

FIRST HAT WORN IN EUROPE.

Charles VII. Astonished the People of Rouen in 1449 by His Head Gear.

It is related of Charles VII. that on his triumphant entry into Rouen in 1449 he greatly astonished the whole city by appearing in a hat lined with red silk and surmounted by a plume of feathers.

THE BUSINESS MAN'S NERVES.

Diagnosis of Specialist Reveals Him as Suffering from Mental Activity and Alcohol.

A diagnosis of the American business man made by an eminent nerve specialist reveals him as suffering from a neurosis partaking of the character of neurasthenia, psychasthenia and hysteria.

One of Earth's Joys.

The white-haired caller in deep mourning rose to take her leave. Carl Jr., nine years old, retired behind his mother. He felt his position to be insecure at any moment.

Finds Cure for Leprosy.

Leprosy is a singularly undemonstrative disease. Out of hundreds only a few have a starting, not to say horrible, appearance.

Looking for the Love-Birds.

"We tried to keep the railroad carriage to ourselves," said the girl who can appreciate a joke against herself, even when on her honeymoon.

A Domestic Strategist.

"When you are late to dinner how do you apologise to your family?" "I don't try," answered Mr. Higgins.

INTERESTED ALL ON BOARD.

Presidential Order Evidently Had Significance for Carload of Washington-Bound Passengers.

A gray-haired western man, known and beloved the world over, was sitting in the lounge room of one of the downtown hotels talking to a prominent New Yorker.

INGENUITY OF THE PAUPER.

Made Socks and Mittens from Workhouse Blankets and Bought Tobacco with Proceeds.

How a pauper obtained wool to knit socks and mittens, which he sold to enable him to buy tobacco, was described to the West Ham magistrates recently.

Hot Water on a Fire.

"Queer things happen at fires," said Lewis K. Jordan of Cleveland. "The other day the lace curtains caught on fire in an east side home and there was some panic while the fire lasted, you bet."

Molke's Bell Made Out of Gun.

That was what said the other day by Dr. Alexander, primate of all Ireland, and that was also what was done years ago by the man of whom, perhaps, it was least to have been expected, to-wit, Field Marshal Von Molke.

The Whisker in Disgrace.

To the modern youth of this country the whisker, whether worn by old or young, is designed solely for ridicule and scorn.

An Untruthful Liar.

"I wish you'd always tell me the truth about everything," said the newly wedded one with a sigh.

FATAL HUNT FOR TREASURE.

Natives Enter Old Tomb in Egypt Seeking Wealth and Perish by Suffocation.

A certain native discovered the entrance of a tomb in the floor of his stable, and at once proceeded to worm his way down the tunnel.

THIEF LONGS TO BE HONEST.

Always Aches to Get Back into Respectable Society from Which He is Barred.

The thief in the community is very much like the boy whose meanness or ruffianism has caused the other little children to band together to ostracize him.

An Englishman in Philadelphia.

"I was in Philadelphia the other day," said an Englishman resident in New York, "and having a little leisure to dispose of, and also some curiosity to be satisfied I took passage on one of those rubberneck vehicles and listened to the professor in charge. He told us a great lot of things about the town that were quite interesting and unknown in New York, but the most remarkable information he gave us was about the large statue of the late William Penn at the top of the city hall tower."

A Little Newspaper.

Which is the smallest newspaper in the British empire? At one time the distinction belonged to the Echo of the Mountains, published in a little village high up in the Australian Alps.

Janet's Generosity.

"How nicely you have ironed these things, Jane," said the mistress admiringly to her maid. Then, glancing at the glossy lines, she continued in a tone of surprise: "Oh, but I see they are all your own."

The Amateur Laureate.

"If I were you," he said, as they started out to dinner, "I'd get me another washwoman. That dress of yours is very badly ironed. What's the matter?"

Prize.

"Your glasses," she said, "have made a great difference in your appearance."

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA.

Interesting Facts About Chin and the Mighty Rampart He Built To Inclose Empire.

To superstitious notions Chin added the lust of luxury, his life being a blaze of oriental magnificence. He built a wonderful palace, which has been described in the Imperial History as having certain gorgeous annexes attached at intervals, the whole extending over a distance of 100 miles.

TOLD IT ALL IN FEW WORDS.

Picturesque and Virile Language of the Far West is Well Illustrated.

Are western people more picturesque in the use of language than those of other states? Are westerners able to say more in a few words than the people of any other part of the world?

Oysters on Trees.

"Salts," he said. And the oyster opener, turning to the salts, worked quickly with his red wet hands, while the red wet tongue of the man waggled with no less speed.

Dogs Have Cancer.

Among animals reptiles are practically the only species in which cancers have not been found, but it is the domesticated animals or those living in closest association with man that suffer most.

The Cruellest Solitudes.

An ill-fated Arab has committed suicide in New York because he found the great metropolis less hospitable than his native Sahara.

He Passed.

A political aspirant was taking the examination to qualify as sixth auditor of the treasury. He was asked to state the distance of the moon from the earth. His written answer was: "Not near enough to affect the functions of a sixth auditor of the treasury."

THEY MISS THE REAL THING.

American Heiresses Who Wed Foreigners Likened to the Homer Twins by Frank Work.

Frank Work, the New York millionaire, was talking to a reporter about international marriages. "I can't understand," he said, "why a beautiful American heiress will marry one of these fortune-hunters, empty-headed foreigners when she might have her pick of a hundred strong, clean, industrious American men."

THE MAGICAL FOUR LETTERS.

Use Them on Envelope, Says New Arrival, and Correspondence Will Never Go Astray.

The new housemaid asked her mistress to mail a letter for her when she went out. "It's for my father in the old country," said the girl as she extended the letter.

Charlotte Bronte's Handshakes.

"Does poetry pay?" we asked, and waited for an answer. Whatever that answer may be, it is to be hoped that every poet of to-day will find a more generous public than did Charlotte Bronte 60 years ago.

The Wonders of Science.

It was left for the exhibitor of a phonograph in the streets of Utrecht, according to an American traveler, to put the finishing touch to the wonderful invention.

Proof Positive.

A western newspaper man visited Washington recently and told the following story on former Representative Amos J. Cummings of New York, who was once city editor of the Sun.

When It Paid to Be Stout.

Avoldrupolis sometimes is of account in a government official. A day or two ago an immigration inspector boarded a vessel, not expecting to make a find.

WITH HER MIND ON ECONOMY.

Woman Had Particular and Cogent Reason for Wanting to Sample the Stuffed Dates.

Opposite the woman who slipped lead coffee at the counter of a Broadway candy shop, stood a tray of stuffed dates. "They're fine. Sample them," urged the proprietor to the gray-haired man who stood next.

PROCLAMATIONS NOT HEEDED.

Opium Dens of Wanshain, China, Still Flourish Despite Orders For Their Closing.

A proclamation issued by the Viceroy of the province that all opium dens in Wanshain must close has gone unheeded, as most things appear to do in China when it does not suit the populace.

The Boy's Confidence.

Perhaps one of the hardest tasks that falls to the lot of a mother is the one of weaning her boy's confidence. The victory, however, is such as to justify any sacrifice on her part and I fear the sacrifices that are necessary to establish a complete understanding between the two must necessarily at first be borne by her, for wayward and impulsive actions are part of the originality of youth and can be eradicated only by toleration on the part of others.

Pigeon's Care of Wounded Man.

A farmer standing outside his farmhouse saw a pair of his pigeons fly away. Shortly afterward he heard a shot and the pigeons did not return in the course of the afternoon, as he expected.

The Simple Sandwich.

The woman stopped at the stand of the ice cream man at Coney Island, laid two cents on the counter and took up a sandwich of ice cream. She walked off with it, held it to her teeth, bit at it and frowned.

White Mole Caught.

Cecil Naylor of Stockcross, Newbury, has captured a pure white mole in a trap. This is one of the rarely recorded instances of true albinism in the mole.