

The little girl, without looking up from her sand pile, replied: 'My name's Edith, and I'm four. She's my little sister; her name's Mildred, and she's two. I don't want to go with you and be your little girl, and I know you can't steal my little sister.'

MISQUOTATIONS

"When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war," said a young man.

'You are wrong in that quotation,' his companion objected. 'That is one of the number of famous sayings that are misquoted always. It is from Nathaniel Lee, and its right reading is, "When Greeks join Greeks, then was the tug of war."'

'Another misquotation is, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good." This is from Thomas Tassier, a sixteenth century worthy, and it should run, "It's an ill wind that turns none to good."'

"Out of sight out of mind," is from Lord Brooke, but it was "Out of mind as soon as out of sight" as Lord Brooke wrote it.

"First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," should run, "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his fellow-citizens." This famous sentence is from a resolution laid before the House of Representatives in 1799 by General Richard Lee.'

ODDS AND ENDS

Teacher—If a vehicle with two wheels is a bicycle, and one with three wheels a tricycle, what is one with only one wheel?

Scholar—A wheelbarrow.

His youngest grandchild had managed to get possession of a primer and was trying to eat it.

"Pardon me for taking the words out of your mouth, little one," said the professor, hastily interposing.

The youngster in the art gallery looked long and earnestly at the painting. Then he read the inscription.

'Do you like it?' asked his mother.

'Oh, I like it well enough,' he answered. 'But I don't understand it.'

'Why, it says: "Wild Horses—After Rosa Bonheur."'

'I see the horses all right, but where's the girl they're after?'

FAMILY FUN

Why is 'o' the noisiest of all the vowels? Because you can't make a horrid, loud noise without it, while all the others are in audible.

Why can you never expect a fishmonger to be generous? Because his business makes him selfish.

Why should an owl be offended at your calling him a pheasant? Because you would be making game of him.

What is that which is black, white, and red all over, which shows some people to be green, and makes others look black and blue? A newspaper.

What is that from which you can take away the whole and yet have some left? The word 'whole-some.'

When is it easiest to steal a watch? When it is off its guard.

What word becomes shorter by adding two letters to it? The word 'short.'

On which side of a jug is the handle? The outside.

What is that which we never borrow, yet often return? Thanks.

When is an umbrella like a person convalescent? When it is recovered.

What coat is finished without buttons and put on wet? A coat of paint.

What is that which has neither flesh nor blood, yet has four fingers and a thumb? A glove.

Why is a historical event like a parcel untied and tied again? Because it is recorded.

Why does an aching tooth impose silence on the sufferer? Because it makes him hold his jaw.

What is it that no one wishes to have, and yet when he has it does not wish to lose? A bald head.

Where was Adam going when he was in his thirtieth year? Into his fortieth.

All Sorts

Fair Aspirant—What is the chief requisite for a young lady entering the literary field?

Editor (who has had a wearying day)—Postage stamps.

Who is the responsible man in this firm? asked the brusque visitor.

'I don't know who the responsible party is,' answered the sad, cynical office boy, 'but I am always to blame.'

The express train was rushing along at the rate of thirty miles an hour, when a five-year-old youngster, who was sitting at the window, was startled by the rush and roar of a passing train, and fell back in his fright. Recovering quickly, he looked up in his father's face, and gasped: 'Papa! did we swallow it?'

'Now, Tommy,' said Mrs. Bull, 'I want you to be good while I'm out.'

'I'll be good for a penny,' replied Tommy.

'Tommy,' she said, 'I want you to remember that you cannot be a son of mine unless you are good for nothing.'

'What sort of a table do they set at your boarding house?' asked the young man who was contemplating a change.

'A table of waits and measures,' replied his friend. 'The first long and the latter short.'

No tobacco is grown in Egypt. The Khedive has forbidden its cultivation. There are no olive trees on the Mount of Olives. The Turks and tourists have destroyed them. The Holland cheese is seldom seen at The Hague, and Neuchâtel cheese is made in New York. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Egypt is a citizen of the State of Florida, and the head of the anti-Armenian party in the Turkish Empire is an Armenian.

The sales and earnings of electrical apparatus throughout the world in 1907 have been put down at £660,000,000 sterling. 'Knowing these facts,' said the president of the Electrical Association of New South Wales recently, in his annual address, 'there is nothing which makes you feel more than anything that you have suddenly landed back into the middle ages than when you hear men, and prominent men, state that electricity is still in its infancy, and that, therefore, they will defer for a few years before putting in electrical plant. You cannot hit a man who says a thing like this. You are too overwhelmed. You can only pity his ignorance. I quite appreciate Shakespeare's statement that "there are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in our philosophy." No one contends that we have discovered all that we have to discover in electricity; but it is certainly not in its infancy in the sense in which the particular individual referred to above said of it.'

There are few birds or animals which have figured so prominently in the realms of fairy-tale as the white stork. At the present time it is held in affectionate regard, and in Holland, Denmark, and Germany is afforded the strictest protection, every inducement being held out to persuade it to build its nest on the house-roof. Sometimes even a cart-wheel will be fastened on the roof, and this generally proves successful, as the bird is very fond of building on some kind of flat foundation. Once occupied it is often held by generation after generation of tenants, and as additions are yearly made to the nest, the original shallow structure at last attains a height of several feet. In Morocco also, the bird is held in great regard, and according to Colonel Laby there are in Fez and other large towns, regular stork hospitals, and that, should a bird be in any way injured or fall from the nest, it is sent to one of these institutions, or rather enclosures, which are kept up by subscriptions from wealthy Moors. The stork is one of the very few birds which appear to be quite dumb. It supplies the want of a voice by a very remarkable clapping noise made by the long, horny beak. The affection displayed by storks for their young is well known. They feed them by thrusting their beaks down into the gaping little mouths and injecting the half-digested remains of their last meal, which may represent frog, fish, young bird, worm, or insect.

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