

WHEN THE PHRENOLOGIST FELL.

His Knowledge of Horses Was Evidently a Weak Point.

Mayor Reburn of Philadelphia told at a dinner a horse story.

A farmer visited a phrenologist, he said. "He had heard that the phrenologist thought of buying a horse. He had his head examined and his bumps revealed surprising things."

Your tastes are the simple, homely and pure tastes of a farmer," said the phrenologist, "and a farmer take you to be 'Am I not right?'"

ALWAYS SOURCE OF WEAKNESS.

Pretense Detracts from the Power to Accomplish.

There is nothing which will add so much to one's power as the consciousness of being absolutely sincere, genuine.

There is a restraint, a perpetual fighting against the truth going on within you, a struggle which saps your energy and warps your conduct.

Your vision is not clear. Everybody sees that you are not transparent. There is a cloudiness, a haze about your character, which raises the interaction point where you go.

Blessings of Idleness.

Perpetual devotion to what a man calls his business is only to be sustained by perpetual neglect of many other things.

"The Devil and the Deep Sea."

Hazlitt's "English Proverbs" gives the proverb as "Betwixt the devil and the Deep Sea," and quotes it from Clarke's "Proemologia," 1639.

A Long Sentence.

The prize for the longest sentence ever written may fairly be awarded to the elder Dumas, who probably holds a further record for fertility of production.

Wise Men.

Although a wise man is exacting toward himself he does not demand anything of others. He is content with his lot and never complains of heaven.

Our Helpful Maids.

Louise—I'm in a awful boat. After I started to bleach my hair, I found I had only enough to do half of it, and Nelson is coming to-night.

WITH THE ELEPHANT FLEET.

Indian Coasting Steamers That Transport Largest of All Animals.

Its elephant fleet is one of the strangest and most deadly departments maintained by the British government in India.

India's population is one-fifth that of the entire globe. All these people use elephants. They use them for draught work and for tiger-hunting, and in the arenas of the native states they even pit them against one another.

To get an elephant aboard ship is a difficult and dangerous task. The animal must wade through the surf to a stout raft, and this unknown, often white and tumultuous, often terrified and maddened him.

Once on the raft, his legs are tied to pegs, and the slow sail to the ship is uneventful. But now a great band must be arranged under the elephant's belly, and a crane must hoist him up some twenty or thirty feet to the deck.

INGERSOLL'S TRIBUTE TO LOVE.

First Dress of Immortality; Fills the World with Melody.

Love is the only bow on life's dark cloud. It is the morning and evening star. It shines on the babe, and sheds its radiance on the quiet tomb.

Whistling on Sabbath in Scotland.

Concerning the Scottish reprobation of whistling on the Sabbath, Dean Ramsay has a characteristic story.

Why She Wasn't Disturbed.

His family is taking in the opera in New York and he had entertained at cards—American fashion—until the rumbling of the early cars put an end to the game.

Getting Even with Papa.

Small Bobbie, in describing occurrences at kindergarten, was sometimes inclined to exaggeration.

To Remove a Felon.

The following clipped from the London Lancet is a relief from bone pain: "As soon as the disease is felt put directly over the spot a fly blister about the size of your thumb nail, and let it remain for six hours, at the expiration of which time, directly under the surface of the blister, may be seen the felon, which can be instantly taken out with the point of a needle or a lancet."

Three Thousand Years.

"I think from the utensils about him that this mummy must have been an Egyptian plumber."

HABITS AND BRAIN RECORDS.

A Noble Personality the Result of Noble Desires Inscribed in Brain.

Remember that the brain is the instrument through which the real personality expresses himself; and he can only express what is already written there, says a writer in the Nautical.

You can wind up a phonograph, and you may make it run fast or slow, but you cannot make it say anything that is not on the records.

WAS JUST ONE DOLLAR AHEAD.

What Little Financial Transaction Had Netted Widow.

"More than a year ago," said the insurance man, "I received a letter which said that the writer was a widow and asked for a little financial assistance.

Simple Water Distiller.

A boatload of shipwrecked mariners having a few pans of glass may collect from the ocean enough fresh water to sustain life.

Origin of "Caucus."

"Caucus" is said to have arisen from a corruption of the term "calkers' house."

Typewriters in 1714.

The idea of mechanical letter-writing seems to have first occurred to an Englishman, for the earliest record of a patent for such a device is of one granted by the English government to Henry Mill in 1714.

A Good Student.

"How is young Chumkett getting on in college?"

A Literal Begging.

"Convicts seem to be very polite sort of people."

SETTING OTHER PEOPLE RIGHT.

Pitfall Into Which the Well-Meaning Sometimes Fall.

Occasionally you may set a person right, but be sure you know the person, and don't get a reputation for that sort of thing.

LITTLE CHANCE FOR BUSINESS.

Man With Golden Opportunity Had Called at Unfortunate Time.

"Now, my dear sir," earnestly began the suave stranger, with the up-tipped cigar and unadorned diamond.

Getting Along All Right.

A young Japanese in one of our institutions of learning, having acquired a very good knowledge of English, went out to deliver a lecture in that language.

Costume of German Jurists.

"The black robe and the cap belong to the outfit of a lawyer in the German metropolis," writes an American tourist from that place.

The Surprised Highwayman.

A highwayman stepped out behind a fashionable young woman and hit her a tremendous blow across the side of the head with a piece of gas pipe.

Fortunes Indeed.

"When I am inspired," exclaimed the youthful poet, "I get fearfully agitated. My breath comes in quick, convulsive gasps."

CALLS FOR LARGE SACRIFICES.

Ministerial Work Means Giving Up Idea of Worldly Advancement.

Had we ministers trained and worked for a business life as we train and work for the ministry, and lived as economically as we have in the ministry, many of us could have accumulated fortunes ere this.

REAL LIVELY SPORTING EVENT.

All Sorts of Things Happened at Tobacco-Chewing Marathon.

"No sport around here!" drawled the old storekeeper at Bacon Ridge, reflectively.

Closing the Question.

The Sunday school teacher, being aware that the rector intended visiting the church during this Sabbath's school session, drilled his little class on such important questions as "Who made them?" etc.

Too Many for Him.

An American traveling in Germany was much bewildered at the large number of distinct and apparently independent countries through which he went.

World's Coldest City.

Yakutsk, in eastern Siberia, is said to be the coldest city in the world. It is the great commercial emporium of eastern Siberia and the capital of the province of Yakutsk.

Coming Events Cast Shadows.

Harber (looking for business)—Excuse me, sir, but your hair is going to come out soon by the handful.

On the Levee.

"Lemme tell yer somen. When Ah calls er nigger's bluff his chest gives in!"

TREATED AS A GOOD FRIEND.

Intimate Association Between the Arab and His Horse.

It is most interesting to note the way the Arab treats his faithful friends. So inured, indeed, is the Arab pony by long usage and descent to the manner of life in the desert that even my own pony positively improved on the treatment and I never saw him so fit as when he came back from the trip.

If the Arab and his horse are by legend closely allied, they are in fact even more intimately connected. His mount is his first thought, and at all times by far the most interesting topic of conversation.

SMALL BOY'S PATHETIC WISH.

Story with a Moral for Some Over-Occupied Mothers.

He is a poor little neglected boy, whose mamma is so busy with mothers' meetings and club conventions and such important matters that she really hasn't time to attend to her children.

Ways of Raising Money for Charity.

From times immemorial in China, a donation of 20,000 taels to charity has secured for the donor the much-prized peacock's feather, while for half that sum a title of nobility is conferred on one's ancestors to the third generation.

At the Turn of the Road.

In the perspective from the turn of the road we may now see how many times the paralyzing hand of procrastination touched the good deeds we meant to do, the golden dreams we longed to transform into actualities.

Tactful Society Woman.

One of the best known women in society, who is remarkable for having no enemies, laughingly said not long ago that she attributed her popularity to never letting those she disliked know of it by any word of hers.

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