

Never come to breakfast without a collar.
 Never go about with your shoes unbuttoned.
 Speak clearly enough for everybody to understand.
 Never hum so as to disturb others.
 Never fuss, or fret, or fidget.

"WIND—JEST WIND"

A certain teacher, in endeavoring to explain to his class what compressed air was, brought his bicycle into the room and leaned it up against the wall.

'Now,' he remarked, 'under the outer covering of that back wheel there is a hidden force. What is it?'

'Injyrubber,' said one smart youth.

'No. Try again.'

The boy tried again, as did nearly every member of the class, but without success.

At length one of the youngsters, who had been making a close inspection of the machine, turned on the teacher with a beaming face.

'I have it,' he exclaimed, 'it's wind—jest wind!'

After commending the youngster, the teacher asked how he discovered the 'hidden force.'

'Why,' was the astonishing reply, 'I've jest stuck my knife in it to see!'

Which was an absolute fact, as the discomfited teacher discovered to his cost.

ODDS AND ENDS

The latest fashion.—Bad temper is all the rage.

A peculiarity of the English language.—It is necessary to wind up a clock to make it go, but we wind up a business to make it stop.

'What do you expect to be when you come of age, my little man?' asked the visitor.

'Twenty-one,' was the little man's reply.

She: 'Men and women can't be judged by the same standards. For instance, a man is known by the company he keeps.' He: 'And a woman by the servants she can't keep.'

Poetic young man: 'Don't you feel gloomy when the sky is overcast with grey, when the rhythmic rain sounds a dirge upon the roof, and the landscape's beauties are hid by the weeping mist?' Practical young woman: 'Yes; it's dreadfully annoying. It does make one's hair come out of curl so.'

A suburban minister, during his discourse one Sabbath morning, said, 'In each blade of grass there is a sermon.' The following day one of his flock discovered the good man pushing a lawn-mower about his garden, and paused to say: 'Well, parson, I'm glad to see you engaged in cutting your sermons short.'

FAMILY FUN

Chickens and Hawks.—As many boys and girls as chose can play at this game at one time. One player is picked out to act as hen. Another of the same size and weight is selected to be the hawk. The player representing the hen puts a red handkerchief around his head, if he can get one, or in the absence of such a thing he trusses his coat up behind with a piece of string to represent the short, perky tail of a hen. The player who represents the hawk covers his head with a black or white handkerchief, and swings his arms during the game to represent the hawk's pinions. All the other players represent the chicks, and children of all ages may join. All the chicks get behind the hen, cluckering just as chicks do in a barnyard, and all keep their eyes on the hawk. He must approach the chicks to try to carry off one at a time. The hen must try to head him off, whichever way he may come. The chicks must dodge the hawk in every possible way, but they must also try never to run from behind the shelter of the hen. The hawk naturally tries to 'cut out' one of the chicks and drive it away from the hen. Then the hen, still trying to keep all the other chicks behind her, tries to save the fleeing chick by interposing. There is lots of chance here for clever tricks and swift play. The more nearly the players copy the actions of real hawks and chickens the more interesting the game will be.

All Sorts

The amount of money spent annually on milk in the United Kingdom is about £120,000,000.

The temperature of countries with sandy soils is higher than those with clay or other compact soils.

Special clocks, which need winding up only once in four hundred days, are now manufactured in Munich.

For penknives the steel is tempered at 470 degrees, for table-knives at 530 degrees, for saws at 560 degrees.

Frequent use of the microscope is said to prevent near-sightedness. Watchmakers are seldom afflicted with it.

Teacher: 'Tommy, what is a fruitless search?'

Tommy: 'When you're looking fer apples in the pantry an' only find potatoes.'

'It's a long way for a shilling,' remarked the cab-driver, looking sulkily at his proper fare. 'I know it is,' said the youth, quietly. 'If it had not been I should have walked.'

'One half the world doesn't know how the other half lives,' declared a notorious lady scandalmonger.

'That isn't your fault,' quietly observed one of her auditors.

Lady: 'If people fall down this precipice and are killed, why don't you silly people put a railing round?' Guide (horrified): 'Ach, no! dis place is famous for der tourist who is killed!'

'Yes,' said the old man, 'my daughter is still studying French. But she can't speak the language at all, can she?' remarked a friend. 'She couldn't at first, but now she can speak it just enough to make herself unintelligible.'

'I suppose to educate your daughter in music costs a great deal of money?' 'Yes, but she's brought it all back for me,' 'Indeed!' 'Yes; I'd been trying to buy out my next neighbor at half price for years, and could never bring him to terms until she came home!'

In Japan no man carries a hod. The native builders have a way of transporting mortar which looks more like play than work. One man makes the mortar into balls which weigh about 6lb each, tosses them to a man who stands on a ladder midway between the roof and earth, and he in turn throws them to the man above him.

In Iceland horses are shod with sheep's horn, while in the Sudan they are shod with camel's skin. A German not long ago invented a horseshoe of paper, prepared by saturating with oil, turpentine, and other ingredients. Thin layers of such paper are glued to the hoof till the requisite thickness is attained. The shoes thus made are said to be durable and impenetrable by moisture.

The oldest tree in the world is to be found in the Isle of Cos, on the coast of Asia Minor, says the *London Globe*. It is a platane, under the shade of which Hippocrates, the father of medicine, lectured to his pupils. Now, as the tree at that time must have seen many years, the tree, it would seem, is considerably over twenty-five hundred years old. The trunk has a circumference of 32½ft; and it still bears leaf, but decay is apparent, and two of the principal limbs have to be supported by brick pillars.

The brave pioneers in the New World had very few consolations, so it makes one feel glad to read in their records that they often enjoyed the companionship of faithful dogs (says the *Ave Maria*). When Balboa was guided to the Pacific Ocean by the Indians, he had with him his dog 'Leoncico,' 'the terror of the savages.' Ponce de Leon's dog 'Berezillo' was as good as a warrior to his master; it is said that he could distinguish those of the Indians who were allies from those who were enemies of the Spaniards. De Soto's favorite dog, a splendid hound, once sprang at a treacherous Indian who had killed a Spaniard and tore the savage to pieces. 'Pilot,' another dog that figures in history, was one of the band which warned De Maisonneuve, founder of Montreal, of the approach of hostile Indians, thus giving the soldiers time to prepare for the attack which followed.

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