

**FOOLISH IDEAS SOME HAVE**

**Old Fellow Righteously Indignant at Fastidiousness of the Guests of His Hotel.**

Capt. Lindsey Polk, director of a number of hotels, said recently in New York:

"European hotels, even the best of them, are inferior to ours. While I was in Paris I saw an advertisement of a fashionable new hotel, and the boast the management made was that it was as good as the best American hotels. I was pleased with this tribute."

Captain Polk smiled. "Well," he resumed, "our ideals are high. No more hotel keepers like the old fellow who complained about his summer visitors:

"You wouldn't believe the nonsense that is in them. They are always wantin' a crane tablecloth an' crane sheets to their beds. An' table napkins, no less! I'll tell you what, there's sure people in this world that think they can go into a hotel an' make a convaniance of it."

**OLD SAYING SLIGHTLY MIXED**

**Familiar "Before You Could Say Jack Robinson" Does Not Convey the Right Idea.**

Opinion differs as to the proper duration of a social call. "Anywhere from ten minutes to a half hour," says the woman who has a social secretary and whose daily job is "calling" to the tune of tea and wafers. "All afternoon," says the bourgeoisie, who takes along her knitting and sits down to coffee and cake. "And then," say some, "it all depends upon the call. On some occasions and with different people we stay longer than others."

But Jack Robinson's calls never varied. He never stayed long enough to wear out his welcome. In fact hardly had he been announced, hardly had the servant who admitted him spoken aloud his name than he was gone.

So, as you see, "before you can say Jack Robinson" has no reference to the time it takes to say it. "As long as you can see Jack Robinson" would be more in order with its origin and significance.

**BEYOND POINT OF PERFECTION**

**Porter's Description of Train Service Is Old, but Has Distinct Tinge of Humor.**

President Fairfax Harrison of the Alabama Great Southern railway, said at a luncheon in Richmond:

"The old jokes about poor service on some of our southern and western railroads are antiquated. No trains in the world are more punctual today than our trains, and accidents are practically unknown. "The story about the porter and the late traveler," President Fairfax continued good humoredly, "is an old one.

"A traveler, according to this story, just missed a train on a certain southern line, notorious for its poor service, and got the following consolation from a porter: "She's the punctuallest train, sir, on the line and a great annoyance to travelers."

**See What He Started.**

Struck by the notice, "Iron sinks," in a shop window a wag went inside and said he was perfectly aware of the fact that "iron sank."

Allive to the occasion the smart shopkeeper retallated:

"Yes, and time flies, but wine vaults, sulphur springs, jam rolls, grass slopes, music stands, Niagara falls, moonlight walks, sheep run, Kent hops and holiday trips, scandal spreads, standard weights, India rubber tires, the organ stops, the world goes round, trade returns, and—"

But the visitor had bolted. After collecting his thoughts he returned and showing his head at the doorway, shouted: "Yes, I know, and marble busts."—Irish World.

**Bride Runs Away.**

Some time ago I attended the wedding of my cousin. It was a quiet affair, the pastor coming to the home. When he was just about to pronounce them man and wife the bride began to cry and ran into the other room. The groom followed her saying: "Mary, he isn't through yet."

**Domestic Economy.**

Mr. Spendit—We must be very extravagant. Longsufferer tells me his market bills are half what ours are.

His Wife—And did he also tell you his wife nags him at his meals till he gets mad and leaves the table? Then she serves what he leaves for his next meal.

**Piker.**

Footpad—Is this all the money you've got?

Smith—Yes, but that's enough to send you to prison!

Footpad—Here, take it back; It ain't enough to keep me out, that's certain!

**Lost Opportunity.**

"It is a pity those people who used to fast for weeks couldn't get the public interested in their theory."

"Why so?"

"Because if the idea had been taken up and practiced, the ultimate consumer could be striking now."

**Thinking of the Milliner's Bill.**

De Grim—When an ostrich is surprised he hides his head in the sand.

De Grouch—I wish he'd everlastingly hide his tail feathers there.

**JOURNEYINGS.**

We are journeying on through the wear-

some heat To a land that is fair as a dream. Where the fluttering snowflakes will fall at our feet

While the icicles glisten and gleam: To the land where the shadows bring silence and sleep

By the rivers all frozen and still: So a song we'll sing and our courage we'll keep

And we'll journey along with a will.

And when we have come to the wonderful place,

We will look through the window and see

The pictures of silver the frost loves to trace

With a touch so fantastic and free. The ferns flaunting fine and the flowers so fair

Will bid us regretfully sigh— And we'll thankfully take up the journey from there

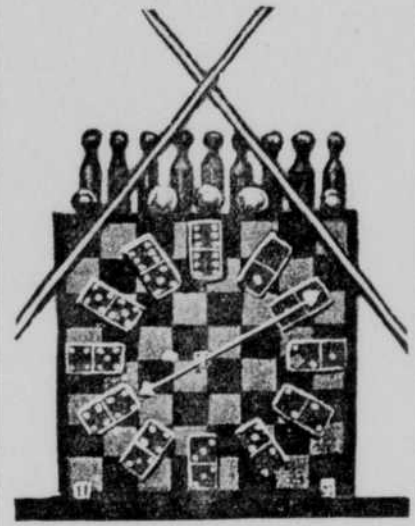
To return to the summertime sky.

—Washington Evening Star.

**GAMING UTENSILS FOR CLOCK**

Checkerboard, Dominoes, Dice and Card Characters Conspicuous in This Odd Timepiece.

The "Gamester's Clock" would be an appropriate name for a timepiece which appears to have been made with all the implements for gaming that could be secured. A checkerboard furnishes it with a face, the numbers on which are made with dominoes of appropriate denomination. The minute hand is tipped with the figure of a "heart" and at its short end is a



Novel Timekeeper.

"club." A "diamond" serves to point the hours for the hour hand, while a "spade" forms the butt of this hand. The hands are fastened to the clock with dice, while the top is ornamented with a row of tenpins and billiard balls. Over the top a row of short billiard cues are crossed.

**No Fleas on Monkeys.**

Perhaps the most surprising information gathered with respect to fleas is that monkeys have no fleas. This is an assertion that is commonly received with astonishment and incredulity, but, says Howard Russell, the foremost authority on fleas, healthy wild monkeys are much too clean and active to harbor fleas, and when they are seen searching one another's fur in a fashion familiar to all of us it is only to clear their skin of any particles of scurf and dirt.

It may be mentioned, too, that only one instance is on record where a flea was found on a reptile. This was on a brown snake which was captured near Perth, in West Australia, and which was probably derived from some small mammal devoured by the snake. The flea was firmly fixed between the scaly plates of the reptile.

The history of the flea would seem to go back many centuries, but the only fossil remains of a flea that have so far been found is a single insect in a bit of Baltic amber. The flea is admirably preserved by its semi-transparent surroundings.

**He Didn't.**

Part of the peace celebrations at Little Muchcombe was a shooting match for lads under seventeen. Although the judge had his doubts about some of the competitors, he held his peace.

The prize finally lay between two marksmen, and the excitement became intense.

A small boy of ten or so, who had crowded close up to the barrier, suddenly called out to one of the competitors:

"Good shot dad! A few more of those and you'll get the prize!"—London Answers.

**Worth Trying.**

"What do you think of the plan to do away with pockets in man's clothes?"

"I think it's a good idea," replied the busy man. "It may be the means of curing some people of the habit of standing around with their hands in their pockets and criticizing other people who are at work."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Answered.**

"You know," said the lady whose motor car had run down a man, "you must have been walking very carelessly. I am a very careful driver. I have been driving a car for seven years."

"Lady, you've got nothing on me. I've been walking for 54 years."—Detroit Motor News.

**Dad's Little Joke.**

"How do you like this necktie, son?" "I wouldn't wear it to a dog fight." "I'm glad to hear you say that. I'll buy it for myself. I'd like to have at least one tie of my own that you won't be wearing when I want it."

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