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Business Methods in the Home.
There is some discussion going on in England, according to the London Daily Mirror, as to whether a man should not manage the house. A woman, say those in favor of the plan, is never trained in business methods, and when she has served apprenticeship in business, before marriage even it was in a subordinate position where she had merely to take orders and carry them out mechanically. A man is trained in managing subordinates and systematizing work, no matter what his calling may have been. The alternative is that women should receive training in business methods and system.

Birds Killed in Migration.
According to advices from the Caucasus millions of singing birds which every winter used to find a warm retreat on the southern slopes of the forest-clad mountains of the Caucasus have suddenly been surprised by the intense cold and severe snowstorms while they were on their way from the north.

The sides of the mighty mountains, the highest in Europe, and the shores of the Black sea are now strewn with small corpses of singing birds, especially bullfinches, goldfinches, robin redbreasts, fly-catchers and other birds which in the summer mostly visit these shores.

Perhaps.
A Pennsylvania woman 99 years old is recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Perhaps she has lived so long that her table of contents is sufficient without any appendix.—Troy Times.

Earning Her Way.
"I am working my way through college."
"Brave girl! How do you earn money?"
"Well, father gives me \$10 for every singing lesson I don't take."

Nature's Law.
For everything you have missed, you have gained something else; and for everything you gain, you lose something.—Emerson.

Few Hens in England.
England has one hen to the acre of territory.

The Conscience of Clara.

One day when Mrs. Bell was making a neighborly call on Mrs. Ellis the latter, in the presence of her caller, discharged her colored maid, whose obstreperousness could be borne with no longer.

A few weeks later Mrs. Bell again called on Mrs. Ellis, and to her surprise her hostess informed her that Clara was back.

The services of the maid were required by her mistress, who pressed the button in the drawing room. There was, however, no response. Finally Mrs. Ellis went out and waited on herself. While she was gone Clara, who was acquainted with Mrs. Bell, having served in her family also, put her head in at the door and explained:

"Mis' Bell, I heard Mis' Ellis all the time, but do you recollect the las' time you was here she discharged me an' said she'd never have me again? I said I'd never come back too. But here I am, so we bofe lied. That's why I's ashamed to come in. I was ashamed for bofe of us."—New York Times.

Chili Con Carne.

From remotest Mexico comes this recipe for chili con carne, which is capable of warming whatever cockles the heart may have and of diffusing calories to one's works at large: First comes a fire of logs in the open. Second comes an olla of generous proportions. Into the olla put a gallon of water and plenty of the hot chills, and in that region of Mexico they ripen so hot that not even the rattlesnake will dare take refuge in their shade. Upon this beginning lay as much of a side of beef in one piece as may be squeezed into the pot. Set the cover on this olla and lute it down with clay. Then put the pot into the fire and heap the glowing coals all over it, with particular attention to the lid, so that the luting may bake into brick. Keep the fire burning slowly all day long. When night has come scatter the embers, break the brick seal of the olla, fork out and throw away whatever of the meat remains solid. The remainder is the chili con carne. No sauce is needed.

The Love Affairs of Handel.

Women greatly admired Handel, who was very handsome, but the serenity of the composer seems only to have been ruffled twice by love on his part. His first attachment was to a London girl, a member of the aristocracy. Her parents believed him beneath her in social position, but were good enough to say that if he abstained from writing any more music the question of marriage might be entertained. It was easier to abstain from their daughter than from his art, and he did so. Years after almost the same thing occurred. Handel and another beautiful pupil of his fell in love with each other, and proud parents gave him the choice between giving up his profession or their daughter. Music, "heavenly maid," was chosen.—"The Love Affairs of Some Famous Men."

Hitting the Doctor.

As today, in the days gone by the doctors were made the target of the jester's fling.

Pausanias, the Spartan general, when asked by a physician how it was that he was never ill, exultingly answered, "Because I never consult you."

At another time Pausanias said that the best physician was the one who dispatched his patients with the least possible suffering.

Pausanias, strongly disapproving of a certain physician and his methods and berating him in no mild terms, was asked by a friend how, as he had never consulted that particular doctor, he could be so sure of his statements. Pausanias answered, "Well, had I consulted him would I be living today?"

A Summer Without Nights.

To the summer visitor in Sweden there is nothing more striking than the almost total absence of night. At Stockholm, the Swedish capital, the sun goes down a few minutes before 10 o'clock and rises again four hours later during a greater part of the month of June. But the four hours the sun lies hidden in the frozen north are not hours of darkness. The refraction of his rays as he passes around the north pole makes midnight as light as a cloudy midday and enables one to read the finest print without artificial light at any time during the "night."

Put on His Guard.

Little Brother (who has just been given some candy)—If I were you I shouldn't take sister yachting this afternoon. Ardent Suitor—Why do you say that? Little Brother—Well, I heard her tell mother this morning that she feared she'd have to throw you over.—Exchange.

The Dearest Spot.

Poetical Lady—Is there anything on earth that you long for at times with a great yearning?

Mere Man—Yes, there is. When I draw two cards to three aces there is one spot that I yearn for with all my—
But the lady had left him.—Toledo Blade.

Transformation.

An English farmer had a number of guests to dinner and was about to help them to some rabbit when he discovered that the dish was cold. Calling the servant, he exclaimed, "Here, Mary, take this rabbit out and 'eat it and bring it' back a little 'otter!'"

Different.

Willie—Did the doctor make you take nasty medicine when you were sick?
Freddie—No; it was father who made me take it.—Exchange.

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FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES.

Once more we have the annual argument over the sororities and fraternities.

It rather wearies us. Being somewhat old-fashioned and rather inclined to look with disfavor upon a lot of the educational fads that have been grafted upon our public school and university systems, we are opposed to the snob-breeding, trouble-making things dubbed "sorority" and "fraternity." But we insist that all statistics showing the "frats" to be deficient in studies will not have the desired effect. Such a little thing as deficiency in mental development will not worry the average fraternity "man" or sorority "woman" a little bit. The exact and proper cut of corsage, the exact angle of hat, the en regale fullness of the masculine trousers, or the au fait shape of the shoe, or the diminutiveness of the college cap—those are the things that will spread worry through a "Greek letter" house quicker than hades could scorch a feather.

We have a cure for the "Greek" evil. Let Dad doff his worn and patched overalls and come down to Lincoln unbeknownst to his son, or his daughter, as the case may be, and without being seen study up on this "frat" house business a bit. We rather opine that after Dad has seen where his hard-earned money is going to, and what for, there'll be a sudden deflation in the membership of a lot of the aforesaid "Greek" societies. If this will not effect a cure the only recourse we can think of is the old-fashioned and always efficacious waterlorn

club properly and forcefully applied at the physiological moment upon the physiological spot.

A SHATTERED PROGRAM.

Stated in language that may be understood without acquiring a headache, President Taft's reciprocity program has been shot all to h—l. And why not? It could be defended only as a step towards free trade. As advocated by President Taft it was illogical and indefensible. Strange, indeed, must have been the mental gyrations that produced an advocacy of free trade in what the farmer must sell and at the same time produced opposition to free trade in what the farmer has to buy. And, too, how strange must be the mental processes of a man who insists that it is all right to take the tariff tax off the products the farmer must sell without waiting for a tariff commission to report, but insists that the tax on what the farmers must buy shall remain until a tariff commission reports. Such a train of thought will of necessity find its cowcatcher jamming into its caboose before it has gotten well past the switchtargets in the terminal yards.

The protection afforded the farmer by the tariff on wheat and hay? We'll take it off without waiting for the tariff commission to report.

The protection afforded the manufacturer of farm machinery? Avaunt! Touch it not! Until the tariff commission reports it is as sacred as the cow in India or the cat in Egypt!

What has President Taft accomplished through his extra session of congress? Nothing, either for the people or for the glory of his administration. It will not do to say that this is due to a democratic house, for it was only through democratic votes in house and senate that he succeeded in getting reciprocity so far as it was to be secured on this side of the line. The only relief the people might have secured from congressional legislation was vetoed by the president. If President Taft mixes no more "political medicine" on his tour of the country than he mixed with his special session of congress, he is not going to have very much household remedy on hand.

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