

saw it topple over and lie quietly on the stones for a moment. Then a puff of wind raised it and sent it wheeling along at an increased speed.

At last the hat ran into the curbstone near a corner street lamp, and with a pounce he was upon it. All flushed and breathless, he picked it up, and then leaned against the lamp-post to rest.

A man, also flushed and breathless, came running up and took the hat out of his hands.

'I'm much obliged,' said he.

'For what?'

'This is my hat.'

'Where's mine, then?'

'Hanging behind you at the end of a string.'

Then the well-dressed young man remembered that, for safety, he had put on a hat-guard that afternoon.

HER TELEGRAM

There is a rather widely diffused belief that women do very amusing things with telegraph blanks and cheque-books. But one young woman, on one occasion at least, displayed in the use of the telegraph a more than masculine brevity, thriftiness, and sang froid.

A Sydney young man, who was deeply in love with this fair lady, who lived in another part of New South Wales, decided that the only thing for him was to offer his hand and heart. So he went to the telegraph office and sent this message:

'Will you marry me? Twenty-word answer paid for.'

An hour later he got his answer:

'You are extravagant. Why pay for nineteen words too many? No.'

SOME GOOD ADVICE

Don't be egotistical over any unusual talent you may possess, and never call the attention of others to your attainments. Genius is its own standard-bearer, and self-praise dims its lustre. Don't be foolish enough to repeat compliments others have paid you. It is a sure sign of self-vanity and a frivolous mind. Don't be slovenly in your dress. To be well dressed pronounces the lady and the gentleman and is the greatest recommendation to a young person entering society or business.

ODDS AND ENDS

Caller—'What's your name, little girl?' Little Girl—'Dorothy.' Caller—'But what's your last name?' Little Girl—'I don't know what it will be; I'm not married yet.'

'Volunteers must be fearfully dishonest,' says Mrs. Merriman, 'as it seems to be a nightly occurrence for a sentry to be relieved of his watch.'

'Pa, what is a sage?' 'A sage, my son, is a wise man.' 'And what is a wise man?' 'A man who always agrees with his wife.'

FAMILY FUN

The Doubled Coins.—Take two sixpences, evenly stuck together, and put them into a person's hand, as if there was but one; then, acting as if you put a sixpence into your left hand, use some strange words, to make it appear that you convey the sixpence from your own hand into the stranger's. Open your left hand, and nothing will be seen; then open the stranger's hand, and rub the sixpences apart (while so doing) with your thumb. He will be surprised to find two sixpences where he thought there was but one.

To Transform a Face by Means of Two Looking-Glasses.—One of the two mirrors place horizontally; stand the other at about right angles. If you look down into the upright glass a little above the line of juncture, you will see your mouth enlarged and your chin raised. By inclining the glass a little towards you, and moving your head up or down, other changes and multiplications will ensue, such as views of two noses and four eyes, three noses and six eyes, and so forth. If you place the edges of the same glasses together perpendicularly to form an angle, you can see a singular reflection of your face duplicated partly, but with an eye between two noses, two mouths, two chins, etc.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d and 2s 6d.

All Sorts

Over sixty miles of tunnel have been cut out of the rock of Gibraltar.

Jean Francois Millet, painter of 'The Angelus,' was a farm laborer, the son of a small farmer.

Never in the history of the English Parliament have the full number of members been present at one sitting.

William Shakespeare was the son of a glover in a little country town; both his grandfathers were husbandmen.

Gibraltar is the smallest British possession. It measures less than two square miles. Canada is the biggest, with 3,746,000 square miles.

In Russia an extensive domestic industry consists of the manufacture of wooden spoons, of which as many as 30,000,000 are made annually. They are nearly all of birch wood.

It is stated on German authority that the astounding number of two million glass eyes are made every year in Germany and Switzerland, while one French house manufactures three hundred thousand of them annually.

George Stephenson, the inventor of the locomotive, was the son of a fireman at a colliery, and began life as his father's helper.

No other nation in the world owns so much absolutely useless territory as the British. Banks Land, Prince Albert Land, Victoria and Baffin Land, with hundreds of other Arctic islands and lands, are at present quite useless.

Numbers of experiments have been made to test the speed and destination of corked bottles thrown into the sea at various portions of the world. The most remarkable example ever heard of was that in which a bottle travelled 6000 miles in about two years and a half; roughly, at the rate of 6½ miles a day.

The Japanese House of Representatives consists of 300 members, elected by ballot, each member receiving a salary. Its House of Peers consists of members of the royal family, princes and marquises, counts, viscounts, and barons elected as representatives of the several orders, and persons elected for seven years by and from the fifteen highest taxpayers in each city and prefecture.

'Oh, yes,' she said proudly, 'we can trace our ancestry back to—to—well, I don't know who, but we've been descending for centuries.'

Tommy—Pa, what is the difference between fame and notoriety? Tommy's Pa—Notoriety lasts longer, my son.

'Mamma, have I got to take a bath to-night?' 'I'm afraid you have, my dear.' 'But I haven't done anything all the week to deserve it.'

It takes, it seems, 4,000,000lb of roses to produce the yearly output of perfumery in the Maritime Alps, and to obtain 1lb of the essence of roses 22,000lb of roses, or nearly 3,000,000 single rose blossoms, are required. About 3d per lb is paid for roses, 5d to 6d per lb for orange blossom. A pound of jasmine costs about four times as much as a pound of roses. Regarding the number of pounds of flowers annually consumed, it is impossible to give exact figures, but it is estimated that there is used every year 3,600,000lb of orange flowers, 4,800,000lb of roses, 280,000lb of violets, about double that amount of jasmine, 14,000 of tuberose, 60,000lb of cassia, and 30,000lb of jonquils.

Commenting on Protestant Church extension in Boston, and the changes in that city's population, the 'Congregationalist,' under the title, 'Ireland has taken Boston,' says:—Of Boston's 595,380 inhabitants, 410,965, considerably more than two-thirds, are of foreign parentage. The Irish alone are 174,770, within less than 10,000 as many as the native-born Americans. 'In eleven of the twenty-five wards the Irish are in the majority. Italians are in the majority in Ward 6, and Russians in Ward 8. Catholics far outnumber Protestants. Jews are numerous and constantly increasing. In the next generation probably the supremacy of the Irish will pass to the Slav and the Greek, with immigrants from other countries of Southern Europe. For Ireland now sends only a small fraction of the newcomers to Massachusetts; while Slavs, Italians, and Greeks are increasing much faster than either Germans or Scandinavians.'