

FACTS, FANCIES, QUIPS & COMMENTS

FROM THE AUSTRALIAN PAPERS.

Our coast is very beautiful and very enjoyable, but, who, oh, who are we still as a nation, possibly, modest that...

many mornings ago a gentleman was journeying by the car from the Eastern suburbs, and quietly reading his morning paper, when a feminine voice called out to him from the adjoining car...

Successive British Governments continue the Imperial policy of promoting Australia with a sense of their obligations to the Motherland in naval matters...

Culture is to be the keynote of our society in the future. Already the craving for knowledge has set in. It began with "The Kibboon" and it will end no one knows where...

Leading members of the Sydney branch of the Chinese Empire Reform Association, when questioned on Professor Macmillan Brown's remarks...

Prince Buelow told some amusing stories of his relations with newspapers in the course of his reply to a speech at a garden party given by him to a Press Congress in Berlin...

Prince Buelow explained that this is a man who has nothing to do, the eighties, he said, when he was at the Paris Embassy...

Thought it might be rite. A man addicted to walking in his sleep went to bed all right one night, but when he awoke he found he had himself on the street...

Yes, the big hat has arrived, but not, I fancy, to stay for very long (remarks a correspondent in a Melbourne paper)...

Senator Dooliver, of Iowa, recently made a speech in Philadelphia to bankers. He had been warned to let politics alone...

It was the same old story; a negro up for chicken stealing. But "Uncle Eben" did not give the thumping I saw, ah, never d-d-done it." He passed to the situation...

What was that to say for yourself? "Well, ah," the old western began, "it was like a bush. He larder were clear empty. I says to myself, 'Brudder Eben, you 'got to make a raid. Den I goes an' gits a piece ob paper an' I makes out a deed which reads: 'So-called pretty, de head-ooop ob de reach ob de said 't'...

short sentences to illustrate his answers. The following were amongst the most amusing results:—

LAMPPOON.

- 1. A lively little poem, as, "John is writing a lampoon."
2. A Chinese fishing boat. "The sea was littered with lampoons."
3. A jewel; a precious stone. "He was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for stealing a lampoon."
4. A satire. He put plenty of lampoons in his poems.

MINIMISE.

To advise wrongly. "He was advised to have nothing to do with him or he would minimise him."

RADICAL.

Original. "Was that joke which you sent in radical?"

INEVITABLE.

Unconquerable. "Napoleon was called the inevitable."

PERIPHRASEIC.

- 1. Belonging to agriculture; farming.
2. A favourite noun—from periphraseic about, pater-father.
3. Pertaining to the heart.
4. Short and to the point.

PULMONARY.

Breaking up, as, "The pulmonary of the town by the earthquake was terrible."

FISCAL.

- 1. Belonging to a public department, as, "The books were property fiscal."
2. Leading, of great importance, as, "The fiscal question at present is military training."
3. Pertaining to the Treasury, as, "The papers can be obtained from the fiscal."

HUSBANDS.

Husbands are largely manufactured out of the raw material grown on farms and outlying districts. There are some few city varieties, but they are poor in quality.

IN DOUBT.

The story is told of an enthusiastic, but inexperienced beginner who invited a friend who had never seen golf played, to follow him round the course...

FISHIN'.

Riding across the country one day, Dr. Blank noticed an old negro who had been for quite a while perched motionless upon a little bridge, fishing silently in the stream beneath...

AT THE SEANCE.

Mr. Harkaway, after much solicitation, was persuaded to attend a spiritualistic seance. His friend, who believed in mediums, assured him that the present presiding genius of the spiritualistic party would not be a mean or a fraud...

BERNARD SHAW AT A MUSICAL.

Bernard Shaw, who is not overfond of music, happened to be beguiled to a musical given by a prominent London society woman, who, during the evening found the author sitting disconsolate and bored in a corner of the room...

Spelling By Ear.

Dr. Pangloss, in "The Hair at Law," mentioned that a distinguished nobleman always spelt "phyche" with an "f". This only anticipated the work of the English Simplified Spelling Society...

from the French. In the time of Chaucer the word was spelt "schette" and was pronounced as two syllables. In Elizabeth's day when the final "e" was dropped, the double "t" became of no account...

SILENCE FOLLOWED.

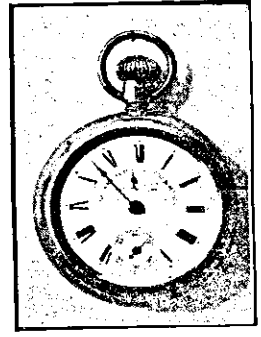
"Dear," said the young wife, "I just can't wait till Christmas to tell you what I've got you for a present." "Well, sir," replied the young husband, "what is it?"

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