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A Curious Eclog.

There is a superstition that causes are untrustworthy. But superstition is merely the distortion of faith by ignorance...

Capers.

Of all the various articles that enter into almost constant use in hotels, clubs and restaurants there is one that is probably less known about...

Jerking a Horse.

Once put to rest out of doors the principal evil we shall notice is the tendency of drivers of wagons, calcs, ays, and private carriages as well...

The Many Sided Printer.

The versatility of printers is aptly illustrated by the following advertisement which appeared in a western paper.

Wanted.—By a printer who is capable of taking charge of publishing and printing plant a position as foreman. Can give valuable advice to persons contemplating marriage and has obtained a wide reputation as a trustee medium.

Women and Children and Talk.

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Poison That Looks Bland. "In our laboratories," said a chemist, "we make a good deal of cyanide of potassium. Men who handle this poison are too often seized with an insatiable desire to eat it."

"The white and beautiful crystals exercise on the mind a strange fascination, such as snakes are said to exercise upon small birds. Though you know that the stuff is deadly, you feel a horrible longing to crush a handful of it into your mouth."

Value of Aromatic Taste. An applicant for a position in a stationery and book store was questioned but little as to experience. Instead, she was shown a variety of fancy cards, illustrated books and small pictures, and asked to pick out those which, in her opinion, were the most artistic.

It is necessary in this store," he said, "for a candidate to be able to select the fully correct one of our customers do not know what they want. After much rummaging around they at last pick out three or four books or cards that they like very much, but they lack the judgment to make a final selection and appeal to the clerk to help decide.

Chooses something really artistic she gives general satisfaction and holds our customers."—New York Press.

Grows Lettuce at Dinner.

"Yes," said a florist, "I can work miracles in my business. For instance, I can grow you lettuce in five days—sweet, crisp lettuce that you may eat for your dinner with the broiled chicken. I do it in this way: I take a handful of lettuce seeds that have been soaked overnight in alcohol, and I plant them in a box containing three inches of loam and quicklime. I water this soil, and in ten minutes the seeds begin to grow, and in a few days the leaves push through the earth. The leaves grow and multiply. In an hour they are as big as half dollars. Then you may pluck and eat them. Some- times I will give a dinner party, and I have one of these little prepared lettuce beds in the center of the table. The guests see the lettuce grow, and when the time comes for the salad course there is their salad blooming before them, ready to pluck."

A Royal Reporter.

King Louis XIII. is said to have been the first reporter in France. The French national library possesses the manuscript of thirty-six articles written by that king. Almost all the accounts are of his military operations. These articles were published in the Gazette de France. The "copy," however, did not go directly to the printer. Louis XIII. wrote abominable French and laid vague notions of orthography. His articles were corrected and often entirely rewritten by his secretary, a man named Lucas, who copied them, sending to Richelieu the new manuscript. Richelieu examined it in his turn and often introduced additional corrections. In the margin of the copy he wrote a few lines eulogistic of the cardinal, but afterward crossed them out of his article. Richelieu wrote them in again and so they appeared in the Gazette de France.

A Long Drawn Out "No."

There is a well known clubman in Washington, a man of such conservatism that he is rarely known to answer a plain "yes" or "no" to the most trivial question.

On one occasion two women of his acquaintance were discussing this peculiarity of the clubman when one of them announced that she was going to wager that she could make the conservative individual say "no" flatly. The wager being accepted, she addressed the clubman thus:

"Let me see, Mr. Robinson, you are a widower, are you not?"

"As much a widower, madam," he answered, with a polite bow, "as it is possible for a man to be who was never married."

Fox and a Rabbit.

A fox was seen coming down a pass in the hills followed by a rabbit, which came along at a smart pace and seemed impelled by an overpowering curiosity. Fox and rabbit presently disappeared into a patch of covert, and almost immediately the fox was seen to emerge with the unfortunate rabbit dead in its jaws. The whole tableau was witnessed by persons of unimpeachable veracity, and of them a very careful observer of wild life. It was perfectly evident to them that the fox had in some way fascinated the rabbit and was consciously following on a plan devised for its destruction. As for the rabbit, it was clearly incapable of avoiding its doom.—Country Life.

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Dr. Marade, a French scientist and inventor of what he calls "voice telegraphy," has discovered the reason why women can talk longer than men. It will be unfair, I did fault with women for talking hereafter, because we now know they are built that way. The doctor says: "A woman can talk four times as long as a man with the same expenditure of energy. It is merely a question of the amount of air which escapes from the lungs during phonation, and, as a woman breathes more slowly than a man's and a child's than a woman's, it is evident why children can prattle for hours at a time and why women can maintain the fatigue of conversation so much more easily than a man."

Was It the Citron Tree?

Was the citron tree the source of knowledge of good and evil in the garden of Eden? Some persons think it was. In any event, it appears that "citrus" would often be the right rendering in passages where the authorized version of the Bible gives "apple." For instance, in the Proverbs, "A word fully spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." And, in the Song of Solomon, "As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons." And again, "Stay me with figs, comfort me with apples, for I am sick of love."

Control of the Imagination.

Imaginative people never act together, declares the superintendent of a large asylum for the insane, quoted in the Medical Times, New York. "It is lunatic attacks an attendant, as sometimes happens, the others would look upon it as so afraid of their and simply watch it out. The moment we discover two or more lunatics working together we would know they were on the road to recovery." It is on this account that there are so few concerted mutinies in lunatic asylums, so that the number of attendants does not have to be large.

Exemplary.

Freddie had been spending the day with his aunt and had been duly instructed beforehand as to his behavior. Upon his return his mother questioned him as to what he had said and done while away from home. His conduct seemed to have been most exemplary in every way.

"I'm glad you were such a good little boy," complimented his mother, "and didn't take a second helping of meat."

"No, ma," replied Freddie very proudly. "I remembered what you'd told me and said I'd take two plates of ice cream instead."—Harper's Weekly.

Too Big a Contract.

"Doctor," said a man to his medical attendant who had just presented a small bill of 25 shillings for treatment during a recent illness, "I have not much ready money. Will you take this out in time?"

"Oh, yes," cheerfully answered the doctor. "I think we can arrange that, but what is your business?"

"I am a cornet player," was the startling reply.—London Telegraph.

He Complies.

Mr. Transient—Is this all the letter you have, Mrs. Caterer?

Mrs. Caterer—It is, Mr. Transient, and I wish you would try to make it go as far as you can.

Mr. Transient—With pleasure, Mrs. Caterer. (Opens the window and throws the letter against the back fence.) There! If it hadn't been for that fence, I could have made it go a little farther yet.

When an oyster is a fortnight old, it is not much larger than the head of a pin. At the end of four years' growth it is fit for the table.

A Use For the Fork.

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Rahish.

Rahish, used to describe a man or woman whose appearance is not quite respectable, was originally used of a vessel, generally a pirate or slaver, whose main had a heavy rake or lean toward the stern. There are, however, several derivations of the word, some authorities taking it from rabelsch, which is referred to the Swedish raka, or room. Rahish is, at any rate, a recognized term to describe the extreme lean aft of the masts, and this used to be characteristic of the fast sailing schooner, of which rig pirates and slavers were fond.

Importance of Fluid.

Few people know that fluid in the way of water and other harmless beverages is of even more importance in the preservation of health than the food they eat. Indeed, food would be of no use nor could it be assimilated by the system nor would it nourish or maintain the tissues if it were not for the assistance of water.—Gentlemen's Magazine.

The Old School.

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