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"He is a Persian, who speaks but a word or two of Russian. His head is shaved, and his feet are dyed orange. First he rubs you, and then suddenly, as you lie face downward on the marble slab, he is upon your back, his feet dug into your spine, his hands grasping your shoulders to increase the pressure. Slowly, with skillful appreciation of every muscle, his feet grind up and down your back. They encircle your neck. They are on your head."

"Then he vaults lightly off, and in a moment from a linen bag filled with soap he has squeezed clouds of perfumed bubbles, and you are hidden in them from head to foot as completely as if you had fallen into a snowdrift. You are not absolutely bruised, but you are clean."

British Mission to Tibet.

Major Francis Edward Younghusband, C.I.E., the leader of the British mission now on its way to Tibet to discuss with the Chinese and Tibetan authorities the question of improved commercial relations between India and Tibet, is a member of a famous Anglo-Indian family. Major Younghusband joined the Dragoons in 1882, and has been connected with the foreign department of the Government of India since 1889. In 1892 he was attached to the staff of the British Resident in Kashmir, and went to Chitral as political officer a year later. He accompanied the expedition sent to the relief of the besieged garrison, and acted as correspondent for The Times. He is at the present time Resident at the Court of the Maharaja Holkar. Major Younghusband has special knowledge of the countries and peoples north of the Himalayas.

Embarrassment of Riches.

In a preliminary debate over the question of a museum grant for Wales much of the discussion, says The London Chronicle, turned on the fact that Wales is without a capital. This, however, did not daunt a certain Welsh member, who got on his feet and, addressing the ministers on the treasury bench, said: "If only you will give us the money we will find the capital."

Esquadrone Marriages.

In Ecuador a marriage must be made by the civil authority before it is made by a clergyman.

Treason in England.

The ancient English law of treason was very stringent. Thus in Plantagenet times the proprietor of a tavern called the Crown was put to death for making the jocular remark that his son was heir to the Crown.

John Milton.

John Milton loved to play on the organ. He made his second wife sing and said she had some voice, but not the slightest idea of tone.

Roman Baths in Derbyshire.

Every day fresh discoveries add to the interest that is being taken in the unearthing of the Roman fortifications at Brough, near Bradwell, and all full considerable numbers of people have visited the spot, many from Sheffield and Manchester making a pilgrimage thither. The very greatest importance is attached to the discovery of the Roman baths, almost in the centre of the fortifications, and it is now clear that the Roman road goes directly from this bath to the park at Buxton, ten miles away. For some miles right through Bradwell the road is in splendid condition. Saturday, Sept. 5, a number of men were at work emptying the bath, but operations were impeded by the water, which comes in at the west end first, as it did 2,000 years ago. It is oblong in shape, of splendid worked stone and the descent is by a flight of steps. A big inscribed stone of the second century, a very fine Roman altar, and a stone column were among the valuable discoveries, as well as a quantity of bones, and a ram's head with horns. These will be examined by Prof. Boyd-Dawkins. Although the bath has been emptied to a depth of nine feet, there is yet no indication of the bottom.

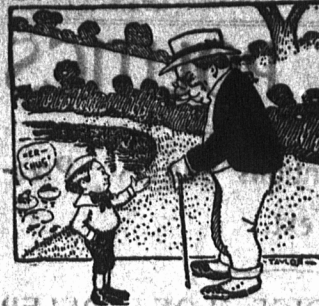
Trolley Times.

On the Albany and Hudson trolley line it is possible to travel at sixty miles an hour. There are two electric lines in Indiana that work up to fifty-five miles an hour each and two more that make forty. Ohio has ten electric roads whose cars reach or exceed forty miles an hour; two of them make fifty and fifty-five. Michigan has one trolley line on the forty mile speed limit, two at forty-five and two at fifty. There is a fifty mile an hour line in Iowa, another in New York and another in Texas. Speeds of from thirty to forty miles are too common to mention.

The Grave of Tom Sayers.

An English correspondent who strolls once a week all the year round through Highgate cemetery is convinced that the resting place of Tom Sayers, the prize fighter, who died forty years ago, attracts more attention than any other grave in the grounds. Men, women and children, to whom Sayers can be nothing more than "the shadow of a great man," linger assiduously around it, and the head of Tom's favorite dog, standing in effigy on guard by the tomb, is worn quite smooth by the stroking and patting of countless hands.

Not Quite.



Pa—Well, Willie, didn't you catch that frog after all?
Willie—Naw! I guess he ain't so green as he looks, pa—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

No Common Fighting.
"You mustn't cough so much, Willie," his mother said.
"I can't help it, mamma," replied the little boy with the long golden curls.
"Something amuses me in my throat."
—Chicago Tribune.

Chamberlain's Woods.

Here is a story of an amusing incident that occurred at Highbury a few years ago. Mr. Chamberlain had planted a number of young larches about his grounds with the object of ultimately having the place well wooded. One night he gave a dinner party, to which, among others, his son, the present Postmaster-General, was invited. The latter was very late, and the assembled guests were kept waiting for him in the drawing room, to the obvious annoyance of his father. At length, Austen Chamberlain arrived, and in reply to his father's remark as to his lack of punctuality, he said, with a sly glance at some of those present, "Oh, I must really apologize. I should have been here in ample time, but as a matter of fact, I lost my way in your woods." There was a regular outburst of merriment at this, as the "woods" in question were about two feet high at that time.—London Answers.

A Wager Lost.
"She's a treacherous thing," asserted the girl in blue.
"How is that?" asked the girl in gray.
"Why, we fixed it up between us that she was to refuse him if he proposed, and then I made a bet with him that she would."
"Well, she didn't."

Topsy's Full Name.
"Mamma, what is Topsy's other name?"
"Topsy in the play? I don't know, dear. I guess she hasn't any other name. It's just Topsy, that's all."
"Oh, she has another name! I heard papa speak it yesterday, but I can't think of it now. Oh, yes, I remember! It's Topsy Turvy."

Prize.
"Whar is you goin' wif dat fishin' pole?"
"It's gwine fishin'."
"What you gwine fishin' foh?"
"You doesn' speck me to sit down an' loaf all day whah all dese gossipy people kin see me an' not look like I was doin' sum'n, does yer?"—Washington Star.

The Frog's Feeding.

Mr. Frog has an enormous mouth for his size, and if we were to put a finger inside it we would find that he has a row of teeth in the upper jaw and that his soft white tongue, unlike our own, is attached in front and is free behind. When he wishes to catch any insect he throws out the free end of the tongue, then draws it in so rapidly that it is difficult to see whether he has been successful or not. As the tongue is coated with a gummy fluid, the insect sticks to it and is carried back into the mouth, which closes upon it like the door of a tomb. Frogs, however, are not limited to one mode of feeding. They often leap open mouthed upon larger prey, which includes besides insects small fish, mice, small ducklings, pollwogs and tiny frogs.—Woman's Home Companion.

The Czar as a Composer.

It has long been known that the Czar possessed a very pretty musical gift, and His Majesty has recently essayed his power as a composer of music to his own verses. In these verses the predominant note is one of religion. They extol the glories of the Orthodox Church and its saints, and exalt the virtue of Christian self-sacrifice and renunciation of worldly goods and prosperity.

It Sometimes Happens.
"Of course," says the shoe dealer, "there are times when it is necessary to stretch the truth a trifle."
"Yes, sir," answered the head salesman, "and often a fellow has to stretch a lie."

"I don't see how."
"Well, when a woman with a No. 6 foot declares that a No. 3 shoe is just her size and asks you to put it on the shoe stretcher overnight just to make the instep a little higher. That's one of the times."

German and Books.

A Berlin paper has been asking its readers, "Why don't the Germans buy books?" Among the answers were these: "Because half the Germans write books themselves and have no time or inclination for reading those of others," and "Because beer brings more satisfaction than books do." As a matter of fact, in 1903, the latest year for which statistics are available, 22,321 books were published in Germany against 8,141 in the United States, 6,044 in Great Britain and 12,063 in France.

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