

STORY OF HALLEY'S COMET

Created Consternation in the Court of French King as Far Back as 840 A. D.

At a meeting of the savants in Paris lately one of the philosophers present told an interesting story of Halley's comet.

LUCKY HE WAS NOT VAIN

Rather Keen Thru Given Traveler Passing Through the Mountains of Tennessee.

According to a Washington official, whose public business occasionally takes him to the mountains of Tennessee, the inhabitants of those parts evince a naïveté that is at times disconcerting to the stranger's amour propre.

A Graduate.

"It ain't so worse beln' the prise bad kid of the class," was the unparaphable declaration of a tow-headed boy from behind a mask of freckles.

Pleasing for Mother.

John Francis Brooks came home from his desk in the first grade room at school, and his face was radiant.

His Costly Error.

The lodger's pet aversion was cats, and he cherished a special grudge against a feline which sometimes shared his meals without his consent.

The Reason of It.

"That woman writer knows a lot about bringing up children, doesn't she?"

MADE SWITCH ON EDIBLES

Why the Jones Family Ate Liver While the Dogs Fared Sumptuously on Pork Chops.

A hill district negro went to a butcher shop to buy pork chops, just before they took one of those sudden jumps in price, says the Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

DESERT TO BE RECLAIMED

Plans on Foot by Which Mesopotamia Will Be Restored to Ancient Fruitfulness.

It has always seemed a most extraordinary thing that the land between the Tigris and the Euphrates, which was the seat of the greatest empires of the ancient world, and which shared with the Nile valley the distinction of being the richest corn-growing land should for so many centuries have been desolate and waste.

KNOW THE PANGS OF HUNGER

Antarctic Explorers Have Fellow-Feeling for the Poor of the Great World's Cities.

Sir Ernest Shackleton told a fashionable drawing-room audience in London the other day what it feels like to be ferociously hungry.

WATER FROM OCEAN DEPTHS

Cylinder with Valves is Now Commonly Used to Raise it to the Surface.

The water bottle for getting water for analysis from selected depths in the ocean is a cylinder of brass, German silver, or other metal which resists the corrosion of sea water, generally about two inches in diameter and 12 to 14 inches long, with upward opening valves at the top and bottom, connected together on a central stem.

In the Box Office.

All was quiet in the theater ticket office. Only the noise of a bull pup crunching dog biscuits disturbed the smoky atmosphere.

Made Oliver Herford Famous.

Oliver Herford first sprang into fame as a wit so long ago as when Mrs. James Brown-Potter, whose husband was a near relative of the late Bishop Potter, created a sensation by relinquishing home and family to go upon the stage.

How Cowper Would Open His Eyes.

In the eighteenth century, as to-day, your poet sometimes gave himself up to rapturous reflection on the market value of his wares.

CUSTOMS OF AFRICAN TRIBES

Queer Beliefs and Superstitions That Are Common in the Interior.

One of the queer customs of the Baamba race in Africa is cannibalism of a particularly loathsome form, according to a writer in the Geographical Journal.

GOING TO THE FULL LIMIT

Leisured and Refined Classes Put Up a Pathetic Plea for Protection.

A motoring paper makes a temperate demand that the onus of avoiding traffic should lie on the pedestrian instead of the driver.

He Changed His Drink.

In Magistrate "Jimmy" Briggs' office the other morning a woman had her husband arrested for drunkenness.

As George Sees the Peers.

"David Lloyd George," said the miner from Wales, as he emptied his glass of cww, "David is a very witty speaker. I've heard him many a time in Carnarvon."

Definitions Mixed.

Magistrate—Officer, what is this man charged with? Constable—He's a camera fiend of the worst kind, yer worship.

Treatment for Leprosy.

United States Vice-Consul John H. Benson, writing from Rangoon, British Burma, describes a treatment of leprosy which in three cases of from 2 to 16 years' standing, has so far succeeded that ultimate recovery is expected.

Next Year in the Air.

"Aviators like Paulhan, who is reputed to be receiving \$50,000 for his visit to this country, and Bleriot, whom I know to have made \$300,000 since he flew across the English channel, are lucky to be making it now," said an Aero club enthusiast.

He Knew the Signs.

A teacher in a slum school was calling over the names of his scholars in order to ascertain which of them were likely to leave shortly.

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LITTLE TRIBUTE TO "DAD"

When You Come to Think of It Hasn't He Really Got Something Coming to Him?

We happened in a home the other night, and over the parlor door saw the legend worked in letters of red: "What Is Home Without a Mother?"

PERFECTLY TRUE IN THEORY

Impossible to Refute Arguments Made as to the Uprightness of Mankind.

"Here is a curious paradox," said George. "If a thousand soldiers are drawn up in battle array on a plane—they understand him to mean 'plain'—only one man will stand upright."

Girl Got Even.

The man who keeps a watchful eye on the federal government bought five postage stamps. The drug store cashier laid them down, picture side up, whereupon the customer confounded her with his knowledge of the government.

The Late William Everett.

It is said that once, while headmaster of Adams academy, he threw a Latin grammar at a pupil and scared or injured him. The father of the boy came and expostulated. "But, my dear sir," exclaimed Dr. Everett, "your boy said 'gotten!'"

Succeed Was a Child Star.

Besoni, the famous Italian virtuoso, like some other noted musical celebrities of genius, developed very early. He made his first public appearance at the age of seven at Trieste, playing a Mozart concerto with orchestra.

Immense.

Farmer Grayneck—"Fpose you are goin' to git the automobile fever, Erry, like everybody else?"

Farmer Hornbeak.

"Nope! I've been vaccinated in the pocketbook, and it took—Puck."

INDICTMENT OF THE POTATO

Use of Vegetable Is Declared by Writer to Have a Tendency to Shorten Life.

The potato is, according to the best medical opinion, the cause of many of the ills from which we suffer, and a foe to long life and good temper as well.

TOAST IS OF ANCIENT ORIGIN

Some Form of Drinking Salutation Common as Far Back as History Records.

The origin of health-drinking is lost in the dimness of ancient years, but it was a general habit with the Romans, the Greeks and the Assyrians of earliest history, says a writer in the Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Bargains in Wedding Rice.

In a grocery of many signs the most conspicuous sign of all reads: "Wedding rice three cents per pound."

Leaves Pennies in Church.

A Boston clergyman, commenting on the large number of cents in the average church collection, said that when on a recent Monday he had offered a newswoman outside the subway station a 5-cent piece in payment for a newspaper she threw up her hand, remarking:

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