

VAIATION AMUSEMENT.

Hay Wagon Pleats a New Form of Feasibility for the Country

For the girls and boys spending their summer vacation in the "real country" there is no form of amusement more enjoyable than a haymaker's picnic.

Once in the field the frolic begins, with which is combined some real help to the farmer as the heaped up hay wagon soon shows.

If at night a dance in the barn can follow the picnic, the day will be complete. For this lantern furnish the lights, those which the farmers carry when they go to do the chores being preferred to the pretty Japanese ones.

REGRETTED HIS JEALOUSY.

Husband's Jealousness Caused Him Something of a Loss in a Financial Way.

A rather short and, on the whole, somewhat insignificant-looking gentleman lately married a tall, handsome lady.

The other evening he left his wife outside a tobacco shop while he went in to purchase some cigars.

"Excuse me, madam—" Before he could get any farther our latter-day Othello burst on him.

"Excuse me, sir, what is your business with this lady?"

"I don't intend to now," broke in the young fellow, quietly, and you will probably regret it before the day is out.

Less than half an hour afterwards the lady missed a valuable bracelet which her husband had given her on her last birthday.

Early Rising. Although it may be of great benefit to debilitated people to go to bed early, there are few things more harmful than remaining in it too long.

At first the well person too early for the debilitated person, who rises and goes to bed, and then the well person too late for the debilitated person.

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THE BARBER'S MISTAKE.

Mr. Barber is a Gentleman When Expecting to Meet Only a Gentle Barber.

There is a barber in the north central part of the city who used to be full of gossip about prize fighters.

A minister was in the habit of calling at the shop for a shave, and, although the boys usually let up on the fight talk when the clergyman was present, they were sometimes so interested and the barber so talkative that the conversation went along and the minister got in on the ground wind-up of some of the gossip.

One day, during the dull afternoon, just after the clergyman had been given his shave and was reaching for his hat, the barber winked to the other men and casually asked the minister if he would like to put on the gloves for a few minutes and get some idea of how the thing went.

He hesitated a little, saying that he feared he would not be able to make it even interesting for them, but the crowd, sensing fun, joined in the persuasion, and the barber was soon joyfully putting on the mitts and the crowd took good seats, where they would not miss any details.

The barber was evidently as fit as a fello. He danced around the ring to warm up a bit, and when the man with the watch called, "Ready-go," the barber was ready with a swing

at the minister's head. The minister was not there, and the minister was untouched, for he had ducked. This was a surprise for Mr. Barber.

It was a stinger, all right, and it landed right on the tip of the barber's nose. The minister saw what he was up against, and he determined to get there first.

In an hour or two they got the barber on his feet and he looked anxiously about him. The minister had gone. "Did you see me, didn't you?" he asked.

"You must wait," was the reply, that he got there first.

His supply of weekly sporting papers, and now he talks about ping-pong and pool.

The minister, who had learned that there was one of the best amateurs in the city, and could make a good living in the ring, if he ever left the pulpit.

FIVE DOLLARS FOR A CENT. The Singular Circumstance Which Gave to a Professional Beggar That Profit.

A prominent Philadelphia business man relates the Philadelphia Press, tells the story.

In 1891, he says, he found a cent piece, dated 1833, in the restaurant of the Lafayette hotel.

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ROUT OF A GAUDY YOUTH.

Sought to Make an Impression on a Woman Who Tried to Avoid Him.

The young man who occupied a seat on the bench in the corner drug store seemed well satisfied with himself.

A puff of smoke floated over to the woman and she coughed—consequently and pointedly—but the serene complacency of the youth was in no wise disturbed.

"Yes," said the matron in loud, cheerful tones. "They're pretty, ain't they? Look at the little red flowers in 'em. Ain't they sweet? Like sister Maggie's fancy bag, ain't they?"

"And see the pretty, shiny shoes," continued the stout woman.

The children drew a little closer to the shoes and gazed at them in open-mouthed admiration.

It was too much. The young man rose and, evading the eye of the grinning drug clerk, left the store.

MOSQUITO IN WINTER. Just Sleeps Awake and Comes Out Fresh for Business in Warm Weather.

A fresh contribution to mosquito literature is a pamphlet issued by the board of health of Belmont, Mass.

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"It is very generally believed that mosquitoes bite but once and that this is sometimes so, but unless they are killed in the act of biting they usually live to bite again.

"The vast majority of mosquitoes never get human blood for food. In its absence they live upon the bloods of birds and other animals, and when they are not to be found upon the juices of young and tender plants.

"It is not known just how long mosquitoes can live, but their average life is much longer than is ordinarily supposed.

Medical records in the various hospitals show that though quite forgetful of recent happenings, as if persons recall long-past events in correct order, and even live again, and some passed utterly out of recollection before the disease of senility appeared.

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BAD THERMOMETERS.

Harm Done in Hands of Persons Without Medical Knowledge.

Common Instruments Unreliable in Determining the Temperature of Patients—Matter of Vital Concern.

Probably no instrument claiming to register with precision is so inaccurate as the average thermometer. This being so, it is somewhat amusing to notice the blind faith with which the average citizen depends on these devices for indicating temperature.

A prominent hospital in this city has scarcely recovered from the shock of a recent discovery made by the members of its house staff—namely, that the thermometers in regular use in its wards vary so much as to render valueless the temperature charts which well-trained nurses have been taught to regard as one of their chief responsibilities.

In the hospital, whose experience has been made known to us, a trial test of groups of thermometers used in the same wards and on the same patients revealed differences too striking and too serious to be lightly passed over.

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FAMOUS PEDESTRIANS.

Even Royalty Has Been Numbered Among the Exponents of Pedestrianism.

Interest in long distance walking, first aroused by the stock exchange a little jaunt to Brighton, is but another instance of history repeating itself.

Even royalty itself has been numbered among the exponents of pedestrianism, and that much-abused monarch, Charles II, is certainly entitled to respect as a fine specimen of an all-round sportsman.

The earliest long-distance walker appears to have been Foster Powell, a limb of the law with a penchant for walking from London to York and back. His first journey was made in 1772, when he covered the distance of 204 miles in six days, with nearly six hours to spare.

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UNIQUE BALLOONING.

Views of the Antarctic Regions from Overhead.

Important Results of Expedition to Southern Polar Seas Unique in the Annals of Aerostatics.

Balloon ascents for military reconnaissance are common enough. Some day they will be extensively employed for geographical exploration, perhaps.

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