

A friend in need often turns out to be a useful "double."

It is evident that Castro's physician is no longer prescribing rest and quiet.

There are 1,567 walled cities in China where there is neither a foreign nor Chinese pastor.

Helon Gould might be good enough to remember that the prince doesn't want to marry her.

Sometimes Paris would prefer that London should bombard it with shells rather than tourists.

The Hollow Earth Exploring club ought to be able to get information at almost any time.

By this time the folks are wondering whether to take 'em off or wait until the rock-the-boat season opens.

In view of family objections, could Prince Helle be persuaded to take the millions without insisting on the lady?

California is producing the largest crop of lemons the state has ever had, but she isn't going to hand any to the sailors.

There are times when China must be tempted with what Japan would get involved in trouble with some remote country.

Judging by the peepaboo waltzes appearing in the fashion pictures, the politics of the summer will be extremely radical.

Some people talk too much to express one thought on the principle of the man who digs up the whole yard for one angleworm.

To be sure, the price of meat is going up, but the mackerel are coming, and the price of vegetables will be getting cheaper every day.

A San Francisco rat having chewed off the signature of a law bill and testament, the courts decide to follow suit and ratify the document.

Cubans are reative under the order prohibiting cock and bull fighting. This is about the best authenticated cock-and-bull story in existence.

Miss Helen Gould has been compelled to curtail her charities, but Mrs. Anna does not propose to reduce the extravagances of make-believe royalty.

A Paris museum is having difficulty in finding room for the diplotrons given it by Andrew Carnegie.

Those who think Japan can't go to war because of the lack of money forget that the American revolutionists put up a fight with a paper money worth no more than a continental.

The first pair of spectacles were made in 1285, and probably that is the date when man first started saying that he couldn't read a subscription paper because he'd left his glasses home.

The Kaiser, though he finds it impossible to make ends meet on \$4,000,000 a year, probably wouldn't be interested in the current discussion whether a man can afford to get married and raise a family on a \$12 a week.

An owl flew out of a burning chimney at Covach, Okla., Sunday, with its feathers on fire, and perched on a hayrick near at hand. The result was that the rick was completely destroyed, and several stacks of straw barely escaped.

Mr. Durlough of Maine is one of the few members of the house whose biography omits the familiar sentence: "Studied law at the \_\_\_\_\_ university."

Many cases of astigmatism arise from the practice of reading in bed, particularly by persons recovering from a severe cold which strains the muscles of the eye to such an extent that they alter the curvature of the cornea—the abnormality to which the term astigmatism is applied.

If Dr. Hill takes along a \$4 cigar with him when he goes to call upon the Kaiser we hope he won't make the same mistake as the Maine lawyer who plotted to corrupt the judge, and who in his nervous embarrassment got for himself the 50-cent cigar that he had bought and gave the judge the twofor.

Mrs. Humphry Ward is collecting some highly interesting and impressive information in her tour of the public schools of New York city. In one of the largest of them she was informed that 40 per cent. of the students there were of foreign birth, but that there was not a pupil in the school either of whose parents was born in America.

It may be an exceptional case, but there are said to be several other schools in the metropolis where the native born parents are in an insignificant minority.



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TEMPLE OF FRIENDSHIP BEGUN.

Princeton Lays Corner-Stone of Home for Union of Republics.

Washington.—Under splendid auspices of patronage and beautiful spring weather, the corner-stone was laid by the president Monday of the proposed home for the International Union of American Republics.

Three thousand persons, including representatives of political, official and social life in Washington and who occupied seats on the stands composing the grandstand, were interested spectators of the ceremony.

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