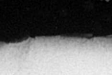
On the Funny Side



A LARGE ORDER

"Do you always speak the whole truth and nothing but the truth?"

"I don't claim to be as strong as all that," replied Senator Sorghum. "A man who undertakes to ascertain truth in its entirety and then to sift out all the elements of non-veracity is likely to find that he has used up the better part of a lifetime in contemplative silence."

An Appropriate Name.

"I wonder," said Perkins, "why they named this picture theater the Free-hire?"

"Have you ever seen any of those pictures?" asked his friend.

"Never."

"Well, if you ever do, you'll know the reason off hand as though you'd been acting."—Judge.

A LADY KILLER.

"I wonder what happened when the dish ran away with the spoon."

"I suppose it was a sad blow to the petite maiden."

Ready Money.

I rather like Mr. Jones, he is kind and wealthy in their way and that. Among those counters iron and ing A dollar but does love as big

The Cynic.

"They seem very much in love with each other."

"Don't you have they been married?"

"Two weeks."

"I don't like to appear cynical, but keep an eye on them for a couple of years and report to me what they seem to think of each other then."

A Howells Story

D. M. R. sends us the following neat retort once made by the late W. D. Howells. A loan, long Yankee acquaintance was visiting the eminent novelist on his corpulence. "If I were as fat as you, Howells," he said, "I would go and hang myself."

"Well," returned W. D. quietly, "if I ever take your advice I'll use you for a rope."

Safe.

While an English politician was speaking on taxation he was interrupted by a man shouting: "Are you going to tax my food?" Are you going to tax my food?"

Soon one in the rear of the hall cried out:

"Oh, stop your braying; thistles will never be taxed."

She Learned Something.

"So you've been around the world," asked the young housewife.

"Yes, sum," said the applicant for broken vittles. "I went around on a tramp steamer."

"Dear me! I didn't know there were steamers that made a specialty of catering to tramps."

A VERSION.

"Do you object to anyone who eats onions?"

"No. I very much dislike any aversation of a weapon."

An Eastern Saying.

In rub there is much grief,
But small are he gains
How long is life!
How little it rains!

Left.

"After seeing that movie you object to it must be disappointing to have him die at the end of the picture."

"I should say he was disappointed; replied the old millionaire; "I expected to marry that delicious girl myself."

Wants to Know the Truth.

Citizen (to beggar at the door)—So you've been out of work long?

"Yes, sir; but lately I've dreamed three times that I got a job, and I'll finance me a bit I shall buy a Persian bowl and head out if it wowed anything."

Anatomical.

Philosopher—You can reach a man's heart through his stomach.

Pugilist—Yes; that's the place to hit him to take the heart out of his—ah—sowers.

It's Getting to Be Tragic.

"Did Mr. Jagsby tell any funny stories at the banquet?"

"He tried to tell a joke about prohibition."

"Well?"

"But finally he choked with emotion, seized a glass of water, gulped it down, and burst into tears."

The Villain's Accomplice.

"So you've been in jail, have you? he presented budget-dazzling man?"

"Yes, sir; I was the chief of the detective staff of the scene."

Variety Denied.

"What is your idea of a good form of taxation?"

"Most anything," replied Senator Sorghum, "that gives us a change from what we've grown used to and gotten tired of."

Complicated.

Dubbins—I can't live amicably with my wife, and I can't live without her.

Stubbins—Cough: What's the solution of a problem like that?

"Chloroform; but, unfortunately, it is against the law."—Answers.

Blind and Deaf, She Plays Piano

Kansas Wonder Girl Is in Class With Helen Keller and Willetta Huggins.

"FEELS" MUSIC WITH FEET

Baking Angel Food and Writing an Typewriter Among Her Other Accomplishments—Masters Difficult Classical Music.

Olathe, Kan.—After 20 years in the silent world of those who are eyeless, deaf and dumb, Miss Helen May Martin is finding her way out. She has chosen the least "reasonable" method of expression imaginable for one so afflicted. It is music.

Before a large audience in the Methodist church here, Miss Martin played the piano, probably the first piano recital in the history of the world to have been heard by a deaf and blind soldier sight nor hearing, for almost none be said that she is without equal for she articulates even unfamiliar names accurately and understandingly.

The "complexity of the control by which a person whose sensations are practically limited to touch and heat and cold, pain and taste enters a whole new world is not comprehensible to the normal person. Miss Martin might possibly hear a touch caught by her fingers on certain of the piano keys and press them down by force, but that would not explain her ability to grasp rhythm, nor whatever else it is that tells her when she is about to make a mistake in time to avert it. She never has heard, and "as never been able to hear. For a few years she did hear after total deafness she was able to distinguish between tones. But for many years before hers. For 20 years she has not even been that travesty on sight.

"Feels" Her Music.

Miss Martin is unable to "feel" her music but by placing the ball of her foot against the floor and her upright piano, her teacher, Mrs. Helen May Martin, says.

At the school, however, she did not want to risk scarring the instrument she was using, so she got approximately the same result by holding her left foot under the "soft" pedal.

Gounod's "Sarch Poenfish," the Hon. Gladstone's favorite "Mendelssohn's familiar "Meditation," Lang's equally familiar "Flower Song," the first two movements of Beethoven's "Moonlight" sonata, and Carrie Jacobs Bond's "A Perfect Day" were the numbers used. The precision with which the young woman picked her notes out of complicated harmonic attack them, and managed rhards, dynamics, and pedal were marvelous. All the pieces were taken deliberately, of course, but the distortions that would have been evident had she heard entirely by note were absent.

In the second movement of the sonata the rhythm is not simple. But neither was it too much for Miss Martin. She "felt" it as well as played it, and repeated the "flower song" for an encore.

Experiments with the piano were begun a good many years ago by the young woman's mother, but only in the last few years have they been pressed. Never has there been available a teacher who understood both the difficulties of the pupil's affliction and those for the deaf. Miss Andrea Granger, who sat on the platform with Miss Martin, is by a coincidence her first and latest teacher. When Miss Martin was a small girl, Miss Granger was with her for a short time, and now she is completing the work begun then.

Has Other Accomplishments.

In addition to a repertoire of 20 piano pieces, Miss Martin has many of the accomplishments of the normal girl. She reads Braille and now learns her piano music by touch as more than do "point" for each hand separately.

Old Time Court House Gutted by Fire

Firemen in Auburn, New York, fighting the flames, which gutted the Cayuga county court house, a venerable building of classic beauty erected in 1856. The cupola, roof and courtroom were totally wrecked.

Finds Son After 20 Years.

Cowpens, Ind., dispatch—Mrs. Joseph F. Lemmer of Boston found her son, Everett, after a search of 20 years. Chief Vadlon Mountford police, here after a search covering nearly every large city in the United States and Canada. She saw his name in a list.

Lightning is said to strike lonely and most frequently, then sandy soil, then clay soil, then rock. Statistics show that lonely soil is struck 22 times to one of chalk.

THEY PLAYED WITH DOLLS

Hugh Capet, the first king of France, away back in the year 987, gave a fancy dress ball, at which he presented the women of the court wonderfully made dolls dressed in exact reproduction of costumes worn by the favored ones. From that time on till the Italian Renaissance French dolls were the finest in the world, and French men and women played with them almost as much as did their children.—Leslie's Weekly.

Flag Sunk in Battle in Berlin Museum

Berlin.—The flag of the German cruiser Scharnhorst, which was sunk in the battle of Falkland, has reached the Berlin National museum after a remarkable journey. The captain of a British warship presented the flag to the body of a German sailor washed ashore on the southeastern coast of Brazil and buried in a box containing the flag. A German resident, hearing of this, found the flag and offered it to the Navy department on condition that he be reimbursed for his outlay.

But funds were lacking until recently, when a private collection furnished the means to acquire the flag, which is now an exhibition alongside the model of the cruiser Gneisenau, likewise sunk in the same battle, and other memorials of German heroism.

Says Corn Has High Food Value

U. S. Crop Could Supply Cereal Calories for 400,000,000 People, Declares Expert.

MOST OF IT FED TO ANIMALS

Trade Commissioner of Department of Commerce Says Corn Is Cheapest Cereal Food Procured in This Country.

Washington.—The corn crop of the United States would supply all the necessary cereal calories for over 400,000,000 people, according to Dr. J. A. Lecher, trade commissioner of the department of commerce.

The 20,000,000 starving or undernourished Russians could be supplied from the cereal part of their diet for a month from 5 per cent of America's corn crop, in the opinion of Doctor Lecher.

"The crop of the United States during the last ten years has averaged over two and three-quarters billion bushels," says Doctor Lecher. "Fifty per cent of this is fed directly to animals. Of the amount consumed by man and cattle no more than 10 per cent of the food value is returned to the form of animal food for human consumption. Here certainly we have the greater economic problem than to prevent a good food from being unnecessarily consumed by animals.

Corn Cheapest Food.

"During the greater years 1909-13 the average per capita consumption in the United States, or approximately 100,000,000 people, was 2,700 pounds of breed. Of corn, however, only 3 per cent was used for human food, the greater part being consumed in the form of flour substitutes and breakfast foods. If then more than 10 per cent of the corn crop is ever three and one-half times greater than is returned wheat crop, less than one-fifth as much of the corn as of the wheat is consumed directly as food.

"What the people of this country consume about fifty pounds of corn products per capita. Europe, with Italians, on the other hand, eat about 400 pounds per capita, and the Argentinians nearly 700 pounds per capita. The Rumanians and the people of the various other corn-growing countries, e. g., Hungary, Russia, Bulgaria, Servia, Montenegro, consume large amounts of corn.

Cereal Food Value High.

"Looking at the matter from corn grits and meal from the standpoint of their composition and food value, it may be stated that corn grits and meal are essentially equal flour value. Grits can therefore replace flour in the diet, and corn flour replace a portion of the wheat flour without reducing the food value of the food one bit. In this country, however, the consumption of as much as 75 per cent more expensive wheat flour than of corn products is often made; grades coarse about twice as much as corn grits, and corn grits are the cheapest cereal foods on the market. Corn meal and corn grits are the cheapest cereal foods for human consumption, but for export.

"There is an exceptional demand for the probable effect of feeding corn products to the people of Europe, due to the unfortunate condition of their cereal crops. Corn products have been a very large export demand during the years 1914-15-16, and the activities of the American food administration have had a notable effect. Between 200,000 in Australia, 50,000 in Hungary, and over 3,000,000 in Russia, are being fed at least one meal a day containing corn products—this is free as the cereal portion of the diet. Thus it may be seen that the possibilities of corn products as being enrolled on by the people of Europe are considerable in feeding a good food product which is unnecessarily consumed by animals. This should mean the elimination in a large extent of that prejudice against corn which has in the past characterized a portion of the population of Europe."

WEARS NECKTIE 38 YEARS OLD

Oregonian "Sports" Cravat at Dougherty's Wedding Is Worn First at His Own.

Albany, Ore.—Fred F. Nutting, editor of the Albany Democrat for more than thirty years and now mayor of Albany, where he is connected with the United States internal revenue service, gave away his daughter, Miss Violet, in marriage here to Hubbell Young of this city. He wore the same necktie which he wore at his own wedding, September 16, 1883, and which he has worn at the weddings of has attended in the intervening 38 years. When Mr. Nutting was married a friend presented him with the necktie, which he has worn ever since. It was decorated with hand painted roses.

Avoid Letters

The editors of a recent volume of literary selections for the use of college students calmly omit Lamb and Hazlitt and proceed to justify the omission by the remarkable assertion that to encourage a people "in pleasant rambles with Elia or Hazlitt through the by-ways of literature is to put a weapon into the hands of those critics who condemn the English teacher as a pedant or a dilettante and to hasten the exodus of college men from the liberal arts course." The thing to do, say these opponents of liberal culture, is to study authors who present "a logically connected program of ideas." Study Huxley, study Mill, study Godwin, study Paine—all of whom are represented in this volume and don't study Lamb! In other words, don't study literature.—Harry T. Baker, in the American Review.

When love enters the door, reason flies out of the window—often enough

HERE IS THE WATCH CAT

Bear Cub Born in Park Zoo.

Chehalis, Minn.—The Chehalis bear has a baby cub, and it is full cub born at the park, according to Superintendent Phillips, few cubs are born captivity live long. Several years ago a bear cub was born at the park, but was killed by the male bears. This cub was discovered in time to be removed and taken out of the bear pen. It is being raised on a bottle.

Boys Own Cattle.

Spokane, Wash.—With the presentation that he had only a few more days left, Fred W. Miller, an aged and well-to-do cattleman of Hillyard, purchased a cattle for himself that he might his eye a year before and barring the sad news of all fourteen expenses including the watering of his own body. He died next day.

TO LET—AN APARTMENT

Being the Somewhat Complicated Love Story of a Man and a Maid, With Love Running True to Type.

By ELEANOR PORTER

Author of "Pollyanna," "Just David," Etc.

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