

USE FOR SHOPPING GLOVES

Mr. Compton's Simple Method of Gaining Counter Respect Which He Deserves.

From his easy chair Mr. Compton watched his wife putting on a pair of tan gloves. "Aren't they too large for you?" he asked lazily.

GAUGING DOWNFALL OF RAIN

Scientific Instruments Have Made It a Matter of Absolute Mathematical Precision.

Few people really understand how rain is measured. We often read in the newspaper that so many inches of rain have fallen during a certain period, but it is difficult to realize what an inch of it actually means.

Chosen Neighbors With Name.

"The subject of neighbors is one on which we are sensitive," writes Agnes Athol in an article on "Some Things That We Learned by Renting a House in the Suburbs."

Why We Are Right-Handed.

One of the professors at a well-known agricultural college has figured it out just as you are left-handed it is a sign that your ancestors were not good fighters.

Ventilation Test.

A single way to tell whether your room is properly ventilated is to place a white-soaked bottle of water into which you have put half an ounce of blue water.

FOUGHT WITH RAILROAD TRAIN

Herd of Infamated Bulls Had Their Own in Combat With Masterpiece of Man.

At a point on the railway line between Marabel and Canaveral, on the Spanish side of the boundary line between Spain and Portugal, there once occurred an odd sort of balaclava.

TRACKED BY POSTAGE STAMPS

Little Peculiarity, but It Meant Much to the Trained Eye of the Watchful Detective.

Whether a man is a criminal or a law-abiding citizen, he ought to take the pains to stick his postage stamps on exactly straight," an old detective said.

"Mother's" Name.

A deed was being drawn for a certain farmer to sign. All went smoothly until the lawyer asked him his wife's name.

The Hat Question in 1788.

The Hat Question was originally given in Westminster Abbey, and the official notice of 1788 announced that no ladies will be admitted with hats.

Advertisement.

Mrs. Williams in the advertisement? Mrs. Gibbs—Frightfully so. She is the suffragette leader of a new religious sect in a Socialistic community.

BORED ON RAILROAD TRAINS

Woman Complains of Talkative Fellow Travelers Who Insist on Revealing Secrets.

It is strange how many people, when traveling, are so bored, and how they long for society that they will talk to whatever stranger they can force to listen.

TAUGHT EXPERTS A LESSON

Accident While Casting Cannon Resulted in Foundation of Present English Gun Factory.

We owe our present arsenal at Woolwich to an accident. The government had a gun foundry in Moorfields, where, upon one occasion, in the year 1716, a distinguished party were gathered together to witness the operation of casting a large cannon.

"This Is Your Show."

The late Sir George White, defender of Ladysmith, was a strong enough man to take responsibility for failure; he was a strong enough man, too, to give credit to his subordinates for good work done.

Archbishop's Feast.

A correspondent sends us the material for a dinner given by the Archbishop of York in 1488: Three hundred quarters of wheat, 330 tons of ale, 104 tons of wine, 1 pipe of spiced wine, 80 fat oxen, 6 wild bulls, 1,004 sheep, 2,000 hogs, 200 calves, 3,000 geese, 2,000 capons, 200 pigs, 100 peacocks, 200 cranes, 200 kids, 2,000 chickens, 4,000 pigeons, 4,000 rabbits, 204 bitterns, 4,000 ducks, 400 herons, 200 pheasants, 500 partridges, 4,000 woodcocks, 400 plovers, 100 curlew, 100 quails, 100 greys, 200 roes, 400 hares, 5,500 venison pasties, 5,000 dishes of jelly, 6,000 custards, 208 pils, 200 brams, 8 seals, 4 porpoises and 400 rats. There were 1,000 servants, 62 cooks and 515 scullions.

Exploded Story.

Uncle Ezra—Howdy, Eben. Just back from California, I see. Must be a great place. They say there is sunshine there the year round.

MADE UP OF MIXED RACES

Similarity Between French and American Nations is Accounted For in That Way.

A notable French visitor speaks with surprise of the many points of similarity between the French people and the Americans.

PRESUMABLY HARD TO FIND

If Actions Go for Anything, Young Man is Still Looking for That Envelope.

This happened in a crowded subway express train the other night. An old man boarded the train at the Fourteenth street station and clung to a strap in front of a young woman who was seated.

German Cures.

In Germany one finds all kinds of cures. Every enterprising town has one. Often the cure house is the finest public building in the city.

Amusing Honesty.

Having vouched for the honesty of the woman who wished a situation as scrubwoman, the good-natured man was subjected to a severe examination by the superintendent of the building.

Song Bird as "A Noisy Animal."

William Smith of Upper Holloway was summoned to the North London police court a few days ago for "keeping a noisy animal" to the annoyance of his neighbors.

FOUND RIGHT MAN AT ONCE

Seedy and Unlikely Looking Individual Knew All About City's Street Railway Troubles.

A man once came to Newton D. Baker, mayor of Cleveland, and said: "My town is going to have a street railway line. I want to know all about Cleveland's."

ROUGH MANNERS OF THE PAST

Drinking Trick in Which English Monarch Figured—The First Finerish Gloves.

Drinking tricks figured in diplomacy in the time of Henry VIII. Mrs. Henry Cust quotes the king's challenge to Hubertus, the representative of the Palgrave Frederick.

A Vivid Picture.

Of all "aptitudes," the mechanical is least likely to manifest itself in a feminine brain. The young woman whose visit to a locomotive works is described in Young's Magazine.

Homesickness Spells Photographs.

Aunt Maria thought, and so did her relatives in the big city, that the photographer was unparadoxically disconcerting. For three successive days he refused to take Aunt Maria's photograph.

Finding the Drowned.

Occasionally one reads that, when human bodies are thought to be in rivers and cannot be found, "a leaf of bread" has been floated down the stream.

IMPARTING FRAGRANCE TO TEA

Species of Jasmine Flower Used by the Chinese to Give Beverage the Desired Aroma.

It is estimated that the Chinese consume annually five pounds of tea for each member of the population. It grows in small patches around the homesteads, plantations being practically unknown.

UNDER OBLIGATION TO NONE

Columbia Has Many Students Who Owe Their Education to Their Own Efforts.

One man in three meets at least a part of his expenses by his own earnings at Columbia. Beside the obvious occupations, like tutoring, stenography, newspaper, library, gymnasium, religious and social work of various kinds, there is a man who makes his living dressing windows; another who practices osteopathy; another who divides his time between college work and the management of a theatrical star; a teacher in the Ferrer school; a taxidermist, an expert in color photography, a vaudeville performer, a hospital orderly, a Pullman porter, a printer, technical assistants from three of the great city laboratories, a professional baseball player and a tree doctor.

One of the most popular undergraduates started life as a newsboy. Last winter a sophomore of eighteen was tempted away from the college by the offer of a \$2,000 position in a publishing house, where he had worked before coming to Columbia.

Premature Burial.

M. Thoinot, professor of forensic medicine to the Paris Academie de Medicine, has been lecturing upon premature burial, an accident the fear of which is, perhaps, not so prevalent as it was in the days of Edgar Poe.

Thoughtful John Chinaman.

"The virtues of a Chinese laundry man never have been half told," said the woman. "Not of my laundryman, anyhow. He is such a motherly old soul. The other day he brought my handkerchiefs home folded in two different ways, some squared, some cater-cornered."

Tested.

"Eighty dollars for a set of tires is pretty stiff," said Jipson. "Haven't you got anything cheaper?" "Sure," said the affable salesman. "I have a set here you can have for ten dollars."