

DECLARED WORSE THAN CANCER.

The Two Pangs of Toothache Are Less Easy to Bear.

"You of the younger generation," said the dentist, severely, "don't appreciate the importance of the conquest of toothache..."

HINTS AS WEATHER PROPHETS.

Their Method of Giving Warning of an Approaching Storm.

As weather prophets afford testimony to the cleverness of these small insects... When you go out on a spring morning...

Show Men Like Apes.

Prehistoric paintings recently unearthed show man to have been like an ape... The only known examples of paintings of men...

One by Barnacle Ben.

"Yes, mate," related Barnacle Ben, retired seaman... "I certainly did see some wonderful things when I was wandering around the seven seas..."

His Deep Concern.

The kind old lady noticed a small lad entering a cobbler's with a small package... "What have you there, sonny?" she inquired...

Arabs Outlive Eskimo.

While it may be true that the white man loses in intellectual and bodily power in the tropics... Dr. Luigi Sambon maintains...

Sufficient Reason.

"Are you going to the commencement?" "No." "Why not?" "I went to a commencement once."

MUST ATTEMPT TO FIND OWNER.

Only Thing to Do When One Picks Up Lost Property.

When one is on the public thoroughfare or in the street car or train or boat and picks up an object that is valuable... "Don't always rely upon the ready wit of a woman..."

NOT ALTOGETHER AN ACCIDENT.

Husband's Deep Scheme Revealed "In Strictest Confidence."

One Harlem N. Y. matron was discussing with another Harlem matron the misfortune which she considered had befallen the husband of a third Harlem matron... "You see," she said...

The Dog.

The dog is man's most faithful friend. A man may lie, but a dog won't; a man may get drunk, a man may slander his neighbor... "This little dog is man's most faithful friend..."

Second-Hand Buttons.

What becomes of all the old buttons? Is there a market for them? There is no accounting for pins, needles or hooks and eyes... "I know a young matron who has more than 4,000 buttons..."

Village Income from Gelf.

The village of Brancaster, England, has made an arrangement with the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club under which it receives four per cent on the club's gross income... "The amount of the club's gross income, with a guarantee of not less than £50 in any year..."

Expert Testimony.

A mountaineer intimated that he knew a great deal about a moonshiner on trial in a Kentucky court... "I was just getting these people in from town to keep the mosquitoes from devoting all their attention to our home circle..."

FIND WOMAN'S WIT UNCERTAIN.

As When This Wife Failed to Appreciate Her Husband's Pleasantry.

"Don't always rely upon the ready wit of a woman," said the man who is sometimes pleased to consider himself an oracle... "This will be the last letter I will write to you for a long, long time..."

NEW ZEALAND'S WHITE ISLAND.

Always Enveloped in Clouds of Steam—Its Strange Lakes.

White Island, in Australia, derives its name from the clouds of white steam in which it appears to be continually enveloped... "Its area is only 800 acres, and its height about 850 feet..."

His Little Family.

Families of French-Canadian farmers often run into large numbers, as is demonstrated by the following written order received by the proprietor of a Quebec shoe store... "You will put some shoes on my little families like this..."

Quaint Death Notice.

This notice appeared recently in a German paper: "Bowed with grief and recognizing the wisdom of God, who decreed it, the widow and four children of Hartwig Langmann make known to their relatives and friends the entry into eternal rest of a beloved husband and father..."

Church Tower His Pulpit.

Sunday last being "Feast Sunday," the vicar of Selston, Rev. C. Harrison, hit upon the novel idea of preaching from the church tower... "The greater part of the congregation seated themselves on the highway..."

A Unique Cat.

Horace Elliott has a handsome shag cat which he would not sell for love or money, and which is quite a curiosity... "She was never known to catch a rat or mouse or anything else..."

Diffusing the Annoyance.

"You don't suppose we take boarders because we need the money?" exclaimed Farmer Cornstossel, loftily... "I had some such idea," answered the man who had ventured to criticize...

ASCRIBED VISIT TO PRAYER.

Father Evidently Had Faith in Daughter's Supplications.

Among my esteemed neighbors there is a family known for the piety of its members and their implicit confidence in the efficacy of prayer... "For example, my wife and children had been staying in the country for several weeks and I was regular with my letters..."

BEAUTY OF PHYSICAL HEALTH.

No Attractiveness for Women Without Good Digestion.

"To look young and keep your beauty you must have a good digestion," says a beauty culturist... "We feed our patrons upon herbs; we give them greens, and we advise them to take acid fruits..."

Penitent and Resourceful.

One of the prison missionaries of the Church Army tells a story of a man who came under the influence of the society at a mission held at York, England... "The man, a notorious pickpocket, was so impressed by what he heard that he felt he must do something to show his determination to lead a new life..."

Reads Like a Fairy Tale.

An Atchison girl had always heard of the impotence of women in failing to thank men for giving up a seat in the street car... "I thought she would be an exception. A man gave her a seat Saturday night in a crowded car, affording her the opportunity for which she had been looking..."

Death-Bed Statistics.

When a great man dies, no one is interested in learning who surrounded his deathbed, but the news is always sent out... "People care no more to know than to hear if he were laid out in the parlor or bedroom..."

Suspicious.

"I wish," said the hard-hearted landlord, "that you would watch the tenants in No. 3310... Be sure that they pay promptly in advance..."

His Serious Interruptions.

"I suppose John is still taking life easy," said the woman in the spring wagon... "Yes," answered the woman who was carrying an armful of wood, "John has only two regrets in life. One is that he has to wake up to eat, and the other is that he has to quit eatin' to sleep..."

Classified.

"Who was that fool you bowed to?" "My husband." "Oh! I—er—humbly apologize." "Never mind; I'm not angry. But what a keen observer you are!"

USE LEAF AS A STIMULANT.

How Coca is Cultivated—Preventive of Sleep and Fatigue.

Coca is the South American invigorant. The shrub from which the coca leaves are obtained grows under favorable conditions to a height of about four meters... "At the time the crop is gathered the seeds are sown in beds..."

FUN IS A VITAL NECESSITY.

Can by No Means Be Regarded as an Incidental of Life.

Most people have the impression that fun and humor are life incidents, not necessities; that they are luxuries and have no great bearing upon one's career... "Many think of fun as frivolous, indicating lack of serious purpose in life..."

Converted by Medicine.

A woman missionary, who was also a doctor, had a curious experience in Burmah, where, upon her arrival, she found a village community dying off like flies with cholera... "She made a house-to-house inspection, administered a specific, and, having broken the back of the malarial medicine to be used during her absence..."

Sad, But True.

A precocious son of five years looked very philosophically at his mother one day and remarked: "Isn't it wonderful how one's skin is put on? Is it sewed together or pasted with glue?"

Why Are We So Hard?

The following motto was on the wall of a woman's bedroom: "Let us take hands and help each other today because we are alive together..."

Schubert's Birthplace.

The city of Vienna has purchased the house in which Franz Schubert was born and intends to preserve it in its present condition as long as possible... "The price paid was \$4,400. The house is one of the old-fashioned, one-story type of buildings..."

Astonished.

"Just think," exclaimed the sweet boy graduate, "I have secured a position already and the head of the firm has promised to pay me what I am worth." "Well, what of it?" "I did not think there was that much money in the world."—Houston Post.

DEVOTION THAT WAS SUBLIME.

Great Cook True to His Art to the Very End.

Escoffier, the great French cook, said at a dinner in New York that a good cook had the spirit of cookery born in him... "It is born in him," said M. Escoffier, "and in him it never dies..."

TALISMANS POPULAR IN MALTA.

Odd Shaped Stones to Ward Off Effects of Snake Poison.

There are still to be found in Malta a number of small stones shaped and colored like the eyes, tongues and other parts of serpents... "The superstitious among the Maltese connect these with the tradition that St. Paul when shipwrecked was cast on their island..."

Quaint Fijian Plant.

There is nothing under the sun quite so quaint, so weird and witchlike as the pandanus prairies of Fiji... "The pandanus, or screw plant, as it is called, is a most grotesque specimen of the vegetable kingdom..."

A One-Sided View.

"A member of the Georgia legislature," he remarked, "introduced a bill which provides that any man who is lured into marrying a woman who has by artificial means enhanced her beauty may, if he wishes, have the marriage declared null and void..."

His Vacation Method.

Miss Lillian B. Hill, the writer of humorous advertisements, told a number of Duluth jewelers, at a recent jewelryers' banquet, a good way to get off for a vacation without being missed from business... "During the last Easter holidays," she said, "I met a jeweler at a seaside hotel..."

Fresh Air.

I hold to the maxim 'Die and let die.' If any one chooses the fresh-air method of departing this life by all means let him take it, but let him respect the right of other people to choose their own method for themselves... "Fresh air has its victims no less than foul. The tubercle bacillus does not enjoy fresh air. It is true, but there are plenty of other bacilli which rejoice in it..."

Cough Up.

"The race for an office is like a street car." "How so?" "Always room for one more." "It also has the pay-as-you-enter feature."—Kansas City Journal.