

SPEAK TOO LOUDLY IN PUBLIC

Foreigners Here Do It, and So Do We When We Are Abroad.

"Did you ever notice," he asked, "how foreigners always speak very loudly when talking with other persons of their own country?"

HAD HIS HEARERS HYPNOTIZED

Sawmill Man Evidently Was Something of a Spellbinder.

An anecdote which is amusing on account of the "check" it displays, comes from Ohio. It was during a freshet, after a season of protracted drought.

MEASURED THE OFFICER

A laughable scene was enacted on the stage of the principal theater in Hanover on the evening of the first production there of Wedekind's "The Awakening of Spring."

DANGEROUS

"See my knife?" said a New York attorney, holding up a pocket knife with the blade literally banded away to a mere black wire.

"FROZEN" FORTUNES

If London prices for meat and wool were raised correspondingly with the cost of production all would be well, but taken over a series of years, the interest made on capital invested in pastoral properties is not by any means high.

NO HOPE

"They say these new electrical garments are something wonderful to contemplate."

WANTED A NINE-SHOOTER

"I want a good revolver," began the determined-looking man.

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LEAVES SPROUTED ON TABLES

Additions Not Considered an Ornament by Their Owners.

Green leaves growing on an ornamental parlor table was the astonishing sight that greeted Mrs. John Foy of Meadow street, West Springfield, Mass. one afternoon recently.

WOMAN TURNED CLEVER TRICK

Mean Man Defeated for Honor That He Coveted.

A letter written by a woman decided a contest for the office of president of a men's club in New York a few days ago. There were two candidates for the place: one a clerk in a New York financial institution, whose young wife had been a working girl, the other a wealthy manufacturer, with a reputation among his neighbors for "closeness."

"SOUPLINA DEMENTIA"

Every time John Jenks of Seattle, Wash., sees soup he goes crazy. Vermicelli, consommé, mulligatawny, or just plain soup—it's all the same to John. Every time he sees soup, or a friend mentions soup, he shrieks and howls, and if he is offered it at table he grabs the dish with a maniacal yell and throws it up in the air.

MEASURES STEAM CONSUMPTION

A German patent has recently been taken out for a steam consumption meter consisting of a small alternator whose magnet wheel is built into the steam piping, and is rotated by means of turbine blades fitted to its periphery.

THE PRACTICE

"Good gracious, Mrs. Ritter, what is all that noise and swearing about?"

THE MAN HE ADMIRED

A number of men on the street were having a discussion as to who was the greatest inventor. Some said Edison, some Watt, some Morse, some one and some another.

"MOTHER'S DAY"

A movement, originating in Philadelphia, is rapidly spreading throughout the states to set aside May 16 each year as "Mother's Day."

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HAIR BEST PHYSICAL INDEX

Japanese Physicians Explain His Theory on the Subject.

Modern medical men declare that the finger nails afford better evidence as to the state of a person's health than the eye or the color or texture of the skin.

He has established from his observation that the hair grows less in volume in proportion as the health declines. He has even measured the extent of the decline by observing the decrease in the diameter of a series of hairs.

GIVE HUSBAND WHAT HE LIKES

New York Writer Expatiates on the Duty of a Wife.

A woman, discussing how to feed a husband, said she soon cured her husband of fussiness and faddism about his food.

Now, why should he? His work and money buy every scrap of food which enters the home. It is the husband's right that he should have the food he likes best, properly cooked and served on the table he bought, in the house whose rent he pays, by the wife to whom he gives a housekeeping allowance as a trust fund.

THE MATHEMATICAL MIND

A literary worker who wished to do a large amount of reading by proxy advertised for an assistant capable of digesting the contents of a tremendous quantity of books in a very short while.

SAVED BY PREMONITION OF DANGER

Feeling a premonition that danger was threatening his parents, Jacob Fellman left Providence Square, Montgomery county, Pa., where he had been working.

TOWARD THE SIMPLE LIFE

I am strongly of opinion that the next great movement in the world of spiritual and moral reform will be the gospel of the simple life.

HEAVY WEIGHTS

"What are those you are storing away in the basket?" asked the man in front of the gas works.

DOMS AND DREAUGHTS

The church having raised 2,000,000 sterling in bygone centuries, built therewith the magnificent Dom of Cologne, which has been a source of inspiration, writes William Stead, in Review of Reviews.

NEEDED TWO

"Sometimes," said the love-lorn youth as he gazed at the moon, "I feel as though I could live on kisses alone."

SIX MONTHS TO MAKE A CARPET

There has been placed in the sanctuary of the high altar at Westminister (Eng.) Roman Catholic cathedral a large carpet from Smyrna which on account of its size—32 feet long by 12 feet wide—had to be specially made in Turkey, the work taking six months to complete.

STUFFING THE BOX

"Of course," the British tourist was saying, "I understand that the winning party at most elections is the one that gets out the most voters."

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BETTER THAN THE CIGARETTE

Medical Man Recommends Chewing of Peppermint as Cure for Habit.

If you have a boy who has begun smoking too early, and whom you wish to cure of the habit, told him peppermints.

To break the cigarette habit in a youth there is nothing better than peppermint drops. He cannot smoke with a "bull's eye" in his mouth, and even for some time after it is dissolved tobacco will not blend kindly with the taste that remains.

HAD AT LEAST ALL THE WORDS

Absent-Minded Minister Substituted Dictionary for Sermon.

The minister was hurrying toward his church, the Sunday morning service being near, when he was accosted by one of his congregation, whom, in his haste, he had just passed without recognizing.

BURDEN OF OVEREDUCATION

Is it not astonishing how to make the best of one's powers, how to arrange one's stores, how to exert a sweet, quiet and fragrant influence throughout life, over all whom one meets?

NOT ALTOGETHER TRUE

More than half of the several hundred people taking the courses at Lowell Institute under Harvard professors, says a Boston paper, are women, and these courses require an attendance three times a week.

LOOKING AT THE BRIGHT SIDE

A lady residing in a quiet village in Suffolk county who was spinning off the last thread of life in "Darby and Joan" fashion, seated on either side of the fireplace.

WHERE IS YOUR HUSBAND?

"Where is your husband?" "Well, mum, he's gone at last."

THE CANNY WOOLER

It was fair time in Selkirk, and Sandy and his sweetheart were wandering round arm in arm enjoying the sights.

TOO MOUNTAINOUS

"Yes," said Slanger, "I tramped through Switzerland once."

RECOGNITION

"The men who devote their time to the country's service should be recognized," said the official.

ANOTHER THREAT

Eva (reading novel)—She riveted her eyes.

SELF-CONTAINED FAMILY

As he was the only man with young children in a district of Lane county, Oregon, Mr. John Larkin formed a school committee, of which he was elected chairman and his wife clerk.

OBJECTS TO THE BASS SINGING

Vitriolic Writer Refuses to See Any Good in Him.

But with the bass singer it is different. Here we have a normal man, entirely sound in mind, who yet bel-lows like a bull of Bashan. He stands up, he clears his throat, he throws back his head and his Adam's apple begins to tremble.

HOTTEST SPOT ON THE EARTH

Musdam Peninsula Said to Hold That Unenviable Record.

The hottest place on earth is said to be the Musdam peninsula, at the entrance to the Persian gulf from the Ormuz islands. The scenery of the Elphinstone inlet to the peninsula is grand, but desolate.

BETTER THAN WATCHING RACE

Here is an incident which, I think, American who visited the great Derby race in England. "I was standing near a booth where a man was selling spare, carevorous boy, who was plainly yearning for something to eat."

SOME ANIMAL WOE

All nature fakers will rejoice at the latest from Bloody Neck. Wyo. A rancher set out some poisoned cabbage which attracted a jack rabbit and he ate of the bait and died.

CHEESE STUDENTS ABROAD

The board of education has asked the throne to order the Chinese students abroad, who are now maintained at the government expense for a short course of study, to further pursue their studies for another five years.

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