

'Don't fall right over the minute any one tries to make you sit up straight.

Don't get your hair into such a mop that no one can comb it out without tearing it out.

'Don't smile all the time. Don't leave your eyes half open and half shut for a moment or two. That makes one feel 'creepy.' Don't—if you are jointed dolls—don't squeak.

'Don't be proud of your clothes.

'Don't spill sawdust over the carpet, and please don't ever get lost again in your own or any one else's house, 'cause you worry your mamma 'most to death.

'Don't make me say don't all the time, and please be good like me.'

HIS READY WIT

A non-commissioned officer, entering a barrack gate in Dublin, was mistaken by the 'fresh one' on sentry go, who immediately saluted him. The non-commissioned officer, unaware that his colonel was just behind, returned the salute, a thing not permissible under the circumstances. Arrived at his quarters, he was surprised to find an order for him to attend before the Colonel. On presenting himself he was asked how he came to return the salute, knowing full well he was not entitled to it.

Not in the least embarrassed, he promptly answered, 'Sir, I always return everything I am not entitled to.'

The colonel, taken aback by his ready wit, laughing-ly dismissed him.

ODDS AND ENDS

Many a true word is spo'en in indigestion.

'Is it true that Bankes died poor?' 'Yes. You see, he lost his health pursuing fortune, and then lost his fortune pursuing health.'

'There are at least two things in this world which can be broken without serious damage to either.' 'What are they?' 'Records and hearts.'

'You often near of the Molyneux River falling, but it never seems to hurt itself.' 'Well, you see, it always falls on its bed.'

The familiar phrase, 'The almighty dollar' was coined by Washington Irving in 'The Creole Village,' which he published in; 1837.

The teacher had been talking about a hen sitting on eggs, and, with the incubator in his mind, asked if eggs could be hatched in any other way. 'Yes, put 'em under a duck,' was the response.

FAMILY FUN

The Fish and Ink Trick.—This is really a first-rate delusion. You bring before the spectators a glass vase, full of ink. You dip a ladle into it, and pour out some of the ink upon a plate, in order to convince the audience that the substance in the vase is really ink. You then throw a handkerchief over the vase, and instantly withdraw it, when the vase is found to be filled with pure water, in which a couple of gold fish are swimming. This apparent impossibility is performed as follows. To the interior of the vessel is fitted a black silk lining, which adheres closely to the sides when pressed by the water, and which is withdrawn inside the handkerchief during the performance of the trick. The ladle has a hollow handle with an opening into the bowl, in the handle is a sponful or so of ink, which runs into the bowl when it is held downward, during the act of dipping it into the vase.

Musical Figures Resulting from Sounds.—Cover the mouth of a wide glass, having a foot-stalk, with a thin sheet of membrane, or vegetable paper, over which scatter a layer of fine sand. The vibration excited in the air by the sound of a musical instrument, held within a few inches of the membrane, will cause the sand on its surface to form regular lines and figures with astonishing celerity, which vary with the sound produced, effecting a particular mode of division, according to the number of vibrations.

All Sorts

Village Schoolmaster (explaining 'biped and quadruped'): 'Now, Jones, what is the difference between me and a pig?' Jones: 'Couldn't tell you, sir.'

Some trees are much more liable to be struck by lightning than others. Thus the oak and the elm are often struck and destroyed; but the ash is rarely struck, and the beech, it is said, never.

Maid: 'How is it, madam, that, although you receive a great number of persons, all ugly, you always say you are glad to see them?' Madam: 'But it is quite true. Do you think I should like to be blind?'

All over the world there are 562,436 miles of railway lines now open. America, with its vast territory, has 285,781 miles, and Europe is a poor second with 193,133 miles.

The largest orchards in the world are at Werder, near Berlin. They extend without a break to about 13,000 acres. They yield about 48,000 tons of apples and pears every year.

'Gentlemen of the jury,' said the prosecuting barrister, 'this prisoner is an unmitigated scoundrel; he acknowledges it. And yet, thanks to the wisdom of the common law, he has been given a fair trial by a jury of his peers.' The prisoner was acquitted.

The Mastership of the Horse is the most coveted office in the King's Household. The salary is £2500 a year, and there are some valuable privileges and perquisites, including the use of the Royal horses and carriages, with the attendance of the servants belonging to the same.

The custom of inscribing upon tombstones was in vogue among the Greeks and Romans. The Greeks only did this, however, in the case of their illustrious men, but when a Roman died he was duly buried near a highway, and on his tombstone was carved a suitable inscription, which in the majority of cases began with 'Sta, viator' (stop traveller).

The danger of sending telegrams is shown in the following story. A member of Parliament was to have made a speech at Derby, and being unable to do so because the heavy rains had destroyed the branch railway, sent a telegram as follows: 'Cannot come. Wash out on line.' In a few hours the reply came: 'Never mind. Borrow a shirt.'

Ben Butler, the Massachusetts lawyer, who was Governor of the State for a term, was a terror and torment to the judges. On one occasion Judge Sanger, having been bullied and badgered out of all patience, petulantly asked:—'What does the counsel suppose I am on this Bench for?' Scratching his head a minute, Butler replied, 'Well, I confess your Honor's got me there.'

Everybody knows one or more of those conscientious egotists who cannot rid themselves of the idea that no one can be trusted to carry out the simplest details of routine work without their personal supervision. It was one of these men who sailed for America, leaving in his brother's care a parrot of which he was very fond. All the way across the Atlantic he worried about the bird, and no sooner had he landed at New York than he sent over this cablegram to his brother:—'Be sure and feed parrot.' And the brother cabled back:—'Have fed him but he is hungry again. What shall I do next?'

The young wife gazed sweetly into her husband's eyes. 'James,' she began, 'you know how I have been scraping and saving all the winter for my new summer costume?' 'Yes,' said the man; 'I know.' 'Well,' she went on, 'I've decided on it now. It is to be made of pale green broadcloth, and it will cost seven guineas. I want you to help me a little.' 'How much do you need?' the husband inquired, warily. 'I've got it all but seven pounds.'

The original manuscript of fourteen of the compositions of Paganini, the celebrated violinist, has been discovered among the archives of the Perugia municipality, and among them is the manuscript of the famous third concerto, which is considered one of Paganini's finest works. Mr. Russell, an English banker, has offered £12,000 for five of the pieces, and Mr. Pierront Morgan, who wants ten of them, has offered £40,000 for his share. Signor Rava, the Italian Minister of Finance, has forbidden the Perugia municipality to accept the offers, as the Italian Government wishes to acquire the manuscript itself.