

ful about getting in draughts. You caught an awful cold the last time." "I'll try to remember," he returned. She imprinted a farewell kiss upon his brow. "I hope, dear," she said, a catch in her voice, "you'll think of me every day while you're gone." "Yes, dear, I will," responded the hubby absently. "I'll make a memorandum of it."

WHERE THE PROFIT CAME FROM.

While waiting for a train home from the city one night Jones grew restless, and looked about for something. His eye fell upon a slot machine and he promptly inserted a penny.

"I have often wondered," he remarked aloud, in the manner of all truly thoughtful men, "where the profit on these machines—"

Here he grasped the handle with a firm and masterful grip.

"Where the profit on these affairs—"

So saying he shook the machine.

"I have often wondered," he continued, giving it another vigorous shake, "where the profit— Hang the thing!"

Then one of the porters came up and told him that the machine was out of order, and Jones realised at last where part of the profit came from.

THE TOOTHISOME TEST.

Enticed by a window display of freshly-dusted tomatoes and lettuce leaves, the unwary stranger dropped into the *Betternot Buffet* and called for the bill of fare.

An aged waiter approached, and licked yesterday's crumbs from the table with a day-before-yesterday's napkin.

"What have you got good to-day, eh?" asked the stranger.

"Hoysters," answered the waiter, nodding with kindly assurance. "And you needn't be afeared of 'em, sir, for they're very good indeed. Why," he added confidentially, "we're eatin' 'em ourselves!"

SMILE RAISERS.

The bishop was addressing the Sunday school. In his most expressive tones he was saying, "And now, children, let me tell you a very sad fact. In Africa there are 10,000,000 square miles of territory without a single Sunday school where little boys and girls can spend their Sundays. Now, what should we all try and save up our money and do?" And the class, as one voice, replied in ecstatic union, "Go to Africa!"

A "Tommy," lying in hospital, had beside him a watch of curious and foreign design. The attending doctor was interested. "Where did your watch come from?" he asked. "A German gave it to me," he answered. A little piqued, the doctor inquired how the foe had come to convey this token of esteem and affection. "E 'ad to," was the laconic reply.

A certain bishop on a trip across the ocean was asked by a lady to sign his name in her autograph album. He did so, but she was not quite satisfied. "Oh," she said gushingly, "won't you sign all your titles?" He took the album again, and after his name he wrote, "Miserable Sinner."

"I wish to report the clerk in your office," said the irate spinster of mature years to the manager of the seaside hotel. "She's most impertinent." "How so, madam?" "I inquired whether my rooms had been reserved, and she called out to the porter, 'This lady's sweet sixteen.'" And it took the manager a quarter of an hour to convince her that "suite" sixteen was meant.

Mrs Tompkins: "Lor', Mrs. Smithers, now there ain't no queues the shoppin's a bit flat, ain't it?"

Mrs. Smithers: "You're right, Mrs. Tompkins: just what I says to my ole man—you walks straight inter the shop and comes out again with yer quarter of marge, and there's nothin' to do but to go 'ome!"

SCIENCE SIFTINGS

By "VOLT."

Strangely Constructed Towns.

Kelberk, near Cracow, is a town which is located underground and is cut entirely from rock salt. There are 3000 inhabitants, all workers in the salt mines, and all the houses and streets are of the purest white. There is probably in all the world only one town built of glass, and that is to be found near Yellowstone Park, in the United States. The glass is not artificial, but natural, being formed by ages of volcanic action. It is dark green or black in hue, but in every other respect resembles the artificial product. Easily cut into slabs and impervious to the weather, it makes excellent building material. Bareira, in Portuguese East Africa, is the only zinc city in existence. Zinc is the only material capable of withstanding the peculiar climate. It only took some thousands of people who make up the population six months to build the place. Hospital, church, arsenal, and every dwelling is of zinc; the dead are buried in zinc coffins, and even most of the railway cars are of zinc throughout.

Animals as Sentinels.

A wounded soldier, asked what had surprised him most in the battle-zone, told of finding a robin's nest in an empty shell-case. As a rule birds are the finest sentinels among the lower down folk. They become aware of approaching aircraft long before man hears anything. Early in the war, parrots were kept at the Eiffel Tower as sentinels, but they grew accustomed to the sound of enemy planes and were no longer of use. Pheasants always grow restless and chatter noisily if Zeppelins are approaching, even when they are far away, so far that man can hear no sound. What is perhaps stranger is the fact that such ordinary creatures as pigs should sight a balloon when it is coming over. The "blister" makes no sound, yet, should one appear against the sky miles from a farmyard, the farmer will be made aware of the fact by the curious antics of his pigs and the clucking of his hens. Toy dogs are always susceptible to the presence of danger, and many a pet shows uneasiness before a raid. Cats, too, show fear of gun-fire, and seem to know when danger threatens. Dogs, birds, and horses are very sensitive to sound. Watch the birds during a daylight raid, listen to the dogs, and visit the stable where the horse restively stamps up and down. But that all animals can accustom themselves to sounds that cause fear is proved by our cavalry horses, dogs that accompany their masters into the firing-line, and the robin's nest in the empty shell-case.

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