersey; they all have different names."

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LIGHT ON FIELDS OF BATTLE.

Blinding Beams to Be Used at Night in Wars of the Future.

The searchlight of 30,000 candle-power has long been a feature of naval warfare and the apparatus is carried by every battleship and cruiser afloat, chiefly to detect the night approach of torpedo boats, says the New York Press.

FOUND IT HARD TO FORGIVE.

Widow's Grief on Discovery of Late Husband's Deception.

The still beautiful woman was sobbing bitterly.

Nicaraguan Match Monopoly.

The president of Nicaragua has issued a decree creating a government monopoly of the importation, manufacture and sale of matches and wax tapers in that republic. From January 8, 1908, all consumers must purchase these articles from government agents only.

To Avoid an Accident.

The hero of the story was Lord Guillemore, famous in legal history as Chief Justice O'Grady. In a case before him the leading counsel for the defense of the prisoner argued that there was no case before the jury.

Traitor to Her Sex.

"She's a horrid child," said six-year-old Elsie, "she's forever wishing she was a boy."

Not a Dog Fancier.

"Which do you like best, pigs or dachshunds?" "I never eat sausage,"—Houston Post.

GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS.

Colored Man Used Rod and Line to Escape Hard Work.

I had two hours to wait at a southern railroad junction for the other train, and the first thing I noticed was a colored man fishing in a little pond near the depot, that was only two feet deep. I thought it strange if he could catch any fish in such a place, and after a while I wandered down there and asked:

FLEEDED PORTER OUT OF TIP.

Dignified Senator Played Joke on Colored Attendant.

Great minds sometimes seek trivial relaxation. I once saw Tom Carter, United States senator from Montana, work diligently for 30 minutes in order to have a little fun at the expense of a colored servant. It was on an overland Northern Pacific train. Carter, sitting in the smoking apartment of one of the coaches, wet the sides of several boxes containing Pullman car matches and rubbed on the sole of his shoe the composition that ignites the lucifers.

A Waste of Diplomacy.

Safety pins and matches as a diet for a baby struck Nurse Aurelia Lightbourne of Rockville Center, L. I., as a pretty good stunt to get out of taking care of it, according to reports which have led to her arrest and confinement in the Nassau county jail. The child belonged to W. J. Purdy, at whose home Aurelia was employed.

Queen's Humble Treasures.

Of the many valuable treasures in the possession of Queen Alexandra, there is none more highly valued by her than a modest milk jug of earthenware, which she keeps in the boudoir attached to her dally at Sandringham. It was given to her by a poor dying girl, whose latter days had been soothed by the tender nursing and sympathy of the princess, Alexandra. When the queen entertains any very exalted guest at afternoon tea in her Swiss chalet, it is from this humble but priceless jug that she pours the cream.

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REMEDY FOR EVERY DISEASE.

But No Universal "Cure-All" Has Yet Been Found.

Every disease has its remedy, and in the search for that remedy hundreds of cures of medicine have sprung up, says a writer in Leslie's Weekly. One man pins his faith in minute doses of powerful drugs; another walks barefoot over the wet grass, another eats raw fruit and grain, one is confident that mud baths induce health, and still another urges us to show each mouthful of food at least 30 times before swallowing. No doubt every one of these "cures" is of benefit to some form of disease. The mistake of followers of the treatment is in thinking their particular remedy a cure-all for every malady. There are no universal remedies. Indeed, every type of disease must receive special attention and be treated after the fashion long experience and study have taught the medical profession is best adapted to the case. Certain illnesses respond quickly to drugs, the virtues of which are sometimes wonderfully effective; others need nothing but fresh air; still others a change of climate, and a variety of diseases need no drugs and no journeys to the mountains, but are best relieved by simple dieting. And just as the variety of drug preparations is almost beyond the power of the maker to recall, and is daily being increased by the chemist in pharmacy, so a great variety of remedies has been brought out that cannot be considered as drugs, but which still possess singular curative properties.

RATHER A NEAT COMPLIMENT.

Answer That Probably Brought Both Blushes and Forgiveness.

It was at Montauk Point, after our soldiers had returned from Cuba, and the hospitals were crowded with sick and wounded, that the ladies visited them daily, carrying delicacies of every kind, and doing all they could to cheer and comfort the suffering.

Mountain Sheep (Increasing in Rockies).

Trainmen on the Denver & Rio Grande report the recent appearance of two bands of mountain sheep on the cliffs just beyond the Royal gorge, near Spike Buck.

Mustaches Grew After Death.

Gen. Marbot, in his "Memoirs," relates that the body of Morland, the French general slain at Austerlitz, was by the orders of Napoleon I. conveyed to Paris, in order that it might be interred under a splendid monument. No other conveyance being available the body was sent to France in a cask of rum, which was put in a cellar. The monument was never erected and the forgotten hero remained in his cask until after the fall of Napoleon, when decay caused the cask to burst. Then it was found that the rum had caused Gen. Morland's mustaches to grow so long they reached to his feet.

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