

BUT HE RATHER OVERDID IT

Husband's Bright Idea of Changing the Conversation Left Him in Somewhat of a Fix.

A man who hadn't been home to dinner and who didn't arrive in time for midnight luncheon... "Is that you, dear?" from his wife's room.

WORK FOR CLOUD SPOTTER

Humble but Indispensable Adjunct in the Process of Taking Moving Pictures.

"Among the new jobs that modern life has originated," said a statistician, "that of the cloud spotter is interesting and odd. The cloud spotter doesn't, of course, make spots on clouds. No, no. He stands on a high roof with a costly field glass and he continually notifies his employer, a moving-picture maker, of the condition of the heavens.

Inn of the Mild Henry.

The inn of the mild Henry (zum sanften Heinrich) in a little town of Posen has evidently changed hands during its career, for there is at least an intimation in an advertisement recently inserted in a Posen newspaper by Hermann Dunkelberg, the present owner, that he may not be especially mild.

Reply Coupons.

The man who boasts that he never writes letters has been prodded into epistolary activity. "It was a curious little square red stamp enclosed in a letter I received from England that drove me to it," he said.

His Own Bills.

Butchers are not generally credited with an especially sensitive temperament, but New York has one member of the guild whose skin must be extraordinarily thin. At any rate, he goes to unusual lengths to exonerate himself from the charge of extortion.

Not the Right Kind.

"I thought you said young Jagers was a coward? In our automobile accident, we found he was full of grit." "Humph! I'd like to know where he got it so suddenly."

NEWS TRAVELS IN HOSPITALS

Wireless Outdone in Rapidity with Which Patients Get Forbidden Information.

"A very efficient system of wireless telegraphy exists in every hospital," said the nurse. "Apparently all patients have the knack of transmitting messages, otherwise the news of serious cases would not travel so quickly and accurately from ward to ward.

NOT YET APPRISED OF LOSS

But Mourners Would Be Plentiful When They Came to Realize Their Bereavement.

Cohn and Goldberg went into the diamond business. They got about \$100,000 worth of diamonds on credit. "Now, how will we make it a success?" asked Goldberg.

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Uncle's One Good Quality.

Servant girls know their own good points and they take care that everybody else shall know them. One maid who was obliged to look for a new situation because her employers were leaving town listened critically to the enumeration of her virtues as set down in the recommendation that had just been written by her former mistress.

Ants Eat Through Lead Cables.

White ants are causing much trouble in South Australia in telephone cables and also in the underground electric light lines. On the lead sheathed telephone cables crosses between the circuits began to occur.

Just Occurred to Him.

"It never struck me before," said Mr. Wimpleton, "but Dr. Temple stopped me this morning to tell me what a big, handsome, manly-looking fellow our son had grown to be."

Language Lapses.

"My wife has joined a club to study exact English." "Humph! I wish mine would. Then she wouldn't accuse me of loose conduct because I get tight."

DISTINCT VALUE OF PICTURES

Care in Selection and Hanging Will Be Well Repaid in Increased Pleasure Afforded.

"A room hung with pictures is a room hung with beautiful thoughts," flow many of us give the right amount of careful thought in hanging pictures on our walls? Do we ever think of the pleasure and effect on ourselves of the paintings or prints that are constantly before our eyes?

POINT THAT ATTRACTED HIM

Vegetarian Dinners Had at Least One Good Idea That He Could Appreciate.

After steadfastly declining many invitations to public dinners a man astonished his friends by attending three vegetarian dinners.

Why They Can Spell It.

"Before I went to Europe," said the school teacher, "it was one of the mysteries of my profession how every British child enrolled in our schools came to be authority on the spelling of chibblains.

Brief Census.

In a certain town of Vermont there was a lively widow maintaining a boarding house, who was joined in that enterprise by her brother, a widower.

Taking No Chances.

"Friend—Do you wish me as your mouthpiece to give out a statement about your willingness or refusal to be a candidate?"

Its Suggestion.

"When I asked our new girl if she could do anything in the line of putting up vegetables she replied, 'I can.'"

My dear, that sound as if she was a French chorus girl.

CAME BACK TO HIS MEMORY

Long Years of Captivity Had Not Effaced Early Teachings From Mind of Elephant.

The following is an instance of an elephant's good manners and of the tenacity with which an idea once received by him adheres in his memory.

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KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT IT

Modest Appearing Man Proved He Had Right to Criticise Youthful Art Student.

An art student was copying one of Abbott S. Thayer's paintings at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art one day, when a plainly dressed man who looked as if he might be a mechanic approached and, posting himself at the young man's elbow, watched him as he labored over his subject.

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RIGHT CHILDHOOD IS MODEST

Well-Bred Youngster Does Not Think That It Knows Everything, Says Ruskin.

The first character of right childhood is that it is modest. A well-bred child does not think it can teach its parents, or that it knows everything. It may think its father and mother know everything—perhaps that all grown-up people know everything; very certainly it is sure that it does not.

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