

greet him, 'and he said if anything broke you would supply him with new parts.'

'Certainly,' said the salesman. 'What does he want?'

'He wants two deltoid muscles, a couple of knee-caps, one elbow, and about half a yard of cuticle,' said the man; 'and he wants them at once.'

JUST HIS LUCK

The parents of a Sydney lad, a pupil in one of the public schools, are fond of boasting that their hopeful has never missed a day's attendance at school during a period of eleven years.

On one occasion the proud father was asked to explain how this apparently impossible feat had been accomplished.

'Did he have the usual childish diseases—measles, whooping cough, and so on?' the father was asked.

'Oh, yes.'

'How, then, could he have always been at school?'

'The fact is,' explained the father, 'he always had 'em during the holidays.'

AN EASY SOLUTION

There is usually more than one way to get out of a difficulty. Not every individual, however, is as ingenious in solution as the corporal of a famous Irish regiment. The incident is told in the 'Red Letter.'

While on a march in India the pioneer corporal went to the quartermaster to borrow a camel to carry a spare tent. The quartermaster refused.

'I have only the cart, and this spare camel I am keeping for a case of emergency.'

'Well,' said the corporal, 'can't you put the case of emergency on the cart, sir, and let me have the camel?'

ODDS AND ENDS

'He understands everything we say to him,' said the proud young mother, exhibiting the baby. 'Darling, tell the pitty lady, won't you, who smokes that big meerscham pipe on the mantelpiece?'

'Mam-ma!' piped baby.

'Sometimes he gets his answers a little mixed,' explained the proud young mother.

A very thin man having seen an advertisement in a newspaper headed, 'How to get fat,' sent the required fee, and, after waiting several days for a reply from the advertiser, received the simple information: 'Buy it at the butcher's.'

FAMILY FUN

What letter gives courage to the aged? B makes the old bold.

What will make merchandise of those who are no longer young? The old are sold by s.

What will make aged persons mildew? M makes the old mold.

What will cause old people to double up? F makes the old fold.

By what letter are the aged informed? The old are told by t.

What keeps aged persons from letting go? H, because it makes the old hold.

Why shouldn't you talk of private matters when out driving? Because horses carry tales (tails).

What must a man be to have military honors at his funeral? He must be dead.

When was Adam married? On his wedding Eve.

Who was Jonah's tutor? The whale that brought him up.

Why is an innkeeper like a multitude of people? Because he is a host himself.

Why is a ploughed field like feathered game? Because it is part ridges.

If a small boy is called a 'lad,' is it proper to call a bigger boy a 'ladder'?

Why are sheep the most dissipated animals? Because they gambol all their lives, spend most of their time on the turf, many of them are black legs, and all are fleeced in the end.

For rheumatism, backache, faceache, earache, neuralgia, and other muscular pains, nothing can equal WITCH'S OIL (registered).

All Sorts

The hardest known wood is said to be cocus wood. It turns the edge of any axe, however well tempered, so it is claimed.

The art of printing, according to Du Halde, was practised in China nearly fifty years before the Christian era.

Spelling reformers will perhaps think that an English boatman has gone a little too far. He has bought a motor launch, which he calls 'Expediency,' and spells the name XPDNC.

White frost is the ordinary frozen dew or hoar frost. Black frost occurs when the cold is so intense as to freeze vegetation and cause it to turn black without the formation of hoar frost.

Fireflies are sold nightly by pedlars in the crowded quarters of Tokyo and other Japanese cities. The insects sell for three rin apiece, a rin being equal in value to the twentieth part of a halfpenny.

The Arabic used in the Koran differs as much from the Arabic used in ordinary conversation and intercourse in the East as the Latin differs from the Italian. The Koran Arabic is that of the literary classes; the colloquial Arabic that of the common people.

The word nickname is supposed by some to have been ekename, or additional name. Others connect it with the German name for wood imp, a nicken or necken, a tease name, these supernatural things being the Pucks of German mythology.

Dorothy was at the seaside with her mother, and in the house where they were staying was a telephone. One day she heard her father talking from the city, and she was so terrified that she burst into tears.

'Oh, mother, mother!' she sobbed. 'How ever shall we get father out of that little hole?'

Mother—'Johnny, I see your little brother has the smaller apple. Did you give him his choice, as I suggested?'

Johnny—'Yes, Ma. I told him he could have his choice, the little one or none, and he took the little one.'

Hatred of music has been a characteristic of some persons of genius, especially in literature, philosophy, and history—e.g., Johnson, Victor Hugo, Catherine II., Zola, Napoleon, Fontanelle, and Gautier. On the other hand, among ardent lovers of music have stood Aristotle, Daudet, Dickens, Goethe, Carlyle, Moore, and Ruskin.

'Doctor,' said he, 'I'm a victim of insomnia. I can't sleep if there's the least noise, such as a cat on the back fence, for instance.'

'This powder will be effective,' replied the physician, after compounding a prescription.

'When do I take it, doctor?'

'You don't take it. You give it to the cat in a little milk.'

Many stories are told of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, the orator and dramatist, who was perhaps the greatest wit of his time. He was greatly annoyed by a member of the House of Commons during one of his speeches, who kept crying, 'Hear! Hear!' Sheridan, while scoring an opponent, said with great emphasis, 'Where shall we find a more foolish knave or a more knavish fool than he!' 'Hear! Hear!' shouted the member as usual. Sheridan turned round, and, thanking the honorable gentleman for the prompt information, sat down amid a roar of laughter.

Mustard is the most ancient of condiments. The Egyptians regarded it as an aid to digestion. The Asians ate it freely. It was sold by pedlars in Solomon's time. The Normans and Anglo-Saxons in the earliest times never went to war without an ample supply of prepared mustard. It was their food and medicine. The plant seemed to thrive in all parts of the world, and is eaten in every civilised nation, and many heathen tribes, either as a spring salad (the young leaves are most delicious) or a seasoning prepared from the ground seed.

It is not generally known that Daniel O'Connell's piano is still in excellent preservation, and is actually in daily use for teaching and practising in the Presentation Convent, Cahirciveen. The instrument is a fine Broadwood square, and was purchased by the Liberator in 1830. O'Connell as a boy played more than passably on the violin, and he had an intense love for music, especially for the Irish bagpipes—in fact, he kept a domestic piper in the Derrynane household, the famous Paddy Joshure O'Sullivan, highly praised by Lady Chatterton in 1838.