

ELIMINATED EGGS

A recent graduate of the Harvard University has returned to his home in Alabama. It is said that since his return the young lawyer has completely mystified his former friends and neighbors with the use of big words. His flow of speech, with its weighty words, has caused no little comment, and the man is now tolerated with a smile.

At the hotel for breakfast one morning this bright young lawyer told the waiter to bring him some eggs, rolls, and coffee. The waiter started for the kitchen.

'Oh, waiter,' called the young lawyer, 'just eliminate those eggs and bring me some—'

'All right, boss,' said the waiter; 'jus' 'liminate 'em. All right, boss, all right.' And the waiter started for the kitchen. Shortly he came back.

'Boss, we's got a new cook out dere, an' he says how does you 'liminate dem aigs!' said the waiter. 'He says he kin bile aigs, an' fry aigs, an' scramble aigs, but he don't know nothin' 'bout 'liminatin' 'em.'

AN ALPHABET OF PROVERBS

A grain of prudence is worth a pound of craft.
Boasters are cousins to liars.
Courage in Christians means plenty of backbone.
Denying a fault doubles it.
Envy shoots at others and wounds herself.
Foolish fear doubles anger.
God teaches us good things by our own hands.
He has hard work who has nothing to do.
It costs more to revenge wrongs than to suffer them.
Just Christians can afford to be merciful.
Knavery is the worst trade.
Learning makes a man fit company for himself.
Modesty is a grand virtue.
One hour to-day is worth two to-morrow.
Proud looks make foul work in fair faces.
Quiet conscience is quiet sleep.
Richest is he that wants least.
Small faults indulged in are little thieves that let in larger foes.
The boughs that bear most fruit hang lowest.
Upright walking is sure walking.
Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter.
Wise men make more opportunities than they find.
You never lose by doing a good act.
Zeal without knowledge is fire without lights.

ODDS AND ENDS

'You're such a wretched writer it's a wonder you wouldn't get a type-writing machine.'

'I would, only that would show what a miserable speller I am.'

Conductor—'What! A half-ticket for each of these girls?'

Passenger—'Yes.'

Conductor—'One of them looks to be fifteen and the other at least thirteen.'

Passenger—'That's right; but, you see, they're half-sisters.'

'I have been in every civilised country on earth,' said the globe-trotter, 'and, would you believe it, I have met only two really intelligent women.'

'Two!' echoed the beautiful widow in surprise. 'Why, who was the other?'

FAMILY FUN

To Tell a Person's Age.—If you wish to tell the number that some one may think of when requested to do so, follow this method: Tell him to think of any number, as 23; multiply it by 2 (46); add 1 (47); multiply by 5 (235); add 5 (240); multiply by 10 (2400) subtract 100 (2300; ask for the result; strike off the two last figures; and obtain 23.

A variation of this is seen in the following method of telling when a person's birthday comes. Tell him first to write down the day of the month in which he was born, say January (1); multiply it by 2 (2); add 5 (7); multiply by 50 (350); add the day of birth, say 1 (351); subtract 250 (101). The last two figures will give the day of the month on which the person was born; the other figure or figures will give the number of the month. The person giving these results was born on January 1.

The age of a person in years may be found by the preceding method; if instead of adding the day of the birth the age in years is added. By a combination of both methods the age and the exact date of birth may be learned.

All Sorts

The average thickness of one of the hairs of the head is about a hundredth part of an inch, and its rate of growth is from six to seven inches a year.

It takes the tusks of three elephants to furnish a complete set of billiard balls—viz., 3 billiard, 16 pyramids, and 12 pool.

The Siamese have a horror of odd numbers, and have never been known to build a house or temple with five, seven, nine, or eleven windows.

It is a curious fact that the men attending the pans in salt works are entirely exempt from cholera, small-pox, scarlet fever, and influenza.

Fungi give off carbonic acid like human beings, and not oxygen, as do other vegetables. This peculiarity is accounted for by the absence of green coloring-matter.

'Dick,' said his mother, 'when you divided those five caramels with your sister, did you give her three?'

'No, ma. I thought they wouldn't come out even, so I ate one 'fore I began to divide.'

In 1907, 536,000 persons were taxed in England on incomes between £160 and £400; 50,000 between £400 and £500; 28,000 between £500 and £600; and 14,000 between £600 and £700.

Mamma—'Gracious, Willie, I don't see how you can get so dirty.'

Willie—'Oh, it's easy. Come out in the back yard and I'll show you.'

Near the field of Waterloo a topaz seal set in gold was found in 1895, bearing the arms and motto of Viscount Barrington. It belonged to Ensign Barrington, who was killed at Quatre Bras, June 16, 1815, and lay undiscovered for 80 years.

The world's steepest railway has a grade of 70 per cent. at its upper end, and an average grade of 66 per cent. This is a cable tramway up the side of a mountain in Southern Tyrol, Austria. The length of the line is 945 feet.

Pekin, exclusive of its unimportant suburbs, has a population of 693,044 persons, represented by 128,008 families. The children number 173,261, one half of whom are of school age. The city has 183 schools for boys and seventeen for girls, with a staff of 1200 men teachers and 100 women teachers. The average daily attendance is 16,282 boys and 771 girls.

Young Wife (rather nervously)—'Oh, cook, I must really speak to you. Your master is always complaining. One day it is the soup, the second day it is the fish, the third day it is the joint—in fact, it is always something or other.'

Cook (with feeling)—'Well, mum, I'm sorry for you. It must be quite awful to live with a gentleman of that sort.'

Some months ago while a great battleship was at Malta one of the seamen divers went down to clear her propeller from some flotsam that had become entangled, and he failed to come up. It chanced that the rest of the battleship's divers were ashore, and grave concern was felt on the ironclad for the missing worker. Signals by telephone and life-line were sent below without avail. In the launch above the throb-throb of the air pump's cylinders went on, but the attendants looked at one another in dismay, fearing some strange tragedy deep down in those heaving green seas. The worst was feared when some big brushes and other tools came floating to the surface, and thereupon the navigating lieutenant sent ashore an urgent message for one of the other divers. The man came on board, dressed immediately, and went below, only to come up, full of indignation. 'Why, that fellow's been asleep this time!' he said wrathfully. It was true. The man had just had his lunch, and, finding the work much less serious than he had thought, he finished it in a few minutes and then sat comfortably on one of the giant blades of the battleship propeller and went to sleep with inquisitive fishes swarming around him, attracted by the dazzling searchlight on his breast. The officers were much amused at the occurrence that no punishment was inflicted on the lazy one.

Never mind the why or wherefore,
You've a nasty cold, and, therefore,
That it's time your health to care for

You must surely recognise
Let not old-time drugs enslave you,
Or the pills that grand-ma gave you,
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure will save you
From a premature demise.