

QUEER CHURCH IN GUIANA

Its Roof is of Paper, Its Bells Two Metal Jars, Its Pulpit a Barrel and Altar a Box.

Churches are always one of the "sights" of a place, usually because they are either antique or because of their beauty. But in out-of-the-way corners of the world the local churches are sometimes well worth seeing for their curiosity.

TOWN CRIER AS ARBITRATOR

Both Sides Used Him to Avert a Strike in the French Town of Saint-Pierre-d'Oleron.

A strike which threatened in Saint-Pierre-d'Oleron, France, recently, was averted in a curious way. The washerwomen of the village engaged the town crier, who paraded the streets announcing that on and after September 22 the washerwomen would refuse to work for less than twenty-five cents a day and that, in addition, they demanded that their employers should "board" them.

Evie's Sin and Some Others.

Here are a few of the best Sunday school "howlers" which the Manchester Guardian has selected from a Sunday school examiner's note book:

An Even Break.

Madge—But, Billy, the idea of three coaches to each man to put him in condition for the big game? Why, it's absurd!

He Knows What's What.

"Say, we've come to ask you to be our candidate for congress."

Not Bessie's Style.

Lash—That man Bessie is a regular sponge.

The Habit of Complaint.

"I suppose you were thankful for the heavy rain."

Off the List.

"What are the ladies of your suffrage club going to do with that member who offended you?"

A Change.

Wiggles—Fie is the belle of the ball.

Wiggles—Yes, and the last time I saw her she was a baby. Even now I remember the bawl of the bells.

CITIES GROWING NOISIER

It is One of the Penalties of Civilization, But No Man Could Endure Continual Silence.

No doubt all cities are growing noisier. This is one of the penalties of civilization. There is now no Sybaris, where the sound of a hammer was never heard. Even Paris is said to be as noisy as it is now dirty.

SHE SAW THE BIG SPARKLER

Shoe Clerk With the New Diamond Ring Attracted Both Attention and Reprimand From Customer.

As the man who writes little items for the paper sat getting himself fitted with a pair of shoes the other day he saw this happen: A woman was getting waited on by a clerk who wore on the third finger of his hand a diamond twinkler weighing at least a carat and a quarter.

No Color for Men's Clothes.

No matter how passionately mere man may long for more color in his clothes every effort to effect a revolution has failed thus far.

Sympathizing With the Chorus Man.

The chorus man who slips to the right and skips to the left in step with the chorus girl and sings sentimental ditties to her, imprinting a stage kiss upon her outer coating of grease paint at the end of the final verse, is sometimes college bred and usually a graduate of a high school, but the roughest and most illiterate "squab" shares with the showiest and best educated show girl a contempt for his calling, and when the contempt is not shown to the individual the case is exceptional.

Money.

Money's nothing more nor less than the measure of value, and therefore the medium of exchange. It may consist of anything—gold, silver, copper, iron, paper, bark, shells, pebbles—anything that shall be decided on by the parties concerned.

Room for Doubt.

The cuckoo clock had just chirped the half-hour before midnight, and the girl in the parlor scene was weary.

The Foolish Virgin.

"We should always be prepared," said H. K. Adair, the San Francisco detective, in an interview in New York, "and then we will miss nothing."

Timothy Spear.

"I heard some one say you were an easy-going chap," she answered.

WIFE WON'T HELP AGAIN

Popular Author's Spouse "Improved" His Book to the Extent of a Loss of \$7,000.

It isn't fair to tell the name of the author. But one of the writers of best sellers turned out a fine piece of work a year or so ago. He took the rough draft of it to a publisher, and the man of ledgers fell for it in a minute.

SLENDER BALTIMORE WOMEN

They Take Off Flesh by Rolling on the Floor and Running Up Stairs.

"How slender the Baltimore women are," remarked an admiring critic the other day.

First Telescope.

Very few people are aware that the first practical telescope—the one which Galileo used in discovering the satellites of Jupiter in January, 1610, is still in existence and preserved at the Museum of Physics and Natural History in Florence.

History of Famous Writings.

The New York Ledger paid \$4,000 for the privilege of publishing Longfellow's "The Hanging of the Crane," the first time, exclusive of the right to its publication in book form.

Dream—Awakening.

He had never told his love. She told it for him, and the toll took the form of candy, books, flowers, theater tickets, suppers, taxis, and the other emotional effluences of a young man's fancy.

Quite Expert.

"I remember your wife as a such a dainty and pretty girl. Tell me, what they tell me she has turned out to be a fine cook."

Turned out a fine cook?

"Turned out a fine cook?" exclaimed Tully. "She has turned out half a dozen of them within the last three months." Toledo Blade.

WHEN IS A MAN AT HIS BEST?

Line Is Being Pushed Further Back and He Who Is Past Fifty Need Not Be Ashamed of It.

When is a man best intellectually and physically? The answer was thus stated by a witty physician: "Most men are no good at their best." There is no rule for the extraordinary man.

SIGHTS TO MAKE ONE FAINT

Somewhere There Are Things That Would Be Too Much for Any Man, Thought the Deacon.

"I heard of a man once who fainted," said John Russell. There was a crunching of chair legs and in the gathering darkness all faces were turned to John.

Their Sunday Sojourn.

An Atchison man was sitting in his own home last evening, quietly reading, as a nice man should do Sunday evening, when one of his wife's women friends dropped in.

"The Soul of Golf."

One who knew the soul of golf saw it and described it. It was a tricky green, with a drop of 20 feet behind it. To have overrun it would have been fatal. There was a stiff head wind.

A Statesman Who Gambled High.

Arthur's, Almanack's, Bottle's and White's were the chief clubs of the young men of fashion. There was play at all, and decayed noblemen and broken down senators flocked the unwary there.

Milk Thief Is Bred.

Marquette, Mich.—Felix La Cross, a farmer, met with a rude surprise the other night. He had missed milk and had determined to catch the thief, and lay in wait for him.

Potato Embargo Is Lifted.

Paris—A commission of scientists has come to the conclusion that American potatoes are no longer a source of contamination, and the French government has decided to admit this product, which has been barred out of France since 1875 on the ground that it was infected with a disease dangerous to French potatoes.

RAINY DAY IN THE NURSERY

Various Ways in Which the Children Can Be Amused and Kept From Peevishness in Bad Weather.

A rainy day is always something of a trial to the children in the nursery. The little ones miss their usual walk, and the hours drag heavily. The children are listless and peevish, and the day very likely ends with a fit of temper or tears.

SAVING ON THE GAS BILL

Boil a Lot of Potatoes at Once and Fix Them Up in Various Tasty Ways.

Two or three times a week boil or steam a large kettle of potatoes in the original packages, set them aside to cool, and, finally, my daughters, they will seem a treasure house of gold and silver.

LIGHTNING KILLS MANY FISH

Thousands of Trout Found Dead After Severe Thunderstorm in California Stream.

San Bernardino, Cal.—Many thousands of trout in Deep creek have been killed. George Boren and J. W. Catlin, well-known business men of this city, returned from the creek with the news.

Trapper Attempts to Get Rid of Grizzlies, Cougars, Wolves and Cattle of Birds.

Seattle, Wash.—This city often has opportunities to see strange sights and people, but it is doubtful if a more unusual spectacle was ever anchored in any harbor than a home-made cedar log scow, with its deck covered with crude and home-made cages filled with wild animals, which a small launch dragged in this week.

MANY GIANT TREES SEED

Stately Chestnuts Fall Victims to Ax in Attempt to Check Ravages of Epidemic.

Ardmore, Pa.—Hundreds of giant trees, the stately tops of which towered above the main sky line, have been obliged to bow to the woodman's ax and heroic treatment has been applied to thousands of others in the effort to stay the sway of the death-dealing disease familiarly known as the chestnut blight.

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