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### Stopping the "Fire Wagon."

When the first railroad was laid over the western plains and the cars began running to San Francisco the Indians viewed the locomotive from the hill-tops at a distance, not daring to come nearer the "fire wagon." A train of cars was to them "beep wagon, no hiss." An Apache chief gathered a party of warriors in Arizona and went several hundred miles to see the terrible fire wagon that whistled louder than the eagle's scream and poured out dense black smoke. W. M. Thayer says in his "Marvels of the New West" that the redskins grey bolder and once attacked a fire wagon, expecting to capture it. When they failed and many were injured they said, "Fire wagon had medicine!"

The Indians stretched a lariat across the track, breast high, each end being held by thirty braves.

"When the engineer first saw it he didn't know what on earth was the matter," said the narrator, "but in a minute more he burst out laughing. He caught hold of that throttle, and he opened her out."

"He struck that lariat going about forty miles an hour, and he just piled those braves up everlasting promiscuous."

### Sense and Sensibility.

For some days the dining room had been disturbed by the invasion of the new boarder. She was fat, fifty and very sentimental, and her tender nature led her to whisper so many rapacious confidences in her neighbor's ear that all the rest of the table felt uncomfortable, so uncomfortable that one day after a unaccounted breakfast the neighbor determined to make a struggle for liberty and general conversation. Her opportunity came that night at dinner.

"Sweet flowers of spring," murmured the sentimentalist, apostrophizing the nodding daffodil centerpiece. "Aren't they dear? So full of poetry! And don't you think that we ought always to call them daffodowndillies instead of daffodils?" she whispered.

"No, I don't," answered the neighbor uncompromisingly and quite out loud. "Just think how awkward it would have been for Wordsworth if he'd had to write:

"And then my heart with pleasure filled  
And danced with the daffodowndillies!"

For once the sentimentalist was silenced.—Youth's Companion.

### Advantage of Education.

"Are you satisfied with the results of the course which your daughter followed at college?"

"Perfectly satisfied. She is going to marry one of the professors."

Excesses in youth are drafts upon old age, payable about thirty years after date.—Chicago News.

### The Man-of-war Bird.

The frigate pelican, or man-of-war bird, is usually met with by travelers in the tropics. Although when stripped of its feathers it is hardly larger than a pigeon, yet no man can touch at the same time the tips of its extended wings. The long wing bones are exceedingly light, and the whole apparatus of air cells is extremely developed, so that its real weight is very trifling. It flies at a great height above the water and from that elevation pounces down on fish, especially preferring the poor, persecuted flying fish for its prey. According to some authors, the name of man-of-war bird was given to it because its appearance was said to foretell the coming of a ship, probably because the frigate pelican and real frigates are equally adverse to storms, and both like to come into harbor if the weather threatens.

### Plymouth Rock.

Plymouth rock has become an object of veneration in the United States because of its interesting historical associations. As is well known, it is the rock or ledge on which the pilgrims are believed to have landed when they first stepped from their boats in the harbor of what is now Plymouth, Mass. In 1775 part of the rock was removed to the vicinity of Pilgrim hall, but was afterward restored to its original site and is now under the stone canopy that surmounts the main rock on Water street. Charles Sumner said, "From the deck of the Mayflower, from the landing at Plymouth rock, to the senate of the United States is a mighty contrast, covering whole spaces of history hardly less than from the wolf that suckled Romulus and Remus to that Roman senate which on curule chairs swayed Italy and the world."

### DON'T BELITTLE YOURSELF.

Few Chances Come to the Self Deprecatory Man.

"Henry," said Uncle Eliza's to his hopeful young nephew, "I would not advise anybody to go around continually blowing his own horn. We tire of men who do that, and we are apt to think of them that that's all they can do, blow."

"On the other hand, Henry, never belittle yourself; never be self depreciatory. Don't have a poor opinion of yourself, but if you do have such an opinion don't express it. The man who blows his own horn may seldom be taken at his own valuation, but the self depreciatory man almost invariably is."

"So never run yourself down or speak doubtfully of your own ability. If the boss is thinking of advancing you and he should say to you some day, 'Henry, we are thinking of trying you on this thing—do you think you could handle this job?' you don't want to say, 'Well, I haven't had much experience yet in that way, and I really don't know whether I could do that or not.'"

"You don't want to say anything like that, for if you do he'll be likely to think it over some more and end up by trying somebody else, taking a blower maybe who can't really do the work half as well as you could, but who's got self confidence enough to say he can."

"You don't know what you can do till you try. Some men try and fail, but an astonishing number rise to occasions, developing strength or ability that others might never have thought them to possess."—New York Sun.

### SPOILED HER DAY.

Why the Woman Looked Daggery at the Car Conductor.

"Oh, the brute!" exclaimed a stylishly dressed woman who was riding down town on a Tenth street car. She plainly addressed the remark to the conductor, who smiled deprecatingly, raised his hand to his cap and said, "Sure, I didn't think it was any use in the world."

All the way to Market street the aggrieved woman followed the unlucky conductor up and down the car with her eyes, "looking daggery" at him. The poor chap had unwittingly spoiled her day.

As she came into the car she saw lying near the door a woman's belt buckle. It was supposedly ornamental in fashion, with a big "stone" set in it. She sat down, with her eye on the buckle; rose, stooped and picked it up. She had opened her bag with the intention of dropping her find within, but glanced up and saw that the other passengers were watching her. Evidently she thought it might be wiser to ask the conductor if he knew the owner. She held it, therefore, until the conductor passed her, then handed it to him, with the question, "Do you know whether anybody has lost this?" "I suppose some one has, ma'am," he answered. "Let me see it."

Then, after glancing at it a moment, "Aw, that's no good," said he and tossed the treasure (?) into the street.

"Oh, the brute!" exclaimed the woman. And who can blame her?—Philadelphia Times.

### The Purchase of New York.

When the letter announcing the purchase for 60 guilders (\$24) of 11,000 morgens of land constituting Manhattan Island was read in the assembly of the states general on Nov. 7, 1624, it was resolved that "no action is necessary on this information." Had their high mightinesses possessed prevision how strenuous might have been the resolution passed that the newly acquired island should be kept forever under their control! Nor was the West India company, that money making trust which ventured this first speculation in wheat and in lands in the long line of enterprises known to Manhattan, more alive to the excellence of their investment. More than ten times the sum paid over to the Indians for about 25,000 acres, according to their estimate, has since been paid for a single square foot of New York soil. Probably there is no other sale on record where the advance in value has been so great.—Putnam's Magazine.

### An Armored Nest.

In the Argentine Republic, says a writer in the Strand Magazine, where the summers are long and hot, it is customary to leave the windows open both day and night during the hottest part of the year. A bird, taking advantage of this, proceeded to build a nest in my room, fixing it firmly to one of the Venetian blinds over the window. The eggs were duly hatched and the young birds fledged. On taking down the empty nest I found it to be practically armored, the outer part being composed almost entirely of old rusty nails woven in among the bay.

On counting the nails I found that no fewer than sixty-six had been used, besides some wire and pins taken from my dressing table. The bird was about the size of a robin and very tame.

Not So Bad.  
"I asked my class of small boys if any could tell me the meaning of the word 'apprentice,'" said a teacher recently, "and all looked at me blankly until one lad arose.

"Can you tell me what apprentice means?" I repeated.  
"Yes, it means practicing work."—Exchange.

Incomplete Information.  
"We are now exactly a thousand feet above the level of the sea."  
"What sea?"  
"The guidebook doesn't say."—Bon Vivant.

His Preference.  
Pompano—Why do you work so hard, Bagley? You slave from morning until night. Bagley—I know I do. I wish to get rich. I want to die worth a million. Pompano—Well, there's no accounting for tastes. Now, I would much prefer to live worth half a million.—Philadelphia Call.

His Smokes.  
Mr. Fijt—I say, that's the worst tobacco I ever smoked! Mrs. Fijt—Oh, George, you're smoking my fancy silk! I put it in your tobacco jar to keep it safe.

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If one places a pinhead up close to the eye and directly in front of it the head of the pin appears transparent and things may be seen as easily through it as through a sheet of glass, the head appearing simply as a large round cloud. If it is placed somewhat closer no pin or head can be seen at all.

If one goes into a very dark room and puts a lighted candle near the side of one eye very pretty and peculiar effects are observed. A tracery, forming a regular network, can be easily detected, and this is merely the shadow thrown by the candle on the retina of the eye of the small capillary blood vessels between the retina and the cornea.

If one looks to the side of a dim star in the heavens the star appears a great deal brighter than direct vision makes it appear. This is because the light in the indirect view falls on what is known as the "yellow spot" or point of keenest vision. As this is not put directly behind the front of the eye the side glance is necessary. Some people can see stars that way that they cannot perceive at all on direct vision.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

### Ready For Market.

Two Canadians were boasting. "Where I come from," said the first, "we have a salmon river that rises in some boiling springs. As the salmon climb up the river they gradually get acclimated to the heat of the water and don't mind it. In fact, when we fish in the highest reaches of the stream we catch our salmon ready boiled."

"I don't doubt that," said the second Canadian calmly. "Down my way there's a curious salmon river too. It rises in some tin mines. As the fish work up they meet the suspended ore in gradually increasing quantities. They get quite mineralized if they keep on upstream, so that if we fish at the head of the river we catch our salmon ready tinned, and all we have to do is to pack and ship them to market."

Brooks.  
They were drinking soda in the Gentlemen's club.  
"I wish," said the fat one with gray hair, "that you could break my daughter Nell of bridge."  
The young one in pink smiled faintly. "I did break her last night," she said.—Brooklyn Citizen.

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