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Hannibal Hamlin's Client.

Hannibal Hamlin, for many years a United States senator from Maine, and vice-president during the civil war, was wont to tell the following story on himself:

"An Englishman by the name of Pearson, while passing along the main street in Bangor stepped in a hole in the sidewalk, and falling broke his leg. He brought suit against the city for \$1,000, and engaged Hamlin as counsel.

"Hamlin won his case, but the city appealed to the Supreme Court. Here, also, the decision was for Hamlin's client.

"After settling up the claim, Hamlin sent for his client and handed him \$1.

"What's this?" asked the Englishman.

"That's your damages, after taking out my fee, the cost of appeal, and several other expenses," said Hamlin.

"The Englishman looked at the dollar, and then at Hamlin. 'What's the matter with this,' he said, 'is it bad?'"—Boston Herald.

Simple Cures.

For sudden hoarseness try a lump of borax the size of a pea dissolve in the mouth.

A teaspoonful of warm honey taken every fifteen minutes has a surprising effect on catarrh.

An old fashioned cure for a cold is to wrap a silk handkerchief over the head after having soaked the feet in the customary mustard water.

One of the best remedies for toothache is compound tincture of benzoin. Saturate a piece of cotton wool with it and apply to the offending tooth.

A few drops of coal oil are useful in many directions for home nursing. Apply to the throat as soon as any soreness is felt and further trouble will probably be avoided.

If butter is applied immediately to a bruise it will be found healing. It will often prevent any discoloration. If the butter is salt it may smart a little, but there will be no harm done.—Siftings.

The King's English.

In his speech at the opening of Parliament King Edward of England (his ministers, of course) violated the King's English" with inaccuracies, of which the following are samples: With a fine impartiality he said that "my Government have," "my Government is," "my Government has and "the Chinese Government have." Then he said "the war which has been in progress since February last continues." Of course it continues; otherwise it would be a war that "had" been in progress. "Progress has notably been made in the reorganization of the gendarmerie, to which officers belonging to my army have contributed valuable assistance." What precedent noun does "which" refer to—progress, reorganization or gendarmerie?—Siftings.

The Earliest Love Letter.

A French paper records the discovery of what appears to be the oldest love letter in the world. It was written on a brick, about 2200 B. C., by a Babylonian to a lady living at 'the two Sippers'—a city known to readers of the Old Testament as Sepharvaim. The lover's name was Gimil, and he writes as follows to Kafbuya—a word that means a lamb: 'May the sun of Marduk give the eternal life. I would fain know if thy health is good. Send me a message so that I may be informed of it. I am at Babylon and cannot see thee, and therefore am very anxious. Send me a message to tell me when thou wilt come, so that my heart may rejoice. Come in the October November month. Mayest thou live long, so that I may enjoy thy love.'

Time and Setting Hens.

An enterprising salesman from one of the large cities went to a certain rural community and endeavored to sell an incubator to a farmer. His arguments did not make any impression upon the agriculturist. Finally, as a clincher in favour of his up-to-date improvement, he exclaimed, "Look at the time it will save!"

The farmer squinted a mouthful of tobacco juice on the ground before replying, and then said, with provoking calmness, "Oh, what's time to a setting hen?"

That settled the question. No incubator was sold.

Piece and Prosperity.

The lad had a face bright and sunny, and a pair of blue eyes like a girl's, and he had just put an end to the earthly existence of a fine ripe banana in a manner remarkable for its neatness and despatch.

Then he looked up at "daddy" and smiled the inquiring smile which meant trouble for the old man.

"Dad," he said softly, "supposin' I'd been twins."

Dad shuddered; but it is necessary to dissemble sometimes.

"We'll, George," he said, "supposing?"

"You'd have bought the other boy a banana, too, wouldn't you? Fact, I don't see how you could have got out of it."

"I should have certainly bought the other boy, as you call him, a banana," said dad austerely.

"Well, dad," said the dear little fellow, "you surely ain't goin' to cheat me out of a banana cos I'm all in one piece, are you?"

A groan came from somewhere, but George was neatly despatching another banana pretty soon.—The Sketch.

Delusive Sounds.

Which is the more reprehensible of the two expressions, "Oh, dear me," or "Not worth a tinker's dam?" Some good folk will be surprised to learn that the former words, for all their apparent innocence, comprise downright hard swearing, being simply an Anglicised form of the Italian "O Dio Mio!"—literally, "Oh, my God!" On the other hand, the latter fierce, round-oath-like expression is merely a harmless industrial simile. The tinker's "dam" was an embarkment of clay or putty, by which fused solder was confined to a desired point, and afterwards, when the metal had cooled, the "dam" was broken away and thrown aside as worthless—hence "not worth a tinker's dam."

Ominous Inaugural.

An old bachelor farmer in Grey County was being married to a young girl, and the preacher asked:

'Do you take this woman to be your wedded wife, to love and cherish, in sickness and health, for better, for worse, for rich or poor, until death do you part?'

The groom seemed very much agitated by these words, and looked helplessly around. At last he spoke:

"There ain't no use making the out-look of this wedding so darn gloomy," he burst out.



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