

New York Herald: A little Harlem boy who has an old maid aunt who is very fond of cats has been in the habit of officiating as executioner whenever the kittens multiplied around at his aunt's to a degree that even that venerable feminine cat fancier could not support.

As a natural result he became very expert at putting kittens in a bag, together with a big paving stone, and consigning the whole lot to the tender mercies of the Harlem river.

As it happened, only the other day the little Harlem boy's mother presented her husband with a couple of daughters in the shape of a splendid pair of twins.

As a great favor Johnny was allowed to go into the room to see his newly arrived sisters.

He gazed upon them with a languid interest for a few moments, and then looking up at his father said suddenly: "Say, pop, let's keep the one with blue eyes." It was kept.

Washington Post: France had 4,000 duels last year and the coroner didn't get a fee out of the entire lot.

Philadelphia Record: Nine belles of Beaver Dam, Wis., have had a wood sawing match. The sawing was easy, but the effort to say nothing must have been a strain.

Inter Ocean: A first-class medium is always sure of a cabinet position, no matter what his politics may be.

New York Tribune: "Oh, Aunt Annie, I am to be cremated tomorrow," exclaimed a small boy joyfully on his arrival home from school one afternoon. "Now does the child mean cremated or promoted?" said the aunt to a visitor who was present. "It is what Alice in Wonderland would call a portmanteau word," said the companion, "but it is not so bad as something my little son said the other day. He announced to every one in the house that his baby sister was to be 'crucified' the following Sunday. Of course he meant 'christened'."

Paris models have organized against pretty Italian girls. They claim that Italian models are spies for Italy.

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Brighthelmton Leader: Baggs—Were you loaded? Baggs—I suppose so; I found my pocket was rifled.

Kansas Farmer: "Here's another blow at American agriculture," said the farmer when he saw a cyclone coming.

Washington Star: "Look here," said the applicant's friend, "I'm afraid you are too eager. There should seek the man, you know."

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HE TOLD TOUGH YARNS.

How a Nebraska Youth Sought to While Away Time on a Train.

"I was traveling from Chicago to Denver several weeks ago," remarked a young Nebraskan to some friends, as they sat at a table in an uptown cafe, "when there came into the car and sat beside me a sanctimonious individual whom I thought looked particularly glib. He was dressed in gray and was evidently—so, at least, I thought—some itinerant clergyman.

"Well, I was feeling pretty good, and to while away the time I started in by telling him some of my Western yarns. He was very courteous, and listened to my 'hairbreadth escapes' and Indian stories with evident interest. That he believed every word I uttered I didn't for one moment entertain a doubt. He finally asked me where I lived, and I, selecting a town in Idaho at random, replied that my home was at Arrowville; that I was born there, in fact.

"I had but just returned, I told him, from a German university, where I had taken a course in mining engineering. He appeared very much interested and I went on to tell him more about myself.

"My father, I continued, had settled in Arrowville early in the fifties, had stolen a young Indian squaw after killing her buck, had married her and I was the result of the union.

"You hardly appear to have had an Indian mother," he remarked, glancing at my blond head and light complexion. I thought he was growing more interested, so I continued to pile it on.

"My father," I said, "is the owner of the Red Dog mine, and is, I suppose, worth as much money as any man in the Territory. He really built the town, you know, or rather you would know it if you should ever happen to stay in that town over night."

"My companion looked me over scrutinizingly, and I continued:— 'Why, there's the town of Shasta, right near Arrowville. It was raided by the Indians four years ago. They had an awful fight over there. I assure you. My father alone killed a half dozen of the painted devils with his trusty rifle. A great town is Shasta. Bound to be a metropolis some day. There's an English syndicate going to invest several millions of dollars in land in that vicinity.'"

"Here," continued the speaker, "my friend in gray looked out of the window and an amused smile stole over his features. Finally turning toward me and looking me squarely in the eyes, he remarked:—

"It is very strange, young man, that I have never heard of any of these things before. I have lived in Arrowville, Idaho, for the last fifteen years. I am the Mayor of the town."

"Gentlemen," observed the disciple of Munchausen. "I was the worst broke up man you ever saw. Take my advice; never judge a man by his appearance—at least not on a railroad train."

The Cat in Tibet.

The cat is treated by Tibetans with the most marked attention and forbearance. Even when it spills milk, breaks or destroys any valuable object, or kills some pet bird, it is never whipped or beaten in any way, but merely children and driven away by the voice; while a dog or a child to commit these offenses they would be soundly thrashed.

Such mild and considerate treatment might lead one to suppose that the cat is esteemed holy. But such is not the case. It is indeed regarded as a useful animal, to the extent that it contributes to the preservation of sacred pictures, robes, books, sacrificial food, and the like by killing the rats and mice which consume and destroy these. But otherwise the cat is considered the most sinful being on earth on account of its constant desire for taking life, even when gorged with food, and its torture of its victims. Its mild treatment is due to the belief that whoever causes the death of a cat, whether accidentally or otherwise, will have the sins of the cat transferred to his shoulders. And so great is the burden of its sins that even were one sir (two pounds) of butter for each hair on the cat's body offered in feeding the temple lamps before Buddha's image, the crime would not be expiated.—Indian Antiquary

Took Possession at Once.

A new condition is a new test of character. When a rich man suddenly becomes poor, those who live with him have a chance to see of what stuff he is made; and the same is true when a poor man suddenly finds himself rich.

An old gentleman was present at the reading of the will of a distant relative, says the London Spectator. He had hardly expected to find himself remembered in it, but pretty soon a clause was read in which a certain field was willed to him. That was good. But the document went on to bequeath the old gray mare in the said field to some one else, a man with whom the old gentleman was not on friendly terms.

That was too much for his equanimity, and he interrupted the solemn proceedings and brought a smile to the faces of the company, by exclaiming:—

"Then she's eating my grass?"

Electric Lamps in the Sea.

Experiments were recently made at Toulon, France, for illuminating the bottom of the sea with electric lamps. The apparatus employed was sunk on six fathoms and it illuminated the bottom to a radius of 100 feet. It is thought that the lamp will be of the greatest value for surveying wrecks or for reconnoitering for concealed torpedoes.

The Argument Used

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Texas Liftings: I never tried to put on style, said the Carpenter. I'm a plane, every day person.

Boston Courier: It doesn't follow that because a man is known as a "flat" that he is "level headed."

Philadelphia Ledger: At the last state ball in Berlin a woman fell into a fountain of perfumery. She was sent home.

Yonkers Statesman: The person who specially "points with pride" is the girl with a new engagement ring on her finger.

Boston Transcript: The stars which one sees on being knocked down furnish the fierce light that beats about the thrown.

Somerville Journal: "Crosses are still worn," says a jewelry paper. Yes; we are all wearing them.

A great many of the colored women wear men's hats. We suppose, though, that they have as much right to wear a man's hat as a white woman has to wear a man's shirt.

The fleece of ten goats and the work of several men for half a year are required to make a genuine cashmere shawl a yard and a half wide. No wonder they are so extremely costly.

Mamma, explaining to her little girl, said, "that everything she does and says is written down in a large book in heaven. The latter asks: "Are all the naughty things, too?" Mamma: "Yes, dear." Little girl, pensively: "Then I think I will take a piece of India rubber with me."

At one of the fashionable New York clubs the English fad had been carried so far that men use British coin at their cards and other games, compute their accounts in English money, and scornfully ignore any reference to dollars and cents as something too coarse to be tolerated.

Wife: "Mother is going to have her picture taken to-day." Husband: "Is he? May I go with her and see her having it done?" Wife: "Certainly. Why do you want to go?" Husband: "The photographer will tell her to look pleasant, you know, and I want to see her that way, for once."

Envelopes were not used in Japan until recently, and letters were always folded in a piece of paper, which was wrapped with great care, according to prescribed forms, differing according to the relation and rank of the person addressed. The triangular corner last folded over was pasted and stamped with a red or black stamp, or, as was generally the case, merely inscribed with the word fin—seal.

A puzzled look came over the face of a business man in Maiden Lane, when he received a telegram to this effect: "A mosquito ill. Mrs. A. B." Now he did not care if all the mosquitoes in New Jersey were ill. At last he comprehended the telegram. He had a clerk named Amos; and the young man's mother had telegraphed "Amos quit ill."

A little dispute in a Tacoma barber's shop led to a serious result. A customer said to the barber that the shampooing fluid he was applying to the patron's head was nothing but soap and water. The barber declared that the chief ingredient was alcohol. "I'll bet it won't take fire," said the customer. The barber applied a match to the man's hair, and in an instant it was ablaze.

A Parisian thief entered a cab without baggage, and directed to the driver to convey him to an address some two miles distant. On the way thither he afterward requested the driver to halt at the store of a dealer in second-hand goods. The passenger entered the store bearing in his arms a large paper-covered parcel. He had ripped open the cushions, stolen the horse-hair, and sold it.

The lungs will contain about one gallon of air at their usual degree of inflation. We breathe on an average 1,200 times an hour inhale 600 gallons of air, or 24,000 per day. The aggregate surface of the air cells of the lungs exceeds 20,000 square inches, an area very nearly equal to the floor of a room twelve feet square.

Even good people go to the bad when they become missionaries.

Why is a naughty small boy, when his mother calls, like an echo?—because he answers, but doesn't come.

Most men look down on their neighbors from such a height that if they should fall it would break their necks.

A would-be bridegroom applied at Norristown for a marriage license and forgot the name of his bride-elect.

The man who can't keep up with the procession in this world must expect to enjoy the music of the band.

It is often easier for a man to complete a round of pleasure than it is for him to make things square afterwards.

Maryland has a boy 17 years old who is 6 feet 4½ inches high and weighs 185 pounds. He lifts 350 pounds with ease. "They tell me that you are a happy father." "Yes." "Are you setting up the cigars?" "No; I'm setting up nights."

One hundred and thirty years was the reputed age of Sukey Gillis, a colored woman, who died near Demopolis, Ala., recently.

An examination of students one young gentleman, being asked to describe Henry VIII., replied, "He was a professional widower."

The high priests of Persia, who forbade smoking in order to break up the tobacco monopoly, have triumphed. The monopoly has been officially abolished.

The only places where women possess the same privileges of voting as men are Iceland, Pitcairn Island and the Isle of Man. In those islands they have the full suffrage.

Husband, impatiently to wife: "I told you I only wanted half a cup of tea and, as usual, you'll fill it to the top. Don't you know what half full is?" Mother-in-law, grimly: "She ought to by this time."

Henry Labouchere thinks that it ought to be the custom for women to make proposals of marriages. He contends that when a bachelor became acquainted with a charming woman, he would exert himself, by good conduct, to win a proposal from her.

It is customary in Japan, for children to be named for the first article on which the father's eye alights after the children are born. Some therefore bear the names of flowers, and others the names of furniture or kitchen utensils, as Lily, Clair, Frying Pans, etc.

Six or seven masked men were seen loitering near Little Blue Station, on the line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Telegrams were flashed in all directions, and prompt preparations were made to give the presumed robbers a warm reception. It was soon after discovered that the masked men were harmless farmers on their way to a ball.

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A recently enacted law in Australia declares that a marriage may be annulled when proof is furnished that the bride willfully concealed her age.

Mrs. Jerusha Black, who died a short time ago, in Oakwood, Ill., at the age of 92, was the mother of twenty-eight children, nineteen of whom survive her.

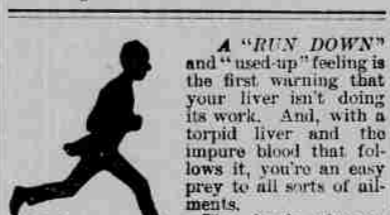
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