

'Wot is this culler-blindness, then?'

'Well,' replied the learned gentleman, holding up a piece of red-colored glass, 'supposing that when you look at this you imagine it is green—that would be an instance.'

'That's culler-blindness, do yer say?' replied the man, with a look of disgust. 'If yer ask me, I would call it bloomin' ignorance!'

### THE ART OF SPELLING

The proprietor of a Chicago hotel tells of a guest who registered with him about the time of the simplified spelling craze, and who undertook, in an ingenious way, to show his contempt for the opponents of the proposed reform.

The newcomer spread his signature on the register as follows: 'E. K. Ptholongnyrrh.'

'Beg your pardon,' said the clerk, 'but how do you pronounce it?'

'Turner,' was the reply, 'and spelled in approved fashion, too.'

'Will you kindly explain?'

'Simplest thing in the world,' said Turner. 'First, we have "phth," the sound of "t" in "phthisis"; then, "olo," the sound of "ur" in colonel; thirdly, "gh," representing the sound of "n" in "gnat"; and, finally, "yrrh," the equivalent of "er" in myrrh. If the combination doesn't spell Turner, what does it spell?'

### HAPPENED ON FRIDAY

You have all heard that Friday is an 'unlucky' day (says an American exchange), and many persons have so firm a belief in the superstition that they would not on any consideration begin any work or start a journey on that day. Here is a partial list of important historical events that happened on Friday; read it and then make up your mind whether or not the day deserves its 'unlucky' reputation:—The Mayflower landed; the Bastille was burned; Moscow was burned; Washington was born; America was discovered; Shakespeare was born; Lincoln was assassinated; Queen Victoria was married; the battle of Marengo was fought; Charles I. was beheaded; the battle of Waterloo was fought; Julius Caesar was assassinated; the battle of New Orleans was fought; Joan of Arc was burned at the stake; the Declaration of Independence was signed—all on Friday. Now, what do you think about the day?

### ODDS AND ENDS

Once upon a time Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, remonstrated with a priest whose silk hat had seen its best days before the war.

'I would not give up that old hat for twenty new ones,' said the priest; 'it belonged to my father, who fell in the uprising of '48.'

'And evidently fell on that hat,' said the Archbishop.

A car conductor was taking his fares, and coming across an old lady with a boy who appeared to show his age well, inquired how old he was. The mother said: 'Eleven, sir; but he perhaps looks older.'

'Yes,' said the conductor, 'the next time he comes he had better have a shave, else he will have to pay full fare.'

### FAMILY FUN

Game of Numbers.—Any number may play this game. A leader is chosen, called zero, and he in turn numbers the players from 3 up. The players may sit or stand in any order they desire. Then zero, who should be provided with a stick of some sort, points it at, say, number 6. Number 6, who must immediately give some number divisible by his own number (for instance, 12 or 30 or 36), calls out one of the other players' numbers (say, number 8), and the player who is number 8 must give some number divisible by 8, as 32 or 104 or 88. If any player gives a number with a zero in it the leader must have the next chance to call for a number. Every mistake made means a loss of 5 points to the one who makes it. The one who first discovers a mistake gains 5 points. Each player keeps his own tally. If zero fails to seize his turn when a zero is mentioned in the number (as 10, 20, 102, 300, etc.), and one of the players detects the mistake (gaining 5 points by so doing), zero must change places with that player. If a dividend is given a second time it is called an error, and the point is gained by the one who detects the error. The winner is the one who has gained the greatest number of points when the game is stopped.

## All Sorts

A squirrel comes down a tree head first and a cat tail first.

We start life hunting for fame and we settle down to looking for a living.

The habit of snuff taking is once more becoming popular in Paris in spite of the dangers which medical men attribute to it.

Fish, flies, and caterpillars may be frozen solid and still retain life.

'This man,' said the keeper, softly, 'imagines he has millions.' 'Isn't that nice?' answered the visitor. 'Whenever he needs money all he has to do is to draw on his imagination.'

The larger kind of West Indian firefly gives a light so brilliant that by it printed matter may be read at a distance of two or three inches.

The frigate bird can float in mid-air and go to sleep without the risk of falling. Its character is not very high. It follows fish-eating birds that have picked up a meal from the water, and compels them to part with it.

The teredo, or shipworm—which, in the days when vessels were made of timber, was responsible for more disasters than any other cause—is now threatening the Canadian timber trade.

What is reported to be the largest apple tree in the United States is in the garden of Charles Waterhouse, at Southington, Conn. It yielded 50 bushels of apples last season.

Little Tommy appeared the other day with a bruise on his brow and another on his chin. 'You told me, mamma,' said Tommy, 'to count one hundred when I was angry and tempted to fight. Well, I did it; but it's no use. See what Billy Jones did when I was counting the hundred?'

'Now, if I understand correctly, the first principle of Socialism is to divide with your brother man.' 'Then you don't understand it correctly. The first principle of Socialism is to make your brother man divide with you.'

Late one afternoon a newly-made doctor dashed into the room of his legal friend, exclaiming: 'Great luck, old man! Congratulate me! Got a patient at last! I'm on my way to see him now!' Whereupon the legal light-to-be slapped his friend on the back, saying: 'Delighted, old chap!' Then, after a slight pause, he added, with a sly grin: 'Say, let me go with you! Perhaps he hasn't made his will!'

India's tiger bird, so called because he is the one thing the royal beast fears, is no larger than the sparrow. Yet so bold and combative is he that if the great cat is surprised by a sufficient number of the little creatures far from the protecting shelter of the jungle it will go hard with him. When alone the bird will not attack. Supported by a flock of friends, however, often numbering several thousands, he will seek out his hereditary foe and give him battle.

The total number of all known varieties of postage stamps issued by all the governments of the world up to the present time is 20,496, of which 6153 are apportioned to the British Empire and 14,343 to the rest of the world. Europe has issued 4361, Asia 3856, Africa 4469, America 4688, the West Indies 1637, and Oceanica 1485. These figures comprise only standard varieties of postage stamps, and do not include post cards, letter cards, stamped envelopes or wrappers.

An international ocean yacht race on a historic course, from Palos, Spain, to the Canary Islands, over which Columbus sailed on the first stage of his voyage to the New World, has been arranged by the yachtsmen of Spain. It was planned to send the contestants away on August 3, the 416th anniversary of the sailing of Columbus, and to have the start as near the point as possible from which the 'Santa Maria,' 'Pinta,' and 'Nina' weighed anchor. The finish will be at Santa Cruz, on the island of Teneriffe, a distance of about six hundred miles, which Columbus covered in six days.

As for wit and  
Humor good,  
Bet a bit and  
Back Tom Hood!  
And as Hood's great  
Humor's pure,  
So is Woods' Great  
Peppermint Cure.