

Lloyd's Column

It was the youngster's first experience at Sunday school and he sat eagerly watching the superintendent illustrate the lesson on the board. The superintendent drew the path to heaven—one straight line—and started the figure of a man on it. Gradually the man became larger and larger, and finally when he arrived at the gate of heaven he could not get in. Whereupon the superintendent turned to his small audience and in a tragic and sorrowful tone said: "You see, he is so puffed up with sin that he cannot enter." "Try hi' sideways, mister!" called out the youngster.

A couple of old codgers got into a quarrel and landed before the local magistrate. The loser, turning to his opponent in a combative frame of mind, cried: "I'll law you to the circuit court." "I'm willin'," said the other. "An' I'll law you to the supreme court." "I'll be thar." "An' I'll law to 'ell!" "My attorney'll be there," was the calm reply.

His client was being sued for divorce by her husband and the attorney was trying to get her as much alimony as possible. Right in the middle of a flow of eloquence the attorney was interrupted by the husband, who said to the court: "Your honor, I have suddenly decided to withdraw my suit, and if my wife is willing, I would like to have her come back to me." Pressed for explanation, he said: "Mr. Blackstone has presented her in such an attractive light that I've fallen in love with her all over again."

"Don't talk to me about the wonder of past ages," said Uncle Joe Cannon. "The world today is far more wonderful than ever before. Just think. It took Columbus as many months as it now takes days to cross the ocean, and we talk about flying and traveling a mile a minute as though it were nothing. Why, the other day I dropped into a country school just in time to hear the teacher ask: 'Johnny, into what two great classes is the human race divided?' And Johnny answered promptly: 'Motorists and pedestrians.' That's what I call progress. After awhile there won't be any pedestrians."

Bishop Sanford Olmsted said in Denver: "Bigotry, even in its mildest form, makes me smile, for it calls up the story about the old lady. An old lady and John, her coachman, were so bigoted that no recognized church service suited them, and so they used to worship together every Sunday in the drawing-room of the mansion. A friend remonstrated with the old lady one day. 'Do you really think that you and your coachman,' she said, 'are the only true members of the only true church on earth?' 'Well,' said the bigoted old lady, thoughtfully, 'I'm none too sure about John.'"

Colonel Roosevelt never wearied of telling the story of Littledale, a story in illustration of resourcefulness

and pluck. He would begin: "During some amateur theatricals in my early youth Littledale, one of the performers, had to leap into a river in order to escape from some wild beasts. The stage was so arranged that the river was invisible, but Littledale was to be seen jumping from the cliff. Behind the scene he was to land on a soft mattress while at the same moment a rock, dropped into a tub of water, created the necessary and effective splash. But, altho the leap had been all right at rehearsal, everything went wrong on the night of the performance. Neither mattress nor tub was in place. Poor Littledale made the leap all right, but he landed eighteen feet below, on the oaken floor, and there wasn't any splash to drown the crash, either. The audience, expecting to hear a splash, but hearing instead the thunderous crash of Littledale's body as it struck the floor, began to laugh, but the actor, tho dazed by the fall, silenced them by shouting from below: 'By heavens, the river's frozen!'—Then he fainted.—San Francisco Argonaut.

**Novel Dance.**  
The word "ball," as applied to a dancing party, came to be used in the first instance from an ancient "ball play" given in church by the dean and choir boys of Naples during the Feast of Fools at Easter. At subsequent dancing parties in Naples the dancers threw a ball at one another to the sound of their own singing. They whirled about in measured time, and the sport consisted in loosening hands in time to catch the ball.

In 1915 the United States imported 10,670,888 pounds of dried figs from Portugal. No figs were imported by Germany or Russia, formerly the largest buyers.

The farm woodlots of the United States contain about 10 per cent of the total standing timber in the country.

**Airplanes Will Help Surveyors.**  
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**Minute Men.**  
The Minute Men were a class of citizens pledged to take the field at a minute's notice. They were first known during and immediately previous to the War of the Revolution and afterward at the beginning of the Civil war. Sometimes they were regularly enrolled as militia.

**The Original Stubby Penn.**  
From a magazine article: "William Penn was a short, stubby man."—Boston Transcript.

**The Musk Rat.**  
The musk rat, as its name would indicate, is a species of rat. It is found nowhere but in America. Its body is shaped like that of the ordinary rat, but instead of the short, close hair of the land species, it is covered by a thick reddish-brown fur, and because it lives much in the water it has webbed toes. Although very awkward on land, it is lively and playful in water, and is a great swimmer and diver.

**Plan Well Before You Begin.**  
In our hurry to do things we often begin before we have a clear idea of what is to be done. We too often go on general propositions without studying all the facts. The result is disastrous.

**Real Leisure.**  
Leisure is time for doing something useful. This leisure the diligent man will obtain, but the lazy never; for "a life of leisure and a life of laziness are two things."—Benjamin Franklin.

**Palestine's Salt Mountain.**  
Palestine possesses a remarkable salt mountain situated at the south end of the Dead sea. The length of the ridge is six miles, with an average width of three-quarters of a mile, and the height is not far from 600 feet. There are places where the overlying earthy deposits are many feet in thickness, but the mass of the mountain is composed of solid rock salt, some of which is as clear as crystal.

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