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A Timely Retreat.

A young botanist was showing a party of ladies and gentlemen through the conservatory and explaining to them the properties of some of the choicest plants.

Among the visitors was a would be young looking middle aged lady, who at every description volunteered the statement that the plants and flowers she had at home were quite equal to anything exhibited here or indeed anywhere. Just as they were passing a giant cactus she was heard to exclaim: "Well, this is nothing extraordinary. I have a cactus at home that is still larger. I planted and reared it myself."

"Reared it yourself," the professor gently observed. "How remarkable! This specimen is 63 years old, and if yours is still larger?"

The lady did not stay to hear any more, but executed a strategic movement to the rear.—Pearson's Weekly.

Her Beginning.

Tom—How do you like that novel I brought you yesterday?

Alice—I don't like it at all. I don't care to finish it.

Tom—How much have you read?

Alice—One chapter.

Tom—Then you really haven't got into the story. The first chapter's merely a sort of introduction.

Alice—But the first chapter isn't the one I've read, and the heroine dies. No; you may take it back.—Chicago News.

Poor Old Man.

"That's a strange case of the aged gentleman who moves in the highest circles, isn't it?"

"I hadn't heard of it."

"Haven't you? Why, the Yerkes telescope is authority for the story that the man in the moon is all burned out."

Cleveland Plain Dealer.



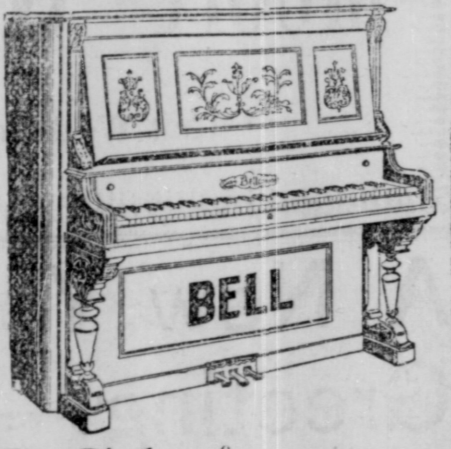
The world contains no more charming picture than that of happy and radiant girlhood. All too frequently the happiness and radiance in the young girl's face is doomed to be blotted out by the lines of sickness and suffering. No young woman is fitted for wifehood and motherhood who suffers from weakness and disease in a womanly way. For such women wifehood only holds out the prospect of suffering and motherhood the probability of death.

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QUEER QUESTIONS ASKED.

Some of the Conundrums With Which the Smithsonian Officials Are Assailed.

The doorkeepers of the Smithsonian institution have a hard time of it in answering the questions propounded them by the visitors to that place. These questions are original, if nothing else, and cover all varieties of subjects. One of the men who has been there for a number of years has become so accustomed to hearing these that he would not be surprised, he said, if some one should ask him gravely, where the right molar tooth of George Washington's grandmother's great aunt could be found. Neither would he think that the propounder of the question was a lunatic.

Strange to say, though in some places it might not be regarded as strange, most of these peculiar questions are asked by the feminine portion of the visitors to the institution. Some time ago a lady, who had every appearance of being such, in addition to having an intelligent face and cultivated manners, stepped up to a doorkeeper and inquired, in a tone of voice which showed that she was in earnest:

"Would you kindly direct me to the portion of the institution where I could find the relics from the Garden of Eden. I understand there are a number of them here, and I should like to see them very much."

The doorkeeper did not know whether she wished to see the traditional fig leaves or the core of the apple which Adam is related to have eaten with such dire results to the human race, but told her very frankly that the institution was not possessed of such treasures. The lady seemed surprised and stated that she had been informed correctly, she thought, that the relics were there. With an air of disappointment she went inside to see what else she could unearth.

One day recently another lady asked a doorkeeper where the bottles containing the elements of the universe were located. In spite of his experience in such things the doorkeeper was rather nonplused and shook his head.

"Why, I was told that they were here, and was also informed that they were kept in bottles for inspection," the lady said.

"The only elements of the universe that I know of," the doorkeeper replied, "are whisky, air and water, and they are common most everywhere, I believe, madam. Further than these I know of none."—Washington Star.

Field Sports in Shakespeare.

When I began to collect and arrange the allusions to field sports and to horses scattered throughout the writings of Shakespeare, nothing was further from my mind than to enter the field of criticism. But as my work progressed I discerned more and more clearly the true nature of these allusions, how they for the most part well up spontaneously as from the poet's inmost soul, and are seldom suggested by the plot or character in hand at the moment, with which indeed they are often out of keeping. And according as I became better acquainted with the works of his contemporaries it was more and more evident that this peculiar mode of thought does not happen to be shared by other dramatic writers of his age. Thus the thought was suggested that the presence or absence of this distinctive note might be of some aid in distinguishing the workmanship of Shakespeare from that of certain other dramatists with whom Shakespearean criticism is mainly concerned. From the admitted writings of Shakespeare it is never wholly absent. In the admitted works of Fletcher, Greene, Kyd or Marlowe, or in certain of the anonymous plays attributed to Shakespeare, it is never found.—"A Study of Shakespeare and of Elizabethan Sports," Right Hon. D. H. Madden.

The Mighty Caesar.

It was on his way to the battlefield of Pharsala that Caesar uttered the famous saying to the fishermen. He had come down to Brindisi to cross to Dyrrachium, and, finding no galley, commended the owner of a small sailing boat to put him across the Adriatic. On the voyage a violent storm occurred, and even the experienced mariners were terrified, but the great captain said: "Have no fear! You carry Caesar and his fortunes."

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Together.

"Ha," cried the nervous woman, starting from her slumber. "there is a burglar in the house! What shall we do?"

"Let us put our heads together," suggested the calm, resourceful woman.

"Impossible!" the nervous woman gasped after a short struggle.

Her hair, to be sure, hung on the bedpost, but where were her teeth?—Detroit Journal.

His View of the Risk.



"Dese fellers dat goes t' d' Keeley cure takes a terrible risk."
"Risk o' what?"
"O' gittin' cured."—New York Journal.

Putting It Politely.

A little while ago the owner of a large estate in Norfolk caused a quantity of timber to be felled and summoned Davie, the head gamekeeper, to accompany him on a tour of inspection, with a view to estimating its market value.

Davie had an old time horror of offending his master by too great familiarity, and as they walked along took great care to agree with him in everything. After two or three trees had been examined the squire, who was at one end, called out to Davie, who was at the other:

"Here's a fine elm, Davie."
Davie looked at the log, meditated a moment and then said apologetically:
"Yes, sir; certainly, sir. But it's an ash down this end, sir."—Nuggets.

A Good Voice.

"My dear," said Mr. Hawkins to his better half the other morning, "do you know that you have one of the best voices in the world?"
"Indeed!" replied the delighted Mrs. H., with a flush of pride at the compliment. "Do you really think so?"
"I certainly do," continued the heartless husband. "Otherwise it would have been worn out long ago."—Chicago News.

Give and Take.

Linking arms familiarly, Insurrection and Autonomy each bit off a large hunk of Spanish taffy.

"By the way," said Insurrection suddenly, "just hold Cuba for a minute, will you?"

Autonomy, falling into the trap, complied.
"Philippine," gurgled Insurrection joyfully.—New York Press.

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