

**ROLLING AN UMBRELLA.**

**The Proper Way Is to Twist Ribs and Stick Together.**

"Why is it," asked an inquisitive customer in a downtown umbrella store, "that one can never roll up an umbrella as compactly and neatly as it is rolled when he buys it?"

"You can if you only know how," said the salesman. "But if everybody knew how it would mean less business for us. The umbrellas would last longer, and there would be a lot less work for the repairers."

"Perhaps I shouldn't tell you how," the clerk continued, "but it's so simple you should know anyhow. If you have noticed, nearly everybody who rolls up an umbrella takes hold of it by the handle and keeps twisting the stick with one hand while he folds and rolls with the other hand."

"Now, that's just where the mistake comes in. Instead of twisting with the handle he should take hold of it just above the points of the cover ribs. These points naturally lie evenly around the stick. Keep hold of these, pressing them tightly against the stick, and then roll up the cover. Holding the ribs prevents them from getting twisted out of place or bending out of shape. Then the silk is bound to fold evenly and roll smooth and tight."

"Roll your umbrella this way, and until it is old enough to get rusty looking it will look as if it had just come from the shop."—New York Herald.

**The Previous Question.**

Old Senator Nesmith of Oregon, one of the first settlers of the state, used to tell this story: At the time when Oregon was admitted as a state and the first legislature of the state met Nesmith, who was a member, possessed himself of a copy of a book on parliamentary procedure. This work, which was at the time probably the only one of its sort west of the Mississippi, he studied diligently and by the time of the first session was well up in the rules of debate.

At the first meeting of the new legislature a motion was introduced and speedily carried, but on the second measure a dispute arose, and for three days the state legislators wrangled and debated.

Finally, on the third day, Nesmith, who had watched the proceedings without even opening his mouth, decided it was time to use a piece of his parliamentary procedure, so he rose and moved the "previous question."

There was a moment of silence following this motion, and then amid a shout of derision the speaker cried: "Sit down, you fool! We passed the previous question three days ago!"

**Where English Clubs Differ.**

A point which strikes American visitors to London about our English clubs is the social aspect of them and the almost complete absence of the business side. At the Manhattan or the Knickerbocker, on the other hand, the business side prevails. The majority of members do not drop in merely to read the papers, hear the latest story and play billiards, as over here. They go in most cases to meet a man about "a deal," to talk over the business of the day and discuss the business of the morrow or to read up the finance of the papers. The result is that when an American becomes a member of an English club he hardly ever uses it because its ways do not appeal to him. He would say that there was nothing going on.—London Tatler.

**Hunting by Moonlight.**

"I believe that moonlight shooting is peculiar to California," said a resident of that state. "The air there is so dry in certain localities, the nights so clear and the moonlight so bright that one gets a good range of vision, and everything stands out with startling distinctness. Wild ducks frequently move in the night, and the sportsman who is alert will get the whir of wings and a sight of them almost as well at night as in the daytime. There is an added tinge of excitement afforded by a night hunt, and many California hunters go out on clear nights and frequently with great success."—New York Tribune.

**Cesar Borgia.**

Cesar Borgia has been called "the greatest practical statesman of his age," and in a sense the remark is true, for at a time when practical statesmanship consisted of every deceit and every crime, when poison and the dagger were the usual implements of policy, and nothing was considered wrong provided that the object were attained, no man excelled him in the arts of public life.—William Miller, "Medieval Rome."

**Part of the Business.**

"And every one of those brass band people," said the proprietor of the Slowville hotel, "went away owing me a week's board."

"Well," commented the shoe salesman, "you know that music is full of beats."

But the landlord only gazed sadly out of the window.—Baltimore American.

**Perfectly Satisfied.**

Papa—Is the teacher satisfied with you?  
Toby—Oh, quite.  
Papa—Did he tell you so?  
Toby—Yes. After a close examination he said to me the other day, "If all my scholars were like you I would shut up my school this very day!" That shows that I know enough.—Stray Stories.

**The Real Trouble.**

Burroughs—Yes, I'm deeply in debt.  
Goodman—I gave you credit for having more sense.  
Burroughs—But the trouble is my tailor gave me credit for having more dollars.—Philadelphia Press.

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