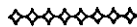


SAVED IN VAIN.

"Woman," said the dejected young man, "is a disappointment and a fraud."

"Indeed?" said his friend.

"Yes, I saved up all my tobacco money and lived on porridge for two weeks to take Miss Truelove to the opera and a supper. Then I asked her to marry me and she said she was afraid I was too extravagant to make a good husband!"



THE ONLY REMEDY.

A man went to his doctor and requested treatment for his ankle.

After a careful examination, the doctor inquired: "How long have you been going about like this?"

"Two weeks."

"Why man, your ankle is broken. How you managed to get around is a marvel. Why didn't you come to me at first?"

"Well, doctor, every time I say anything is wrong with me, my wife declares I'll have to stop smoking."



SHE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.

He had taken his sweetheart to a football match, and found as much pleasure in describing the game to her as in shouting to the home team.

The homesters were faring badly, and the visiting team bombarded the home goal as persistently as Angelina bombarded Edwin with questions.

"Why have the other team scored three goals and yours none?" she asked.

"Weak backs, dear," was his reply.

"Weak backs?" she queried. "I am surprised! Men who suffer from weak backs should not take part in such a rough game as football."



SMILE RAISERS.

Absent-minded Professor (who has unconsciously donned his daughter's hat): "How remarkable it is that the first touch of spring immediately transforms humanity into happy, smiling beings!"

A doctor was attending an old lady who had a severe cold. "Did your teeth chatter when you felt the chill coming over you?" asked the doctor. "I dinna ken, doctor. They were lying on the table," was the pleasant reply.

"Now, dearest," said the happy girl, "you must see father."

"Oh, I saw him yesterday," replied the young man, "or, rather, he saw me. He told me I must either speak out or get out."

Old Lady (to policeman on point duty): "Young man, can you tell me where I get the bus for 'Ackney?"

Constable (noticing bus approaching): "In the middle of your back, ma'am, if you don't 'op out of the way quickly."

Irate Passenger (who had managed to board a tramcar that didn't stop): "I say, suppose I'd slipped and lost a leg?"

Conductor (kindly): "You wouldn't have to do any more jumpin' then. We always stop for a man with a crutch."

Science Siftings

(By Volt)

Hearing With the Hands?

To teach the totally deaf to hear through the palms of their hands is the purpose of an instrument invented by Dr. Robert Gault.

The instrument resembles a telephone receiver and operates on a similar principle to the telephone, except that, instead of carrying sound vibrations to the ear, it causes them to reach the hand or some other sensitive part of the body.

It is necessary for the person using the apparatus to recognise what speech sounds caused the particular vibration he detects through his sense of touch. With the aid of the instrument Dr. Gault has succeeded in teaching five deaf persons to identify fifteen sentences containing ninety one-syllable words.

Glass Windows: Responsible for Much Ill-Health.

Glass windows, according to a committee of scientists and doctors who have been investigating the question of conserving child life on behalf of the city of Boston (America), are responsible for much of the ill-health of to-day (says the *Daily Express*). Recent investigations have disclosed that many of the plants and animals are unable to complete their development and live normal lives unless they receive ultra-violet radiation from the sun, says the committee in its report. We know that a great many ailments of man can be traced to the invention of glass, for these rays, so beneficial to the development and support of life, are unable to pass through our windows. For example, rickets is a disease which may be caused by a lack of that part of sunlight stopped by glass. We find that surprisingly large numbers of cases of painful child-birth can be traced directly to bones that have been deformed from lack of these parts of sunlight. Certain animals which are nocturnal in their habits are apparently able to obtain a substitute for sunlight in their food. Further, if certain kinds of food are exposed to ultra-violet light they acquire anti-rachitic qualities. This raises the question of whether or not greenhouse foods have the same nutritive value as foods raised under natural conditions.

260 Miles an Hour Aeroplanes.

In a determined effort to win back the Schneider Cup, the international trophy for air marine craft, which was won by the United States at Cowes two years ago, craft are now being constructed to represent Great Britain which, it is confidently believed, will be capable of a speed of between 260, and 270 miles an hour.

One of the racing craft now being built secretly is the development of a type which, during "hush, hush" trials last autumn, attained a speed of 215 miles an hour with the throttle not fully open.

With a very small span, and stream-lined so that there are no "bumps" in the fuselage, this racer, which will be equipped with floats for landing on water, will look like a flying

bullet as it goes hurtling through the air.

One of the secrets of its speed will be the specially constructed engine, let into the fuselage to minimise wind resistance.

This is a development of the Napier Lion engine, but the new type will develop nearly 600-h.p., and by the introduction of a direct drive weight will be reduced by nearly 25 per cent.

Doing Without the Sun.

Recent experiments for the purpose of curing hay that is green, wet, or both, have shown that the farmer is not necessarily dependent upon the whims of the weather for the success of his haying operations.

The wet hay is stacked around a cone-shaped wooden framework. Then hot air from a furnace is driven through it by means of a fan or blower from a farm tractor.

With the air heated to a temperature of from thirty to sixty degrees above that of the outside atmosphere, a twenty-five-ton stack of wet, green hay can be cured in eight hours.



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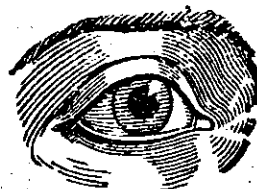
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