

Their scanty stock of provisions was well-nigh exhausted, when one of them suggested sending the dog back to camp. This was a forlorn hope, but their only one. Quickly writing a few words on a leaf torn from a book, they made it fast round the dog's neck and encouraged him to start back on the trail.

The sagacious animal did not appear to understand, but after repeated efforts they persuaded him to start, and he was soon swallowed up in the snow, the mist and the storm.

Two days and nights passed, during which the men suffered untold agonies. On the evening of the third day, when all hope had gone and they were becoming resigned to their fate, out of the blinding and drifting snow bounded the faithful dog, and close behind him came ready hands to minister to their wants.

A JOKE ON BISMARCK.

The great Iron Chancellor of Germany, Prince Otto von Bismarck, who first welded the nation into an empire, was a most devoted and docile husband, and very docile to his wife's advice. And her ready wit, although it saved him many a weary hour, once got him into a ludicrous position.

Lord Russell, an English nobleman, was one day calling on the prince, when he remarked that Bismarck was doubtless annoyed by countless visitors, who took up his time unnecessarily.

'That is true,' responded the Chancellor, with a laugh; 'but my wife has a trick for getting rid of all bores in a graceful way. If she sees I have a visitor who is likely to prove dull, she comes in and makes some pretext for getting me away.'

Hardly had Bismarck ceased speaking when his wife bustled into the library.

'Otto,' she said, in a commanding voice, 'you must go at once and take your medicine. You ought to have had it ten minutes ago.'

It is needless to say that, in spite of the hearty laugh that followed, the English visitor did not long delay his adieus.

GOOD RULES FOR SCHOOLGIRLS.

Scholarship without good breeding is but half an education.

To be polite is to have a kind regard for the feelings and rights of others.

Be as polite to your parents, brothers, sisters, and schoolmates as you are to strangers.

Look people fairly in the eyes when you speak to them or when they speak to you.

Do not bluntly contradict anyone.

It is not discourteous to refuse to do wrong.

Be doubly careful to avoid any rudeness to strangers, such as calling out to them, laughing or making rude remarks about them. Do not stare at visitors.

In passing a pen, pencil, knife, or pointer, hand the blunt end toward the one who receives it.

When you pass directly in front of anyone, or accidentally annoy her, say 'Excuse me,' and never fail to say 'Thank you' for the smallest favor.

AN ALL-ROUND HIT.

A certain government officer was noted for being a hard taskmaster to those who were under him, the servants in his own establishment being no exception. His valet was expected to be on duty 365 full days in the year.

Being detailed to accompany a scientific expedition on an extended cruise, the officer unbent a little in communicating the news to his personal attendant.

'Well, James,' he said, 'how would you like to go with me around the world?'

'Do we go from east to west, sir?' asked the valet.

'Yes.'

'We lose a day in going that way, don't we?'

'We do.'

'Well, sir, I'd like it first rate. It would give me one day off.'

His master was so pleased with the aptness of the retort that he gave him a week off to prepare for the trip.

GET ONE YOURSELF.

During the Civil War there was an Irishman of the Thirty-sixth Indiana who, while on the skirmish line at Dallas, saw a good chance to capture a Confederate. He availed himself of the opportunity, captured his man, and was passing to the rear with his prisoner when one of his comrades called out to him:

'Pat, let me have that man. I will take him over to General Gross, our brigade commander.'

'Never mind, me boy,' replied Pat. 'I left thousands back over the hill there. Go yourself and fetch one of the lads over and take him to General Gross.'

CAPABLE OF FILLING THE POSITION.

Editor: 'You wish a position as proof-reader?'

Applicant: 'Yes, sir.'

'Do you understand the requirements of that responsible position?'

'Perfectly, sir. Whenever you make any mistakes in the paper, just blame 'em on me, and I'll never say a word.'

ACCOUNTING FOR THE COMPANY.

The attention of the British sergeant to details is illustrated by the explanation of a sergeant when his superior officer asked him why the attendance of his company at church parade was so small.

'Well, sir,' said he, 'we've sixteen Catholics, twelve Weslevans, six Primitive Methodists, two J. B. and four Peelin' Potatoes!'

GOOD ENGLISH NOT REQUIRED.

Judge Lindley, of the St. Louis Circuit Court, like many another good judge, is fond of a quiet joke. A raw German, who had been summoned for jury duty, desired to be relieved.

'Schudge,' he said, 'I can nicht understand English goot.'

Looking over the crowded bar, his eye filled with humor, the judge replied: 'Oh! You can serve! You won't have to understand good English. You won't hear any here.'

THE MAGIC WRITING.

Take French chalk, or school crayons used for writing on the blackboard, and write your name, or anything else you choose to write, on a mirror, and then wipe it off lightly so that it will not show, you have everything ready for a very clever little trick. Have your friends look at the mirror, and see that nothing is there; then tell them that by breathing on the mirror you can make magic writing appear. This will prove to be quite true, and will look very mysterious to those who do not understand just how it is done. There is enough chalk left on the mirror to make the writing very plain when the moisture of your breath settles on the smooth surface of the mirror. You must not make your writing spread out over too much surface, as a part of it will dry out and disappear before you get over the whole surface. When the moisture dries up, you can breathe on the mirror again and again, and the writing will continue to appear and disappear.

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