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A humorous excuse was that given by the defendant in a case of breach of promise. "Yes," he said, "I kissed her almost continually every evening I called at her house." "Then you confess it?" said the lawyer for plaintiff. "Yes, I do confess it, but I had to do it!" "You had to do it! What do you mean?" "Why, that was the only way that I could keep her from singing."

A country damsel, describing her first kiss, said that she never knew how it happened, but the last thing she remembers was a sensation of fighting for her breath in a hot-house full of violets, with the ventilation choked by blush-roses and tulips.

Almost everyone has heard of the first kiss given by Dominie Brown to his sweetheart Janet, after a courtship of seven years. One evening, as they sat together in the customary solemn silence, Mr. Brown summoned courage and said: "We have been acquainted now for seven years, and I've ne'er gotten a kiss yet. D'ye think I might tak' wan, my bonnie girl?"

"Just as you like, only be becoming wi' it."

"Surely, Janet, we'll ask a blessing. For what we are about to receive, Lord, make us truly thankful."

The kiss was taken, and the worthy divine, overpowered by the blissful sensation, rapturously exclaimed: "Oh, Janet it is gude. We'll return thanks." Six months afterward they were married.

Too Late for the Train.

It is impossible to "catch a train" when you are a minute too late, while on the other hand "catching a cold" is almost impossible to avoid. If you have "caught a cold" obtain at once a bottle of Hawker's Tolu and Wild Cherry Balsam; it will quickly put it to flight. It is a certain cure for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all throat and lung troubles. Safe and pleasant to take, sure to cure. Sold everywhere, 25 and 50 cents a bottle.

Not the Same to Her.

[Kate Field's Washingston.]

Congratulations offered in a general way are just a little below par in one of the down town departments at present. A certain Chief of Division named Smith is very popular with the ladies of the department. He has under him a clerk also named Smith. On New Year's Day the wife of Clerk Smith presented him with a son and heir, and on the following day his friends in the department fairly swarmed around his desk with congratulations. That morning a modest little maiden clerk, whom, for present purposes, we may style Miss Jones, overheard two acquaintances in the corridor talking about "mother and child," in hushed voices, and, woman-like, she stopped to ask what the news was.

"Why—haven't you heard?" exclaimed one of the conversants. "Mr. Smith has had an addition to his family—a splendid big boy. We've all been in to offer our congratulations."

"Indeed!" cried Miss Jones. "I must go to."

Suiting the action to the word, and without stopping to reflect that there were two Mr. Smith's, she started post-haste for the desk of the Chief of Division. He was buried up to his ears in work, and did not notice her approach till, in her gentle little voice, she said:

"Please accept my congratulations, Mr. Smith."

Chief Smith is a kindly man; his friends of the other sex had been interrupting his work all the morning with wishes for a happy new year, and in his absorption he had fallen into a stereotyped way of answering without half hearing the remark or noticing its form. So when he heard Miss Jones's light treble saying something indicative of good wishes, he merely raised his eyes mechanically, and responded wish an absent air:

"Thank you, Miss Jones The same to you!"

Miss Jones gave a little gasp, and attempted to stammer out something explanatory, of which nothing was audible to the clerks sitting around except the words "little stranger." Still the chief, his mind full of his work, missed the entire purport of her speech. All he observed was that the dear little lady had not left her place at his side, and, thinking that possibly he had not spoken distinctly enough the first time, he repeated, in a louder tone:

"The same to you, Miss Jones—and many of them!"

This was too much, both for Miss Jones, who retired to her room blushing like a peony, and for the surrounding clerks, who roared till the office fairly shook. Ever since the second of January it has been noticed that Miss Jones conducts her business with Chief Smith's Division in writing, or by messenger.

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So eminently successful has Hood's Sarsaparilla been that many leading citizens from all over the United States furnish testimonials of cures which seem almost miraculous. Hood's Sarsaparilla is not an accident, but the ripe fruit of industry and study. It possesses merit "peculiar to itself."

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The Greatest Things.

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The largest university is Oxford; it has twenty-one colleges and five halls.

The largest American city park is Fairmount, at Philadelphia, 2,740 acres.

The tallest stone tower is the Washington Monument at Washington, 555 feet.

The longest tunnel is that under the St. Gothard Pass. It is nine and a half miles.

The greatest inland sea is the Caspain, which is 700 miles long and 270 in width.

The best whispering gallery is in the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

The largest ship was the Great Eastern, 600 feet long, 118 feet broad, 12,000 tons.

The most disastrous flood was that of Holland, 1530; 400,000 persons drowned.

The oldest known pottery is that of Egypt; some of it dates from nearly 4000 B. C.

The most extensive mines are those of Saxony; the galleries have 123 miles of length.

The deepest coal shaft in America is at Pottsville, Pa. In 1885 it had reached 1,576 feet.

The lowest body of water is the Dead sea, nearly 1,300 feet below the level of the sea.

The Chinese language is spoken by the greatest number of people, over 400,000,000.

The longest river is the Mississippi and Missouri, considered as one; about 4,300 miles.

The oldest natural weapon is the club; the oldest manufactured weapon is the sword.

The highest bridge is near Bradford, Pa. It has a span of 2,051 feet and is 301 feet high.

The oldest written history is that contained in the books said to be written by Moses.

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Psychic Research.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Mr. Balfour, the leader of the Opposition, distinguished himself last week not only in the delivery of a strong series of political speeches but by openly advocating a thorough and scientific investigation of psychic or spiritualistic phenomena He, as president of the Society of Psychical Research, said in an address on Friday that he thought the time had come when the leaders of scientific thought should recognize that there were well-attested facts which did not naturally fall into the framework of the sciences or of organized experiences. The proposed investigation was different from the scientific cross-examination of nature, for it would have to deal with abnormal or incomplete faculties, with exceptional conditions in exceptional individuals. He saw no inherent impossibility of such half-formed senses being sporadically developed in the human race. They seemed to come across facts which could not be made by any manipulation to fit into the interstices of the accepted view of the psychical world. If that were so, they were engaged in a work of prodigious difficulty, but one of whose importance the difficulty was only the measure. They had refractory class problems to deal with, but it seemed to him that at least they would be able to prove that outside of the world, as scientifically they had been in the habit of conceiving it, there lay a region, not open indeed to experimental observations in the same way that the more familiar regions of the material world were open, but from which some information could be gleaned; and if they could not as a result of their exertions discover what laws these strange phenomena obeyed, it would at all events be something to have shown as a matter of ascertained fact that there were things in heaven and earth which were beyond philosophy even of the most scientific.

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Some Royal Personages.

The Queen of England has reigned longer than any other ruler in the world, having ascended the throne in 1837. Next to her in point of time are Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, and Frederick, the Grand Duke of Baden. The monarchs who have reigned the shortest time are Prince Frederick of Waldeck and Duke Alfred of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. The oldest monarch is the Pope, who is more than eighty-three years of age. The Grand Duke of Luxembourg and the King of Denmark, respectively seventy-six and seventy-five years old, stand next to him in this regard. The Grand Duke Karl Alexander, who lives in Weimar, is fourth in point of age, and Queen Victoria, with her seventy-four years, is the fifth oldest monarch. The youngest crowned heads are the little Queen of the Netherlands, who is thirteen, and the King of Spain, who is seven and one-half years old.

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Gambling.

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