

MERELY MATTER OF "NERVES"

The Nagger, Male or Female. Usually in the Victim of Business or Domestic Worry.

The newest German medical theories, as propounded by the famous Dr. Badolin, the nerve specialist, is that an occasional family scrap is the best tonic in the world for married couples...

The nagger is about the most unhappy creature in existence, however high the bid her husband, but putting by her, may make for a Carnegie prize for herolism...

There are, however, other authorities who are less inclined to advocate the extreme measure of a rebellious and insubordinate husband...

"It is hard to say which sex becomes the more irritable under prolonged nervous strain," declares Prof. Petia. "Men can be mighty cranky, especially to their subordinates in the business world..."

Uncle Joe's Divination. One summer, in the back woods of Missouri, where I had accompanied Uncle Joe Cannon on a tour of the state stumping...

Meaning of "At Half-Mast." Perhaps you have noticed that whenever a prominent person dies, especially if he is connected with the government...

Speculation on His Demise. Friends of Massenet say that the great composer had a premonition of his approaching death and liked to speculate on the way in which the news would be received...

Barrender Made a Guest. According to a Cincinnati banker, who lives at the Plaza hotel in New York, an English guest at that hotel...

Art and Architecture. John Sloan, the well-known artist of New York, takes the same intelligent interest in architecture as in painting.

A New York architect, aware of Mr. Sloan's excellent taste, took him in his motor car to see a huge and costly country house that he had erected for a millionaire on a bluff overlooking the Hudson.

English Getting Fond of Cheese. Cheese is coming more and more in favor for luncheons in England. In addition to the homemade product there were consumed last year imported cheeses that cost \$24,746,888.

WHO MADE FOOTPRINTS

QUESTION THAT HAS SCIENTISTS IN A QUANDARY.

Undoubtedly There, in a Solid Rock at Croton, N. Y. But How They Came There is Something That Puzzles the Wiscot.

Mysterious footprints in the solid rock on the east and west banks of the Hudson at Croton, N. Y. have puzzled the scientists, who believe them to have been made by a primate man before the Stone Age...

Many weird and wonderful legends have been read from the footprints in the rock. One of these attributes them to the devil, who was chained up in Connecticut for a number of years...

A famous professor on first viewing the footprints advanced the theory that they were made by the "missing link" before he shed his caudal appendage, which trailed in the prehistoric clay behind him while he scanned the surrounding landscape for something good for breakfast...

Didn't Look Like an Actor. Lawrence Wheat (Larry for short), who has been more or less a Broadway star for several seasons, made his first big hit in the part of "Stub" Talmage in "The College Widow"...

Some Words You Don't Know. What is the use of coming along words to express your meaning in a more picturesque fashion than your neighbor when the dictionary is full of words just as queer and far more correct...

Opuscle, tobaccoking, maddy, maddo, futtock, galimatias, fadde, dawet, dalgatall, dwale, peticot, peditant, younker, quabtal, preppens, quib, beest, or, chavinsim, beinga, gar, hypostyle, soudid, incoodite, inly, hobb, jerrum, runderl, ruperitrie, oadls, kenta, oscar, sinder, boopp, horary, thorp, uclative, woff, aroclith, gaura.

American Women Supreme. The Countess Ezechery, nee Gladys Vanderbilt, praised the good taste of American women at a luncheon she ended her praise with an opinion both striking and true.

Woman's Work in the World. Dr. George Engel of the Philadelphia Institute, discussing woman's work in the world said: "And this, and you know, is the most important thing of our age."

MAKE LIVING BY THEIR WITS

American Adventurers Who Have Gotten Wealthy Through Shady Deals in South America.

Ever hear of Jim Dugan of Curacao? Well, Jim started a revolution in Central America some years ago, and was put out. He landed in Curacao with a stew and a \$5 gold piece. With the money he bought a lottery ticket, and won a prize.

But in Buenos Aires there lives and operates an American who is the prototype of J. Rufus Wallingford. He makes a specialty of turning out old masters and selling them at fancy prices to the wealthy Argentinians, who like to blow their money for works of art.

This chap has got hold of all sorts of confections. When I first knew him, by the way, he was a colonel in the Nicaraguan army. One of his most successful ventures was to start a watch club, in which you pay one dollar for initiation, and then you have the chance of getting a watch.

Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States, was born in a little log cabin on the border line between North and South Carolina. In that same cabin his father, who had come to America from the north coast of Ireland, died a few days before the birth of his son.

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George's Blue Gardens. Though the war is going for months in many parts of Europe, no other big commercial enterprise has been so completely interrupted by the war as the blue gardens of Belgium. The plantations in Belgium are a source of profit to the manufacturers of blue dyes...

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POSTHUMOUS CHILDREN WHOSE BROTHERS ARE FRENCH.

Birth of Child of Jane Anne Astor Has Almost Interest of the Last. Which Contains Many Particulars of Value.

The birth of a posthumous child of John Astor, whose name is almost unknown in this country, has attracted the attention of the world in after life through their own achievements.

Alexander the Great has been said by some historians to have been born after the death of his father, but according to other authorities Philip of Macedon lived to enjoy the companionship of his son for several years.

Benjamin Franklin was of posthumous birth, says his father, Mr. Franklin. He is remembered chiefly as the brother of Lord Herbert of Chesham and of George Herbert, the poet.

Early in the seventeenth century another child came into the world under similar conditions. This was Abraham Cowley, the English poet. His father, who had been a prisoner in hostile circumstances, died shortly before the birth of the son.

Still another English poet was a posthumous child. This was Thomas Chatterton, who was born in Bristol about the middle of the eighteenth century.

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MANAGERIE A COSTLY THING

Captured Animals Cost Circus Man No Small Penny. Though Their Value is Fluctuating.

"I want to take little 'Georgie' to see the animals," is what every father says when he starts away from home in his annual visit to the circus, and the same bluff goes for little Gwendolyn on Commonwealth Avenue and little "Mike" at the north end. Fond relatives always are glad of the excuse to teach the youngsters all about the animals—and see the circus themselves—but the chances are that they do not appreciate the true significance of a menagerie.

Another thing that affects the valuation of wild animals is the question as to whether they are accustomed or "green." The mortality rate among the latter—animals fresh from the jungle—is exceedingly high.

A fresh chimpanzee from Africa is worth from \$300 to \$1,000. Let this same chimpanzee prove by its continued existence that cage life is not merely tedious to him and immediately his value leaps to \$2,500.

The elephant market fluctuates a great deal. The price of a "green" elephant runs from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Get that elephant used to captivity and his value jumps; but train him to stand on his head, ring a bell, beat a drum or balance himself on a rolling ball, and immediately his value soars.

Fading a Brother. The justice of the peace was in the south and a marked state of ignorance. He was approached by a man desiring a divorce, and he did not know what to do.

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BOB'S RACE FOR LIFE

ALL SPRINT RECORDS BROKEN BY YOUNG MR. DINKINS.

According to the Old Codger, He Traveled Fast, but the "Snake" Was a Close Second When He Reached Home.

The dry goods box and nail keg brigade were loading luxuriously in the sunshine that was shedding warmth and latitude on the platform in front of the village emporium, postoffice, etc. They were engaged, as usual, in the pleasant and unperilous business of assassinating time.

"Snakes'll be comin' out uv th' woods, soon," yawned a young yep who was expending first-class farm-hand energy in aimlessly whittling a hickory stick.

"Did any uv you-all ever heer uv Bob Dinkins' race for life 'fore his pap left 'Troublesome Bottoms an' went west?" inquired an old codger, with a small gray goatee.

"Well, Bob, he took th' horses out to th' pasture one Sunday mornin', pulled th' halter off uv th' one he was leadin', slung it over his shoulder, and started back to th' barn. He hadn't gone far when he happened to glance behin' him.

"His hat flew off an' his hair stood on end. His daddy an' mammy run out to meet him, an' when he come rippin' into th' stable lot, hollerin', mammy drapt back she'd been shot, clean into a dead faint. She thought it wuz all over with her darlin' son."

"Bob went tearin' round th' lot lock a coil stick away from its mam, stompin' an' hickin' an' yellin' fer 'em to kill it. His daddy gazed at him, powerless back, till he saw what wuz th' matter. Then he got a healthy piece of hoop-pole an' went for his heroic son."

References which appeared satisfactory had been placed in the hands of the rating agent, who was on the point of declaring them unnecessary owing to the general appearance of the applicants, when suddenly he exclaimed: "By the way, I'm sorry, but I don't believe I can let you have that flat after all. It's been spoken for."

When the possible tenants had departed indignantly the agent said: "Do you know what made me change my mind so suddenly? It was their dog's collar. In fitting the little fellow to get him I read the inscription on his collar, and saw it was engraved with four different addresses, all of which had been put on since last tax day. Three of the addresses had been scratched out and a fifth added by day after tomorrow. A dog's collar marked up like that shows that his owners don't stay in one place long enough to get a new plate on his collar between moves, and I don't care to rent to transients."

Power of the Mind. Some people give up all mental effort as soon as they get sick or afflicted, but there are some minds that no pain or suffering can subdue. The most powerful warship afloat, which was launched by the Thames in England last February, was built by a man who can neither sit nor walk. The most famous of our racing yacht designers is blind, but he could build a boat that was good enough to defeat the American cup year after year.