

Black and White.

Every crow is said to think its own nestling the whitest, but a white cat that had four kittens, of which three were white and the fourth was black, gave the first place in her affections to Sooty. Once they were all brought into the drawing room to be "shown off." Besides the humans the room contained a great Newfoundland dog. Hitherto cat and dog had been on friendly terms, but now pussy showed much anxiety lest the dog might harm her black pet especially. At last she seized it by the neck and bore it beneath the lowest piece of furniture, where the dog could not possibly crawl, but she merely mewed to the others to follow her as best they could. The black kitten owed all this care to its color, more happy in this respect than the black sheep which is said to be in every flock.

Holland.

Holland, known as North and South Holland, forms part of the northern part of the Netherlands. These provinces are composed of land rescued from the sea and defended by immense dikes. Holland was inhabited by the Batavi in the time of Caesar, who made a league with them. It became part of Gallia Belgica and afterward of the kingdom of Austria. From the tenth to the fifteenth century it was governed by counts under the German emperors. Holland was at one time a Dutch republic. It was created a kingdom in 1806, and Louis Bonaparte, father of Napoleon III., was declared king.

Sandstorms.

Sand and dust whirls occur in arid regions in hot weather. They may be anywhere from a rod to several rods in diameter and from twenty to a thousand feet high. They are sometimes compound, a score or more small whirls forming a whirling circle around a common center. They are very common in India. They sometimes carry up so much sand in the Sahara and Arabia that those on whom the sand falls are overwhelmed. They occur also in the arid regions of the United States.

In the Magdalena valley, across the mountains westward from Socorro, in New Mexico, during a hot day in summer they form at the head of a valley in a long, slender, vertical column perhaps 600 feet high and then travel down the valley toward the village of Magdalena, over which they burst sometimes, bringing little puffs of contrary winds and a shower of fine dust. In some places a group of stationary whirls of the same general character as the preceding is tied down to one point. Such are the whirls which form sometimes over volcanoes.

A Matter of Sex.

"A man trimmed that window," remarked a dealer in women's headgear, passing a millinery establishment on Twenty-third street in which all the hats and bonnets faced squarely toward the sidewalk, "and a woman fixed up the windows in that store," continued the man milliner as he came to the next store, in which the women's hats showed their backs, with their bows, pendent ribbons and streamers.

"You see," he said, "a man looks at a woman's face, and so it is only the front of the hat that he sees, and he doesn't know any better than to show the fronts when he is exhibiting hats for sale.

"But it is women, not men, who are the buyers, and they know that their women friends when they meet them smile sweetly as they pass and then turn and critically inspect their hats from the rear.

"So women select hats with stunning hind effects, and the woman milliner judiciously shows the rear elevation when she puts a hat on exhibition."—New York Times.

Crab Eating Monkeys.

People are so much in the habit of thinking that monkeys are found only in forests that it comes as a surprise to learn of one that bears the name of the crab eating macaque. It is found through Burma, Siam and Malay land, living among the trees that line the tidal creeks. The chief food of these animals consists of seeds, insects and crabs. In pursuit of crabs they must take to the water. Use has become second nature with them, as with other animals, and they are said to be able to swim uncommonly well.

All Claim the Center.

"Yes," he said thoughtfully; "Shakespeare was right. All the world's a stage, but it's a mighty funny stage at that."

"How so?"

"Practically every one who steps on the boards thinks he is cast for the star part, and as a general thing he's more than half through his lines before he discovers his mistake."

Russia's Armies.

Russia has three different armies. In Europe her men are five years in the active army, thirteen in the reserve and five years in the second reserve. In Asia they are seven years in actual service and six in the reserve. In Caucasasia they are only three in the active army and fifteen in the reserve.

Promising.

Landlord—In one word, when are you going to pay your arrears?

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Paper of the Ancients.

The interior bark of trees was formerly used to write upon, and its Latin name (liber, a bark) seems to intimate that its use was as ancient as the art of writing itself. In one respect the bark was superior to the leaf. It could be rolled into a volume, while the leaf would crack if subjected to such a process.

The Unbridged Channel.

The teacher asked the boy in the geography class whose French grammar is the one bane of his life:

"What separates France from England?"

"The irregular verbs," answered the boy earnestly.

Editorial Room Wit.

The reporter had just come in from a murder case. It was a rainy day, and he had to cross a plowed field on foot.

"I see," observed the chief editor, looking with much displeasure at his large and muddy boots, "you have brought the scene of the murder with you."

"Yes," answered the reporter apologetically; "I've got to have some ground for my story, you know."—London Express.

Discounting It.

He—Here's a story of a surgeon who amputated his own thumb. Wonderful, isn't it?

She—Oh, I don't know.

He—What! Just think of his nerve and the awful pain he must have suffered.

She—But no doubt he put himself under the influence of ether first.—Philadelphia Press.

Literally.

"I suppose," said the supercilious stranger in town, "your city has had its ups and downs notwithstanding its present prosperity."

"Yep," replied the resident cheerfully; "still got 'em—streets being torn up and old buildings being torn down."

Roman Boxers.

A boxer of ancient Rome would have laughed contemptuously at the suggestion that he should use gloves in his boxing matches. To make his blows more effective it was the custom to hold in each hand a heavy ball of metal. With his fist thus weighted nearly every blow brought blood.

Starting the Conversation.

"I don't know what the trouble is," said the hostess in a tone of great annoyance. "My guests seem very distant and unsocial. I wish I could think of some way to start them talking to one another."

"That's very easily done," answered Miss Cayenne. "Is there a musician present?"

"Yes."

"Get him to play or sing something."

The Lapse of Time.

When two married men who haven't seen each other for some time meet, one of them always says before they separate, "Let's see—how old is your oldest now?" And then, after he gets the answer, he adds, "It is astonishing, isn't how time does fly?"

A Soft Answer.

"Keep yer temper, laddie. Never quarrel wi' an angry person, especially a woman. Mind ye, a soft answer's ye best. It's commanded, and, forbye, 't makes them far madder than anything else ye could say."—London Tit-Bits.

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