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**LIGHTING A CIGAR**

According to an observant Philadelphian whose business is to sell cigars, the careless smoker is largely responsible for the big dividends match manufacturers enjoy.

"Just watch it any time," he remarked a few days ago, "and see if I am not correct. The average smoker of a cigar will talk or think regardless of his weed until it goes out. Then he will suddenly discover the absence of the fire which makes a cigar enjoyable. Out from his pocket comes a match, and in an instant it has been struck and the lighted lucifer placed against the cigar end."

"In his eagerness to get another light, however, the smoker has, in nine cases out of ten, forgotten to knock the ashes off his weed. As a result the flame from the match fails to penetrate the ash heap, and the match flame doesn't cut any figure. I've seen it so many times that I don't laugh at it any more, but it must be funny to casual onlookers. After this when your cigars go out before they are consumed be sure and knock the ashes off before trying to relight them. Then you will stand a fair chance of securing another light and at the same time put a kink in the profits of the matchmakers."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Mme. Patti's Substitute.**

To some persons a poor singer may be better than no singer at all, but the least musical person cannot fail to perceive the irony of the situation described below:

Once when traveling in the north of Ireland, an Englishman of letters chanced upon a small town which, to his surprise, he found extensively filled with announcements of a concert at which Mme. Patti was to appear.

The price of admission to the back of the hall being the extremely moderate one of threepence, he hastened to secure a seat. After a long interval of waiting, the manager stepped forward, remarking:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I regret to say that Mme. Patti is unable to appear tonight. In order, however, to save you from disappointment, I have arranged that Miss Arabella Jones of our town of Ballyslackguthery shall favor you with a song!"—Youth's Companion.

**Naming Children in Japan.**

The custom in naming children in Japan is for the parents on the thirtieth day after its birth to take the child to the temple they attend, and the father gives three names to the priest, who writes each on a piece of paper. These are then shuffled about with certain incantations and thrown up in the air. The first that falls is the one chosen. This is then written by the priest on a consecrated piece of paper and given to the child's parents to preserve. The child then receives certain gifts, two of which are important. If a boy, two fans are presented; if a girl, a pot of pomade, and in each case a packet of flax thread is added, which signifies good wishes and a long life.

**Shattered.**

Bertha—Mamma, you have shattered the fond hopes that had warmed my breast.

Mamma—What in the world are you talking about, child?

Bertha—You insisted that I should ask Mr. Sweetser what his intentions are, and he said that he called in order to see if he could get you to subscribe to a new work he is canvassing for. And I thought he wanted to marry me! Why could I not have been allowed to enjoy the fond illusion for a little while longer?—Boston Transcript.

**Fortune in Face.**

"My face is my fortune!" cried the young girl exultingly.

Time laughed behind his beard.

"I'll make her look like 30 cents!" he muttered to himself.

Considering results, one would imagine Time was chiefly busy ruining complexions.

**It Didn't Fill the Bill.**

"Here's a poem on 'Our Daily Bread.'"

"Can't use it. What we want on our daily bread is butter."—Atlanta Constitution.

**As a Doornail.**

Sunday School Teacher—In what condition was the patriarch Job at the end of his life?

The Quiet Boy—Dead, sir!—Ally Sloper.

Gentlemen's kid lined Glove's \$1.00 for 50 cents this p. m., at Paton & Cos.

**Local and Other Items.**

**OFFER REFUSED.**—It is reported that Mr. J. C. Mahon has refused \$1000 for Brazilian.

**INDUSTRY FOR SYDNEY.**—A big flour concern from Western Canada will start in North Sydney, if they receive certain exemptions from the town. The town council have it under consideration.

**HOW CANADA CAN ASSIST.**—The Star's Montreal special cable from London says: General feeling in military circles is that Canada and Australia might best aid General Buller by mounted contingents and artillery.

**DIDN'T MAKE MUCH.**—Fortunes are not being made in turnips now-a-days. One schooner's cargo recently sold in Boston is said to have netted the shipper the magnificent sum of \$1.80.—St. Andrew's Beacon.

**IMPORTANT MATTERS.**—The rate payers of Truro are to meet today (Tuesday) to consider the matter of sewerage for the town and to decide what the town will do in the way of encouraging local manufactures.

**A GOOD BYLAW.**—In Montreal, an exchange points out, they have a bylaw which imposes a fine on those who keep barking dogs, to the annoyance of their neighbors. If such a bylaw were enforced in some other cities that might be named there would soon be a very substantial increase to the city treasury.

**A LIBERAL PROTEST.**—The Kingston Whig, (Liberal) says: Another member of Parliament made a member of the civil service. Mr. Beausoleil has become postmaster of Montreal. A seat in the house has been made serviceable in promoting his personal welfare. Hadn't Mr. Mulock better introduce his anti-office bill again? Isn't his party in favor of it now?

**CANADIAN PRODUCE.**—It is stated that 80 per cent of the imports into the Yukon this year was Canadian produce. The season practically closed on Dec. 1st and at that time Victoria had shipped goods to the value of \$2,079,000, as compared with \$1,600,000 last year, and \$58,000 in 1897.

**BIG ORDER FOR COAL.**—The Sydney Record says: The biggest order ever received by a mining manager in Nova Scotia was that received by Mr. Donkin, of the Dominion Coal Co., when he was notified to ship 120,000 tons of coal to the United States by February next. Besides this order 150,000 tons or so will be required during the next three months to supply the Canadian orders of the Dominion Coal Co.

**DISARMED HIS CRITICS.**—The homeliest man in the United States Congress is Mr. Eddy, of Minnesota, and he rather prides himself on this fact. Some of his political adversaries once accused him of deceitfulness and hypocrisy, but he rose to the occasion. "They say I am two faced," said Mr. Eddy. Now, gentlemen, looking mournful and homelier than usual, "do you believe that if I had two faces I would be wearing this one?" This did up all his critics.

**THE QUEEN'S PRESENTS.**—The Queen expends every Christmas about \$1,500 on toys for her numerous juvenile descendants, and the children of her leading court officials. This year she has issued a strict injunction that no war toys, no toy soldier and no toys or games having reference to South Africa be purchased in her behalf. The Queen takes too serious a view of events there to permit them to be utilized for the amusement of the royal children.

**LECTURE.**—The Benevolent Irish Society of Emerald will celebrate January 6th, 1900, the anniversary of the opening of their hall, by holding a lecture on that evening. Mr. J. E. B. McCreary, editor of the "Guardian" has kindly consented to deliver his lecture on "D'Arcy McGee." In addition to this a short programme will be rendered. With the prospects of good sleighing and moonlight, this popular lecture should be greeted with a full house. A small admission fee will be charged.

**SALVATION ARMY ENTERTAINMENT.**—The Salvationists of New York city purpose to furnish a good dinner and a good day Christmas to 20,000 of the poor of New York in Madison Square Garden. Besides the dinner the programme will include an entertainment to be given every hour from 11 in the morning until 10 in the evening. Special music by band and orchestra, stereopticon views, and the famous moving pictures portraying the Passion Play will make an entertainment such as was never afforded free of cost.

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- A Fur Muff 65c and up
- A pair Fur Gloves \$1 50 and up
- A Cloth Jacket \$2 00 and up
- A Trimmed Hat \$1 00 and up
- A Dress Length 72c and up
- A pair Kid Gloves 75c and up
- A Handkerchief 2c and up
- An Umbrella 35c and up
- A Silk Blouse \$3 85 and up
- A Velvet Blouse \$2 50 and up
- A Cashmere Blouse \$2 50 and up
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