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Appeal of the Afflicted.  
It was Walter's first visit to church, and he tried hard to remember all the varied instructions he had received, such as not whispering, keeping his head bowed during the prayer, etc. But during the main portion of the service nature won a complete battle over memory and decorum. "Mother," shrilled the weary youngster, "when will it be time for me to straighten my neck? It's like to break if I don't do it soon!"

Why the Passengers Kicked.  
A motor-bus while traveling in Bow road recently was struck in the rear by a tram car, and the impact forced it on to another bus, which was stationary. The latter mounted the pavement and smashed some railings. Passengers in each bus complained of cuts from broken glass.—London Daily News.

Tramp Not Wholly Lost.  
A tramp stealing a ride on a train jumped off as it passed a burning hotel, aroused the sleeping lodgers and, his rescue work done, regained his place on the bumpers before the train left the yards. A pretty full volume of comment on American human nature is contained in the brief report of the incident.

Banana a Curiosity.  
A peculiar fact about the banana is that no insect will attack it, and another is that it is absolutely immune from the diseases that fruits are subject to. It is one of the curiosities of the vegetable kingdom.

Modern Finance.  
Knicker—"Are you cutting down expenses?" Bocker—"Yes; I am paying only half the bills."—Puck.

Asbestos Shingles.  
Asbestos shingles are now being manufactured in this country with success, and the trade has grown enormously. The new products are of the lightest weight and fireproof up to a temperature of two thousand and more degrees. They are proof against acids and weather and are said to last as long as a concrete building will.

Peculiarities of Taste.  
The South Sea Islanders gazes with disgust upon an American eating rare roast beef, but he will eat a fish raw, especially if he is an Hawaiian, with great relish. He also finds a dozen or more relatives of the oyster on the reef at low tide and thinks them highly appetizing. There is the devil fish, for instance. The squid is regarded as being a delicacy.

What to Do With Babies.  
If the custom of checking babies at the department stores and leaving them there continues to grow, it may be necessary for those establishments to hold auction sales of unclaimed babies, as the express companies do of parcels left on their hands.—New York Tribune.

Painter Had No Choice.  
"May I ask," inquires the interviewer, "why you paint none but nudes?" "Certainly," replies the painter. "The styles change so rapidly in clothing that a picture would be out of date almost before the paint is dry."—Chicago Post.

Always.  
Also in the matter of a kiss, two heads are better than one.—Sriart Set Magazine.

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Fighting Prisoner Had Only Asked to Be Shown One Star, But He Saw Several.

He had been celebrating, not wisely, but too well, and getting obstreperous and noisy and looking for a fight he was tackled by a policeman who in plain clothes was on his way home. The drunken one showed fight and was indignant that an apparently private citizen should try to arrest him. "Show me your star!" he demanded. "Don't believe you're a cop at all. Won't go with you till I see your star," and he aimed a maudlin blow at the policeman.

There was a scuffle and a fight, short-lived but strenuous, and the drunken man was landed in the police station, where he stayed all night. In the morning it was a disheveled and torn wreck that appeared before the magistrate and who listened to the policeman relate the trouble he had in getting him to the station house.

"He wanted to fight me all the way to the station, your honor. He kept pulling back and trying to trip me and yelling, 'Show me your star! I don't go unless you show me your star.'"

"And," asked the magistrate gently, "did you show him your star?"

"Your honor," interrupted the prisoner, "he clouted me on the head and I saw the star—I saw several of them, enough to go around the entire force."

WORSE THAN JOB'S TROUBLES

Surely Mark Twain, in Flight of Imagination, Had Described Worst Combination of Ills.

John McLaughlin, who has started a new magazine known as "Catholic Youth," has had trouble enough to discourage a less cheerful person, since he abandoned daily newspaper work. McLaughlin started to work on his first issue three weeks ago, and everything went along swimmingly until a week ago when he woke up in the middle of the night with severe pains in his hip.

"Rheumatism, and you'll be lucky if you're out in a month," said the doctor next morning.

All last week McLaughlin lay in bed while the "big magazine," as he calls it, awaited his coming. Yesterday McLaughlin appeared at his office and "dug into" his accumulated work with savage energy.

"I have only one consolation," he said at the press club, yesterday. "One of the magazines has a story of Mark Twain this month. It seems a friend of Twain was suffering from a toothache and an earache at the same time."

"Can you imagine a worse combination than that, earache and toothache?" asked the friend.

"I can," said Twain. "There are rheumatism and St. Vitus' dance!"—Milwaukee Free Press.

Working in the Dark.  
Secretary MacVeagh, at a dinner in Washington, was urging the need of scientific financial laws.

"But let us make these laws scientifically," he said. "You must let in the light. We must work in the light. If we work in the dark, you know, we will go wrong—like young Cornelius Husk."

"Cornelius Husk was called one winter morning before dawn, and told to go and harness the mule to the dearborn."

"The lad was too lazy to light a lantern, and in the dark he didn't notice that one of the cows was in the stable with the mule."

"As he tried to harness the cow his father, impatient at the long delay, shouted from the house:

"Corney! Corney! what ye doin'?" "I can't get the collar over the mule's head," the boy replied. "His ears are frozen."

Great Plague of London.  
Medical authorities agree that the epidemic which prevailed in London in 1665 was what we now call bubonic plague. It is well known that this "Black Death" was prevalent in various parts of the world in ancient times. The outbreaks were peculiarly violent then by reason of the conditions of poverty and the almost total absence of sanitation. It was the ancient medical writers who gave it the name of the plague.

The mortality in London in 1665 was appalling. Thousands were swept away by the dread malady, and there was a great exodus from the stricken city. Some of the medical authorities thought it had been brought into London in bales of merchandise coming from Holland, which originally came from the Levant; others contended that it was brought in by Dutch prisoners of war.

Boy Has Right to Be Proud.  
The proudest boy in France today is Raymond Marmiesse, who is sixteen years old. He is at present a patient in the Pasteur institute in Paris, and has received a silver medal with his name on it and a letter from the minister of public instruction. One Sunday afternoon a mad dog raced through the streets of Cahors. It had bitten several other dogs, a horse, and two children. Marmiesse, who was passing, threw himself headlong on the dog, and tried to strangle it. People shouted to him that he would be bitten; and he was bitten terribly. His father begged him to come away from the dog, but "Better one than half a dozen more children be bitten!" shouted the boy, and he stuck to the dog till a man managed to slip a noose over its head and draw it tight.

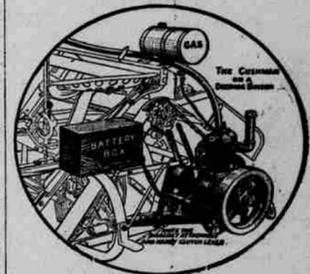
At Least a Movement for Health.  
In the Paddington borough of London, if you operate a tenement or apartment house, you must sweep the floors of all rooms once a day, wash them once a week and open the windows of all sleeping rooms for at least one hour in each day or pay a fine of \$25. It may not be possible to make the people moral by law, but the borough council of Paddington believes much can be done to make them healthy.

At Last.  
The London Gazette, after an existence of nearly two and a half centuries, has adopted the plan of printing a table of contents. This should dispose of the libel that we Britishers are slow to adopt new ideas.—London Punch.

Try Scissors Next Time.  
"She meant to chip off the chicken's head with a hatchet," says a Missouri editor, "but only succeeded in cutting off her forefinger. The next time she has designs against the life of a chicken we recommend the use of a pair of scissors."—Atlanta Constitution.

Smart Set in Danger.  
From one of the fashion journals we learn that "stripes will be worn by the smart set next spring." Has the smart been combining in restraint of trade?

Danger Long Appreciated.  
The danger of infection from drinking cups was noted at least 350 years ago and probably before that time.



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