

DECORATION DAY.

It's lonesome—sort o' lonesome—it's a Sunday-day to me. It 'pears like—more'n any day I nearly ever see.

Choosing a Model.

When a studio in Paris wants to engage a model, the different models present themselves with their properties and go through their various little tricks like performing mice.

Why Yawning is Healthy.

"Not only is it very healthy to yawn," says a French physician, "but artificial yawning should be resorted to in cases of sore throat, buzzing of the ears, catarrh and like troubles."

What Paps are For.

For the period "when the lamp is lighted, and it is not quite bedtime," the very best way to amuse little children is to have their papa take them on his knee and tell them a story about a bear, or an Indian, or "The Bold Sheriff of Chickasaw," or how the sailors catch whales.

A Clothopper.

Great Editor—That new society reporter won't do. He has not mastered the first principles of modern journalism.

Manager—Eh? What's the matter? Great Editor—He says "handsome" instead of "smartly-gowned."—New York Weekly.

Mrs. Whitney's will was written on a single sheet of foolscap paper, but it left \$3,500,000 to her husband. This should be a lesson to young writers that it is possible to say a good deal some times in very little space.

It is an interesting fact, which perhaps but few stop to consider when about to swallow a doctor's prescription, that the animal kingdom affords many most useful and powerful remedies in the treatment of disease.

Senator Proctor thinks that the age of 39 years is the highest at which an army recruit should be enlisted in time of peace, and that soldiers of that age can do any amount of fighting.

So many Spanish coins are being unearthed in Georgia fields that it would probably prove a good investment for somebody to purchase a lot of ground and go into the business.

Jim D. Rockefeller is a deacon in the church he attends in New York and does not consider it beneath his dignity to pass around the contribution box.

EASILY WON.

How a Case Against a Railroad Was Settled Without a Trial.

"An amusing incident of which I was a quiet and satisfied observer happened the other day," said a young attorney connected with the legal department of one of the great railroads.

"What is your name?" asked the justice.

"Sir," said the complainant, becoming more wrath.

"What is your name?" again was asked.

"My name is Charles White."

"Where do you live?" was the next question. This added insult to injury.

"Just where I always lived," he hissed out; "and you know blamed well," he added, and jumping down out of the chair he said, addressing his attorney: "Dismiss the case. I'll have nothing to do with this blamed court."

"The case was dismissed. I had won without saying a word."

"Some remark was made about costs."

"Let him whistle for his costs, White said as he walked out of the court."

"Why did you let your man dismiss his case? I asked White's lawyer."

"He would have fired me if I had objected," said the shrewd practitioner.—Chicago Mail.

Victualing Gibraltar.

The Gibraltar of today can only be victualled by the good will of Spain. If we were unhappy at war with Spain and desired to victual the place, we should first have to silence the Spanish batteries round the bay, and if these batteries were constructed as modern science enables them to be constructed we certainly could not silence them unless we landed, and by slow and laborious methods captured them.

In the last century relief from seaward could only be prevented by way of the sea. In the present, it can also be prevented by way of the land. Thus have the modern developments of gunnery altered the situation to our prejudice.—Fortnightly Review.

Courteous Banditti of China.

The robbers of China are banded together and form a powerful compact. If a bank in the city wishes to send a large amount of money to Peking, the banker sends a gift to the chief of the banditti infesting the territory through which the money is about to pass, telling him the time the silver will be sent and requesting that it be not disturbed.

How's Your Chest?

Any one can increase the size of his chest two or three inches in as many months without the use of any apparatus or mechanical contrivance whatever. When he rises in the morning, let him go out into the purest air he can find, raise his arms to the height of shoulders, the palms downward, then while inhaling a deep breath gradually extend them upward until the backs of the hands touch above his head.

The Drum Major.

The dignitary known as drum major was not generally recognized in the English army till the close of the reign of Charles I. Corporal punishment up to the time of William III was executed by the provost marshal and his deputies, but afterward the drummer was intrusted with the task.

BRIGNOLI AT DINNER.

In a Fit of Anger He Yanked Off the Tablecloth and Smashed Everything.

One night Brignoli invited several friends to sup with him after a performance in Baltimore, and on reaching his apartments found the table set and the waiters in readiness to begin bringing in the dishes.

Too full of wrath to speak, he caught hold of the corner of the cloth and gave one long, quick jerk, clearing the table completely and scattering knives, forks, spoons, plates, etc., all over the room.

Brignoli knew he was in serious trouble, and forthwith brought into play all his cunning to get out of it.

How was it that every one he knew in the whole United States had recommended it to him? How could it be that good people thought so well of it? Everybody had told him that it was the only first class hotel in Baltimore.

In short, the wily old fellow made the landlord think him the most abused man on earth, and they were soon the best of friends.

The court fool, or jester, was formerly an important person in the households of kings and princes.

Charles the Simple had a jester named Jean, who one morning tried his master's nerves by rushing into his room with the exclamation: "Oh, sire, such news! Four thousand men have risen in the city!"

"What?" cried the startled king. "With what intention have they risen?"

"Well," replied the jester, "probably with the intention of lying down again at bedtime."—Youth's Companion.

A Joke of a Court Fool.

The term fool is often misapplied. Thus, Charles the Simple was no fool, but a man of extraordinary simplicity and strength of mind and feeling. So Homer, when he called Telemachus a fool or "silly," did not employ the word as a term of reproach, but of endearment.

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Red Hair and Freckles.

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What Are We Coming To?

The following is printed "for true in a London journal:

The house of a well known lady novelist was the other day observed to be shrouded in the gloom of drawn curtains and lowered blinds. Sympathetic friends presently called to inquire what family affliction had taken place. They were admitted into the darkened drawing room, where, clad in deep mourning and holding a clean pocket handkerchief in her hand, the lady novelist sat, weeping, upon the couch.

The Borrowed Book.

"The borrowed book." What a text for a sermon, said a clever author. If books are borrowed, mar them not; neither turn down the leaves, and, above all, be careful to return them in as good a state of preservation as when borrowed. To write on the margins is unpardonable, vulgar, ill bred.—Good Housekeeping.

Not to Work is to Die.

Labor is misunderstood and even despised by too many people. It is, above all, looked down upon as drudgery to which one submits in order to get food. He who has food, it is thought, has no need for work; but he who has not must work of necessity.

When there is no movement, nature cannot perform her duty, and so rusts and corrupts. Are you doing nothing, young man? That is enough. I would rather hear that you had the cholera, because that only kills and contaminates the body.

A strong room in a bank is an apartment upon the construction of which a good deal of care and ingenuity are expended.

Then the making of the keys would probably engage his attention another week. Nor would this be all.

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