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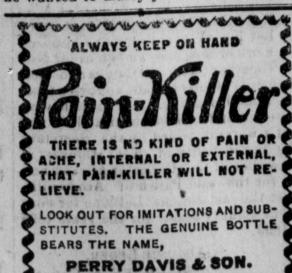
Nothing is funnier than the truth blunderingly stated. A lawyer was crossquestioning an Irish woman, the point under inquiry being the relative position of the doors, windows and so forth in the house in which a certain transaction was said to have occurred.

"And now my good woman," the lawyer said, "will you be good enough to tell the court how the stairs run in your

house." "How do the stairs rur?" the witness replied. "Shure, whin I'm oppstairs they run down, and whin I'm downstairs they run opp."

Children Cry for

But papa, wailed the young woman, you can have no idea how he loves me. He is willing to die for me this minute. Well, said the old man, scratching his chin thoughtfully, I don't know that I have any abjection to that. I was afraid he wanted to marry you.



Weather Weakness

Try as you may, you cannot escape the weary, worn out, dont-care-to-work feeling that accompanies spring weather.

Brain is not as clear as it ought to be; there is languor and listlessness instead of energy and activity.

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Keep Food Stuffs Apart.

The average servant thinks that when the has separated milk and butter from cheese and fish she has done her whole duty, but in point of fact she has only begun the necessary keeping apart of food stuffs. Almost all kinds absorb flavors to a greater or less degree. Tea, cocoa, chocolate, flour, eggs and cereals are almost as susceptible to the influence of neighboring foods as are milk and butter. Bananas, for example, particularly the highly flavored Aspinwall variety, will spoil an open jar of tea or cocoa or a tin of flour. Onions, salted fish, smoked beef and scores of other foods are similarly pervasive in their flavor. This absorption of odors and aroma is so well understood that it is often taken advantage of to produce a certain condition. In English dairies freshly cut grass is shut in with fresh butter to impart the flavor of new mown fields. The French cooks, too, according to Miss Parloa, keep a vanilla bean in a box of sugar to secure a delicate flavor in an economical way A thoughtless housewife, hearing that camphor was good to dispel ants, recently put lumps of this substance along her kitchen closet shelves with disastrous effect on the supplies that were shut in with them When a domestic science course is part of every girl's education. some of this kitchen chemistry will be better understood.

Overheard at a Wedding.

"Here she comes." "Pretty, isn't she?"

'Who made her dress?" "Is it surah silk or satin?"

"Is her veil real lace?"

"She's as white as the wall." "Wonder how much he is worth?"

"Isn't she cool?"

"That train's a horrible shape."
"Aren't the bridesmaids plain?"

"Hasn't she a nice little hand?" "Wonder what number her gloves are?"

"They say her shoes are fives.

"If his hair isn't parted in the middle!"

"Wonder what she married him for?"

"For his money, of course!" "Isn't he handsome?"

"He looks like a circus clown." "No, he's a dancing master.' "Good enough for her anyway."

"She always was so stuck up. "She'll be worse than ever now."

"She jilted John Hall or somebody "He's left town anyhow."

"Isn't he awkward?"

"White as his collar."
"Why don't they hurry up?"
"Did she say she would obey?"
"Oh, there, they are married!"

"Tired to death!"

"Glad it's over!" "Oh. dear!"-Illustrated American.

The God of Love.

"Well," said the girl, "I have had the

funniest time lately, and it took me the longest time to discover what was the trouble. It seemed to me that every man I knew almost acted as if he thought I was in love with him. I began to wonder whatever I could be doing to give people

such an impression. I thought over every-thing I had said, I carefully balanced every smile and investigated my minutest actions, but as far as I could see they were all above reproach. I was entirely in the dark until one day, in a general conversation, talking about writing notes, a man I positively hate said to me rather

"'I always keep your notes, Miss Ma-

bel, on account of the seal. "Then I understood it all. I had been sending out all my notes, invitations and things of that kind and sealed them with an old intaglio ring with the word 'Eros' on it, and I suppose all the men who had happened to receive one of these notes had

supposed it had a tender significance. "I have another ring with a simple little head on it that I use for sealing my letters, a little man who looks after my affairs, and I haven't had any trouble since."-New York Times.

A strange will and testament was made the other day by A A. Potman an electrical engineer of Rochester, N. Y. He sat down in his office with a small company of frien ls, lawyers and other witnesses, and 'talked' his will into a phonograph. He then took a hot copper wire and guided it along the wax roll of the phonograph, writing this is my last will and testamert.' He then signed his name and the witt e ses affixed theirs, using the wire in lieu ef a pen, and the wax roll in place of paper.

GOOD THING THEY'RE SMALL

ff Ants Were Much Larger, They Would Own the Earth.

If ants were large enough, they would rule the earth. As it is, they predominate the politics of their own sphere and have many human characteristics.

The longest time for which an ant sleeps is three and a half hours. On awakening, they stretch their legs, yawn and then carefully clean themselves by applying their legs to their mouths and rubbing them over their bodies, very much in the style of a cut washing her face, after which they comb and brush their heads and bodies with the natural comb which natare gives them.

The most remarkable thing about this is that almost every necessity for which we are obliged in our case to employ more or less complicated mechanical contrivances is provided for by the physical structure of the ants.

Ants clean themselves both before and after sleep, and also after eating. Frequently one ant will lick and brush another all over, limb by limb, the ant operated on sprawling on her back, relaxing her muscles and abandoning herself to the enjoyment of the operation.

They are great hunters, attacking stakes, lizards, rats. mice, centipeds and

They even kill the great African python It is said that if a python has killed an animal he dare not gorge himself with it till he has made a wide circuit and satisfled himself that there are no driver ants in the neighborhood. If, however, he meets with any he abandons his prey to them and discreetly retires. A certain species actually keep cows-in other words, plant lice. When the ants are hungry, they actually milk the aphides by tapping them briskly on the sides of the abdomen with their antennæ till the fluid exudes, when it is at once sucked up by the ants. They shut them up in cow houses and use them for days.

Ants act as soldiers in a very real way, and it is no stretch of language to call them pitched battles between ants of the same species and raids of one species upon the nests of another, sometimes to carry off the larvæ and pupæ as food (a modified form of cannibalism) and sometimes to supply their own nests with slaves.

Certain ants are agriculturists and allow ant rice to grow up in a circle round their nests, while every other plant is carefully cut down as fast as it appears. They sow the crop regularly, tend it and harvest it. When the seeds fall, they are carried into the nest, and the stubble is cleared away. When the grain in the nest gets damped by rain, these ants carry it out into the open to dry

Snakes Do Swallow Their Young. I met with a curious incident some years ago while hunting snakes in the

swamps at Melrose." I came across a male and female, striped, with numerous young ones. The parents were near each other, the family crawling over and around them. I was going for them, when on second thought I concluded to watch them. They did not appear frightened, but went on gamboling about for some time. I went a little nearer, when both snakes turned toward me, making a faint noise, and placed their heads flat on the round. It was a curious sight to see these young snakes, not long born, some of them a foot or two away, turn at the noise and instantly seek refuge in their parents' wide open mouths. I am certain it was a note of warning of danger. I caught both snakes and put them in separate bags. The female had ten young, and the male had swallowed five. This is the first instance of any notice of a male snake performing this affectionate duty for its young. I placed the whole family in a box, where they lived peaceably a long

Too Cultured.

time. - Forest and Stream.

A writer in The Critic speaks somewhat scoffingly of the requirements of "Boston culture" as applied to all walks of life. Of course her tone is satirical, and she gives humorous illustrations, the best of which

is this: Learning, like religion, has in all ages its martyrs, its Galileis, its Giordano Brunos. Visiting in Nebraska a few years ago, I was told the following story: A brakeman from Boston was employed on the line of railroad running from Nebraska City to Beatrice. When it became his duty to call out the name of this last station, he pronounced it in the most approved Tuscan, "Bay-ah-tree-chay!"

The passengers, simple souls, were at a loss what to do. They rose from their seats and hesitated. Some sat down again, and so were carried past their destination. This sort of thing continued, the brakeman was complained of, and he lost his

Not Hiding Her Light.

Rosalie, kneeling beside her little bed, saying her prayers at evening, always murmured, after a devout little "amen," some soft word, whose meaning her aunt could not catch. One evening she ques-

tioned the child. "Rosalie, what is it that you say every night after you have finished your

"Aunty," said Rosalie solemnly, "I just say, 'Dear Lord, this is Rosalie Pittman praying now. You see, so many little girls pray at just this same time, and I thought I'd best say which was me."

The Way of the World.

"So you went into the stock market yesterday and made several thousand dollars!" said the young man's uncle

"That shows how one may, with proper pluck and promptness, succeed if he will only take advantage of his opportunities." "But I lost that and several thousand

"Young man, how often have I told you that such transactions are merely gambling, and that you are bound to come to grief sooner or later if you dabble in them?"

The Forehanded Man.

"There is no feeling of satisfaction so solid," said Mr. Staybolt, "as that which arises from having a little something laid by. Life isn't full of lee shores by any means. As a rule it's pleasant sailing, but you may find yourself on a lee shore once in awhile, and, though you may be able to work off all right without it, it's a great satisfaction to have an anchor that you can put overboard in case you need it and one that you know will hold."-New York Sun.

Both Failed.

"This makes the tenth morning, ma'am, that I have tried to collect this milk bill.' "I've tried more mornings than that. sir, to collect a little cream from your milk, and I have never had any better success than you're going to have this time. Don't step on the cat when you go out Prease "

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AN ANSWERED PRAYER.

O give me a message of quiet, I asked in my morning prayer; For the turbulent spirit within me Is more than my heart can bear. Around there are strife and discord And the storms that do not cease, And the whirl of the world is on me-

Thou only canst give me peace.

opened the dear old Bible And looked at a page of Psalms, Till the wintry sea of my trouble Was soothed by its summer calms. For the words that have helped so many,

And that ages have made more dear, Were strong in their power to comfort, And they brought me my word of cheer, They did not find it easy,

Those writers of long ago, To live in this world of sorrow And its lights and shades to know. They were often sad and weary, Their hearts were sore afraid, But they knew in whom they trusted, And they were not quite dismayed.

Like music of solemn singing Their words came down to me! "The Lord is slow to anger, And of mercy great is He. Each generation praiseth His works of long renown.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth the bowed down."

That gave me the strength I wanted;
I knew that the Lord was nigh; Ali that was making me sorry Would be better by and by. had but to wait in patience, And keep at my Father's side, And nothing would really hurt me, Whatever might betide,

I found that when He gives quiet No other can trouble make; Pardon and peace and safety Lie in the path I take; So, stronger to carry my burden,

I met my day of care, For my heart was lightened and joyous With the peace of an answered prayer.

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Wyoming In the Past.

Geologists are of the opinion that the vast territory known as Wyoming once had numerous fresh water lakes and a climate approaching the semitropical and that the animals whose bones are from time to time coming to light inhabited these lakes and the adjoining swamps in myriads. They sank into the mud in dying, and their bones were covered with other deposits and became petrified. The large beds are found at points supposed to have been the mouths great rivers, the animals after death having floated down these rivers to places where they were deposited in these estuaries, thus accounting for the vast deposits which characterize certain localities and which have proved such a study to scientific in-

Consistent.

vestigators.

"I have no sympathy wid a strike," said Meandering Mike.

"But you don't blame folks fur not workin?" protested Plodding Pete. "Ye can't strike unless ye've got a job, kin ye?" was the withering rejoinder. "Dey had no business goin to work in the first place."-Washington Star.

Forgot Bills With Pains.

"Yes," said the benevolent man, "1 thank heaven for my happy disposition. I am satisfied with what the day brings forth and quickly forget the pain and trouble that have passed.'

"Ah," replied the physician, "that explains your overlooking my little bill."-Catholic Standard-Times.

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