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THE CHARACTER OF PORTIA IN SHAKESPEARE'S MERCHANT OF VENICE.

The following paper was written by a pupil of the ninth grade in the Farmville graded school. It has not been corrected by any teacher and all the information was obtained by the student from a study of the text:

Portia at the opening of the story appears without father or mother or indeed any relative nearer than Doctor Bellaris, the famous juris-consult of Padua. Her father a wealthy noble lived long enough to see the admiration aroused in men's bosoms by her spirit, brilliant wit, and 'beauty like the sun.' But before his death he arranged a lottery, (under restrictions severe enough to keep away mere adventures) by which his daughter was to be won.

Thus was Portia, hardly out of her girlhood left heiress of Belmont. The fame of her person, and the hazard by which she was to be won, drew suitors from many lands, but she was loyal to her father's will and to the oath she had taken to fulfill it. Her loyalty was proof against her own feeling that she had already seen a scholar and a soldier whom she could love. She swore that if she could not be won by her father's will she would not be won at all.

Her cleanness in thought and action enables her to see quite straight at moments of crises, and again and again she meets a difficult moment with a grace so perfect as to show besides dexterity, true goodness of nature, as when Antonia's letter is received on the eve of her marriage, by her clear imagination she sees at once a path by which she might save him, and this end once in view she sets everything in motion and moves with such alacrity and quickness that she is at once stamped an artist by profession. Her perfect clearness in thought and action is shown when by a bold reduction to the absurd, she solves the bond and thus saves the life of her husband's friend.

Her brilliant wit rises to her aid on all occasions, as when to prevent the Duke of Saxo's nephew from choosing the right casket, she commands her maid to place a deep glass of rhenish wine upon the contrary casket and he will be sure to choose that one. And when by her excellent wit she has saved the life of her husband's friend, she returns home so as to be present when he and her lord reach home.

She has a noble conception of life and shows her dislike for vanity and self conceit in her talk with the Prince of Arrogan. He is so full of vanity and self conceit that she can hardly conceal her dislike of him and treat him with courtesy and respect. She takes his measure in the biting phrase, "O there deliberate fools when they do choose they have the wisdom by their wit to lose."

When the great lords and Dukes come to the palace of Portia to sue for her love in all the grandeur and splendor of their nation, and they hear of the lottery by which she was to be won, they will not attempt to choose because they are really not lovers of Portia but of her wealth, on the other hand, when Bassanio arrives and hears of the bottery by which she was to be won, he is willing to hazard all for her, because he rightly loves, and Portia possessed of natural insight into the character of men, sees this and has more love for

the poor Bassanio than for all the lords and Dukes. She shows them that she cares not for their wealth and standing but she cares for a good, true and noble man. And when she delivers herself and her passions into his hands, with noble courage and grace she speaks openly of that which any woman less sincere or less wise would have tried to pass over or disparage—her wealth, wishes it sixty times as great as it is, then by one gift abolishes it, and presents herself to Bassanio by herself alone.

She possesses a delightful way of relieving from embarrassment those on whom she bestows kindness, as when she tells Bassanio first to church and call her wife then take three times the money he owes his friend and hasten to his help. Here she covers her generosity under what seems a rather spiteful pun and so escapes and gives escape to her friends. In other words to Bassanio, "You should in all sense be much bound to him for as I hear he was much bound to you," she shows peculiar tact and skill and in this way relieves Antonio from embarrassment. When she delivers into Lorenzo's hands the management and husbandry of her house she covers her generosity of mind by representing her hospitality and trust as a task laid upon Lorenzo, and so tries to relieve him from a sense of obligation.

This noble lady Portia loves Bassanio so truly that for his sake she becomes courageous, speeds him on his way to his friend and astonishes Lorenzo at the courage she shows at her lord's departure. It is for his sake that she arises with noble courage and grace before a crowd of men and takes command of the whole case, and speaks with the authority of the whole court. Very skilfully and tactfully does she lead to the solving of the bond by pretending to be on his side and shows him that she wishes for full justice and the law herself. She does this because she will show him later that he will obtain more justice and law than he wishes. The Duke had taken every means to qualify Shylock's rigorous course but though he has tried many learned lawyers, no one could solve the bond and save Antonio until Portia arrives, then she begins to argue forcibly, to preach eloquently, and with clear and understanding knowledge and her great wisdom to solve the bond. In this act is shown her brave, noble and courageous nature, her philosophical mind, her wonderful reasoning powers, and her true and loyal friendship and love for Bassanio.

Although she was the embodiment of everything good and true, she is possessed of more masculine qualities than most women. She issues decisive commands and shows infinite spirit in her preparation to go to Venice. She wastes no time in mere words and idle thoughts but says to Balthasar, "Waste no time but get thee gone. I shall be there before thee."

Although she is of a devout and contemplative nature, she is not content with only praying to her Savior, but knows that her eloquent preaching is comparatively futile where the actions are concerned. In her words and actions we see that she loves God. She lives a true, pure and unspotted life. Her face which has always a sweet and loving smile playing about her lips throws its look of ethereal sweetness upon all it meets.

STATE NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in North Carolina.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 31.—March was a record breaker in shipment of manufactured tobacco which aggregated 3,806,946 pounds. Revenue stamp sales amounted to \$228,415,941. Leaf tobacco sales were 1,111,107 pounds. It brought \$106,379.43.

Winston-Salem, Mar. 31.—The wife of a farmer named Turner, residing near the Forsythe county line, has given birth to five healthy children, three boys and two girls. The weight of the five children ranging from four to six pounds. All of them are living and thriving and the mother is doing nicely. The birth rate in this family heretofore has been normal.

New Bern, March 31.—Three dry kilns, containing nearly a million feet of lumber and a considerable amount of lumber on the yards of the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company, on Knob's Creek, just outside corporation limits, were swept away by fire today at noon. The loss is estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Insurance \$10,000.

Fayetteville, N. C., March 31.—The latest news in the line of manufacturing enterprises for Fayetteville is that a new cotton mill of 10,000 spindles will be erected here. That the plan to build this big mill here will materialize is almost a dead certainty, but the names of the promoters have not yet been made public, nor has any organization whatever been effected.

Winston-Salem, March 31.—Alleging that overwork was the cause of his taking his own life, the relatives of W. E. Paul, for twenty years agent for the Southern Railway at Elkin, are arranging to institute a suit against the Southern for \$50,000. Mr. Paul shot himself through his head in his barn about two weeks ago. He had been in bad health for a few weeks and it is claimed that his mind became unbalanced as a result of overwork. The deceased left a good home for his wife and seven children, besides other property, and \$6,000 life insurance.

There is that shining in her glorious face that says she is the embodiment of kindness, good nature and humor. She goes about the world doing kind and loving deeds for others and using her enormous wealth for the benefit of others as well as herself. This is signified when she told Bassanio to first to church and call her wife, then double, yet treble the amount he owes his friend and hasten to depart for Venice. She never meets anyone who does not immediately fall in love with her sweet face who does not love her for her kind and loving deeds. Jessica says that she loves her past all expressing, that Lord Bassanio should live an upright life, for having such a blessing in his lady. "He finds the joys of heaven here on earth," she said "and this poor rude world hath not a fellow suitable for the noble Portia."

No analysis can explain the charm of a character like Portia's. We can best realize our own feeling about her, by the assurance we have that she would do nobly always, but that the full greatness of her qualities could only be shown in some crisis needing prompt and courageous action.

EDITORS IN MOUNTAINS.

Will Leave Asheville Morning of 25th of June and Will Spend Saturday and Sunday at Morehead City.

The North Carolina Press Association is to meet in Hendersonville on the 23rd and 24th of June, and the editors will leave Asheville for an excursion to Morehead City where they will spend Saturday and Sunday.

This was the decision made here yesterday when the executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association met in the office of the News and Observer, with President J. A. Thomas, of Louisburge, presiding, and with Mr. J. B. Sherrill, of Concord, the secretary.

The invitation to meet at Hendersonville, was extended by Hon. M. L. Shipman, the Commissioner of Labor and Printing, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of Hendersonville. The invitation to Morehead City was extended by Col. Frank P. Morton, manager of the Atlantic Hotel. Most happily it was decided to meet in the mountains and go to the seashore, giving the members the delights of both sections of the State.—Raleigh News and Observer.

GENERAL NEWS.

Some of the Happenings Over the Country.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 30.—Charged with the murder of Rose Tritt, at Sanford, Ind., thirty two years ago, Sylvester Burnham is to be arrested in Texas. Requisition papers were obtained from Governor Marshall at Indianapolis. The police will not say in what part of Texas Burnham is living. He is said to be a wealthy ranch owner.

Trade Report.

Richmond, Va., April 1, 1909.

Bradstreet's Saturday will say for Richmond and vicinity; Trade conditions generally are irregular, some lines show improvement while others are inactive. Manufacturers of trunks, bags and furniture report sales fairly active. Dry goods, shoes and notions are quiet. Wholesale milliners have had a satisfactory season. In practically all lines conservatism in buying continues a feature. Lumber is quiet, the same is true of hides, leather and dependent industries. In retail lines trade is reported fair, though not proportionately equal to a comparative period of last year. Contractors and builders anticipate early and enlarged activities in building and construction work. Reports from the majority of railroads show increased freight receipts and fewer idle cars. Crop conditions are reported generally good. Cotton is being planted in southern districts. Collections are slow.

TO APRIL.

Sweet April bring your blossoms,
Pour them down at my feet;
Grow a soft mossy pillow,
On which to sweetly sleep.
Send dear little fluffy birdies,
To sing in the leafy tree;
And let them sweetly warble,
Their silvery notes to me.
Spread out a grassy carpet,
Soft as the finest silk;
Dotted over with lillies,
Perfumed and white as milk.
Then, oh, to dream among flowers,
Through all the livelong day;
Fill thy departure ushers in,
The glad month of May.
—Mrs. W. G. Williams.

Be sure to see our line of ladies' tailor made coat suits for spring wear. Pulley & Bowen. 3 25 7td & 2tw

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS.

The Visitors Here and People Who Travel.

F. J. McGuire went to Tarboro today.

Z. V. Murphy went to Grifton today.

P. T. Anthony went to Grifton today.

D. J. Whichard went to Grifton today.

E. E. Griffin went to Robersonville today.

Miss Minnie Tunstall went to Bethel today.

Miss Nellie Barnhill went to Bethel today.

Misses Hellen Forbes and Gertrude Williams are visiting in LaGrange.

C. H. Smith, of Philadelphia, Pa., erecting engineer of York Mfg. Co., arrived yesterday to install new machinery an Hill & Johnson ice factory.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hines, of Florence, S. C., who were married Tuesday and are on a bridal tour, came in Wednesday evening to spend a day or two with his brother, W. C. Hines.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

April.

Fourth month.

Did the fool catcher catch you? Knights of Pythias meet tonight.

The Board of Aldermen meet tonight.

April has started off pretty enough.

The red maple blossoms make the trees pretty.

Delinquent tax lists are in the hands of the printer.

Store windows are pretty with their spring fixings.

There was nothing lion-like in the going out of March.

Some people from here, went down to the lot sale at Grifton today.

Just received a nice line of ladies' tailor made coat suits for spring. Pulley & Bowen.

This is called the month for showers, but they come in all months.

Automobiles are getting more popular. Two road machines were here from Grimesland today.

Frank Wilson is going to do some half-page talking about new spring clothing to Reflector readers tomorrow, and you should not miss a word that he says.

The Christian Woman's Missionary Society will hold prayer services at the Christian church next week beginning with Sunday. These services will be led by different members each day at 3:30 o'clock. Every lady in town is most cordially invited to attend.

The Home Telephone, and Telegraph Co. will positively issue a new directory by May 1st and after this date all subscribers will call by number only. It is therefore very important that you see the manager at once about that telephone. Subscribe now, and get your name properly listed.

Popular Sheet Music.

Latest popular sheet music at 19c per copy on sale at Stieff's temporary piano warerooms, will remain on sale 10 days only.

MOVEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS:

Time of Arrival and Departure at Greenville.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Northbound	Southbound
8:28 A. M.	11:21 A. M.
4:41 P. M.	6:00 P. M.

NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN

Eastbound	Westbound
9 55 A. M.	7:25 A. M.
7 33 P. M.	6:40 P. M.

April 1 in History.

1405—Sultan Timour, or Tamerlane, conqueror of Persia, died.

1815—Otto Edward Leopold von Bismarck, the "Iron Chancellor," born; died 1898.

1902—Thomas Dunn English, poet and politician, author of "Ben Bolt," died; born 1819.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 6:21, rises 5:38; moon sets 4:22 a. m.; 4:40 a. m., moon in conjunction with Jupiter, passing from west to east of the planet, 3 1/2 degrees south thereof. Constellations visible, 8:30 p. m., during April—overhead, Leo Minor; north, Ursa Minor, Ursa Major, Cepheus, Cassiopeia; northeast, Draco, Canes Venatici; east, Corona Borealis, Bootes, Serpens, Virgo; southeast, Corvus; south, Leo, Cancer, Hydra; southwest, Canis Minor, Monoceros, Canis Major, Orion, Argo Navis; west, Gemina, Taurus; northwest, Lynx, Auriga, Perseus. Bright stars visible, same hour, the rank of each among the 20 first magnitude stars being given in parentheses—east, Arcturus (5), Spica (15); south, Regulus (19); southwest, Procyon (9), Sirius (1), Betelgeux (11), Rigel (7); west, Pollux (17), Aldebaran (14); northwest, Capella (4). Planets during April—Mercury invisible, passes east of the sun the 21st; Venus invisible, passes east of the sun the 28th; Mars rises about 2 a. m.; Jupiter between 2 and 4 a. m.; brilliant evenings in the south; Saturn invisible, passes to the west of the sun the 3d; Uranus at western quadrature the 10th; Neptune at eastern quadrature the 4th. Sun in constellation Pisces till 18th, then in Aries. Lyrid meteors from constellation Lyræ 16th to 20th. Eta Aquarid meteors from constellation Aquarius, 29th and 30th. Zodiacal light, moonless nights in western twilight. Sun's declination 4.7 degrees north of celestial equator.

Weather.

Partly cloudy in east, showers tonight or Friday in west portion, slightly warmer Friday.

NOTES FOR BUSY SHOPPERS.

Business Locals—News Briefs for Busy People.

Maine Red Liss, Irish Cobbles, Houlton Rose, Peerless, at S. M. Schultz.

Go-carts are something needed in nearly every home. We have them. Taft & Vandyke. 4 26

For Rent—Drug store, 24 X 50, brick building, Farmville, N. C. 4 1 T. L. & W. J. Turnage Co.

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THURSDAY, APR. 1, 1909.

Today gave evidence that the fools are not all dead.

Crazy Snake seems not to be inappropriately named.

The good work in Raleigh will not be complete until it is shown who mutilated the records.

Just think of Springfield, the capital of Illinois, voting "dry." That looks like prohibition is continuing to gain ground.

The Forsythe county woman who gave birth to a quintette of children should not have waited until Mr. Roosevelt was out of office.

You now have but nine months in this year to talk for Greenville. Do not put off your boosting until the last month but make every month count.

At present it does not look like the deficiency is going to be helped much by the tariff tinkering, but the consumers stand a chance to get bled deeper.

Just as predicted, the report comes that there is no truth in the story that an attempt was made by an Italian to harm Mr. Roosevelt on his trip across the Atlantic. There are yet some liars in the land.

President Taft has given some of the senators a rap by telling them he is going to make judicial appointments to suit himself. If he means to bring the Eastern North Carolina judgeship under that decision some of them had as well shut up.

Charlotte has determined to have the folks there on the occasion of President Taft's visit at the 20th of May celebration. The governors of the thirteen original States, the mayors of North Carolina towns and the editors of the two Carolinas are mentioned for invitations. And they will not be all.

It now looks as if a very large crop of tobacco would be planted this year in every section of the Union where the weed is produced. This journal, for several months, has been sounding a warning against the folly of planting too much tobacco. In urging this matter on the farmers we feel that we have done our whole duty. Our appeals and warnings on this subject have been copied by the press throughout the country, and our brothers of their voices and warned the planters with the same earnestness. We have set forth the dangers of an over-crop in every light and appealed to the planters not to repeat the folly of former years. If they go ahead in this blind course our hands are clean from any calamity that may follow an over-crop this year. Now, it may not be too late, farmers. Don't act against your best judgment. Think and judge and act for yourselves. Be your own masters. Let your

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Pound Cake, Wet or Dry?

We consider it right down cruel, that's what it is, now that prohibition has us in its clutches, to be told by such high authority as The Northwestern Christian Advocate, that "a wineglass full of whiskey improves a pound cake." We infer, of course, that the whiskey is to be used as one of the ingredients when the cook starts in to construct a perfect cake, but how is the whiskey to be obtained where prohibition is supreme? We suppose it could hardly be obtained on a doctor's prescription, if it is to be used in making pound cake, and if one gets it on the sly, there's no surety that it will be good. What is the lover of cake to do? - Montgomery Advertiser.

Trees.


Trees grow on mountain sides, in remote country districts, and some residential quarters. They furnish shade, presidential timber, and when sliced thin, delicious breakfast foods.

Trees are useful for cutting down, and furnish occupation for the otherwise unemployed. In the form of railroad ties, they furnish a basis for the bond issues and for stock market panics. Trees may be oak, beech, chestnut, or elm, but they are always popular. They make excellent fire, especially when made into some novels.

Trees are brown and green, but when made into paper are generally yellow. This is when they bark loudest. - Real Estate Record.

A Miraculous Escape.

It is said that during a wind-storm the other day a large pine tree was blown down upon a barn at Mr. George G. French's place at Bee Gee, the first station out from Lumberton on the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad, and that the barn was crushed and four mules and one horse that occupied stalls in the barn miraculously escaped unhurt. The only explanation offered for the miraculous escape is the fact that the horse and one of the mules were gray. - Lumberton Robesonian.

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A PLAGUE OF ANTS.

The Vicious Insects Are a Nuisance in Southwestern Africa.

"Ants—white, black and yellow—are a great nuisance in Nigeria," says Charles Partridge in "Cross River Natives." "They march from place to place in military formation. Some carry their young, others bear food, and scouts and a fighting escort are always on duty. Their column looks like a long black snake curving along the ground.

"They leave behind them a well formed road about four inches broad and half an inch deep, worn smooth by the tread of the countless throng.

"They do not bite when the sun is high, but woe betide the hapless wight who comes in their way at other times! While traveling through the bush you occasionally find them in possession of a section of the road. Perhaps you are in the midst of them before you discover the presence of your small but fierce adversary. The first man bitten yells out something meaning, 'Ware ants!' and we all hurry forward, stamping vigorously. Those of us upon whom the little warriors have fastened tear off our clothes and nip the foes to death. My little black horse always wanted to turn back when he came to a column of ants. My dog Bob, a native, used to dance like a bear on hot bricks when the driver ants got between his paws and had to be held down while they were plucked out.

"One night I suddenly awoke with a feeling that something was amiss. All the household pets, such as snakes, lizards, rats, toads, centipeds and spiders, seemed to be bestirring themselves restlessly. No sooner had my foot touched the ground than I knew what it was, for a fierce bite told me that the driver ants were upon us.

"On lighting a candle I found a column marching across the floor and a whole regiment attacking my bed. I roused the assistant district commissioner, and eventually, using wisps of burning paper, we drove out the enemy. Fire or hot ashes are the best means to use for expelling them."

THE LAND OF BIG GAME.

British East Africa as it Appears to the Hunter.

A brown village of thatched huts squatting in a trampled clearing of the forest and backed by thickset trees so closely faced with a living tapestry of woven green that the achingly tropical sunlight can scarcely penetrate; slim, naked blacks slipping like shadows among the broad leaved bananas and rubber trees, staring furtively as your bearers file slowly past them; a lonely station far up or down river, where a haggard white man sits to receive tribute in the name of his trading company, marks an outpost of civilization in this jungle land. And through and under it all are the fevered glare of sunlight, the ceaseless drowsy whisper of the woods, the hot, dry scents of the parched earth, or, if the rains have come, all the land about will lie cloaked in steaming vapor, the sultry air as thick and humid as the air of a greenhouse at home. There you have the Kongo as the white man knows it—the Kongo or the jungle of Uganda. But all of this is only a part of what we have chosen to call and to picture as the dark continent.

For there, too, is the desert, widely different in all its aspects from Kongo-land. On the slope of the rising ground that lifts from sea level at Mombasa and climbs to nearly 8,000 feet before it drops again to the lesser level of Victoria Nyanza is another vast waste as typical of Africa as this jungle country—the desert, as it is called, the plains of bush and grass. Six months of the year—from October to April—it lies half drowned under tropic rains. From April to September only occasional showers fall, and the wide plateau grills under the staring sunlight, all yellowing in the glare. Here upon these uplands is found the great variety of big game, the vast herds of wild things that have made and still make Africa the greatest shooting country in the world. This is British East Africa as the hunter knows it—C. B. Taylor in Everybody's.

An Alibi.

The milkman stood before her nervously twirling his hat in his hands. "So," she said sternly, "you have come at last."

"Yes, madam. You sent for me, I believe," he replied.

"I wished to tell you that I found a minnow in the milk yesterday morning."

"I am sorry, madam, but if the cows will drink from the brook instead of from the trough I cannot help it."—Harper's Weekly.

A Queer Dish.

A great dish at Egyptian harem feasts is that of a lamb roasted whole. After the manner of a nest of Chinese boxes, each smaller than the other, the lamb is stuffed with a whole turkey, the turkey with a chicken, the chicken with a pigeon, the pigeon with a quail and the quail with a becardo, the smallest bird known, except a humming bird. The lamb is roasted over a slow fire until it is almost ready to fall to pieces.

Try This.

Fasten a key to a string and suspend it by your thumb and finger, and it will oscillate like a pendulum. Let some one place his hand under the key, and it will change to a circular motion. Then let a third person place his hand upon your shoulder, and the key becomes stationary.—London Express.

The man who would rather be right than be president generally has his preference gratified.—Philadelphia Record.

A Gambler.

Tommy—Pop, how would you define a gambler? Tommy's Pop—Well, my son, a man's wife thinks he is a gambler if he loses, and his friends think he is a gambler if he wins.—Philadelphia Record.

THE LUMINOUS HALO.

Psychic Explanation of an Oft Witnessed Phenomenon.

I was summoned one day to the Salt-petriere in Paris to see a woman who lay in a bed in the dark. She was a woman whose body, nerves, brain, had been teased and tortured for years in psychic and occult experiment. What mental perturbation was racking that brain I did not know, and the physicians at her bedside did not know. With clinched hands and teeth and eyes open wide the woman lay there. Her breathing was irregular and not deep. What we saw was this: A luminous halo of a vague orange hue that circled her head, even as in the old pictures of martyred saints you see the heads mooned with faded gold. This halo was fluctuant. It came and went. It was a light that flickered, grew, faded, formed itself anew.

A miracle, this aureoled head? If you want to call it that. Words are not of great importance. It was a miracle when it glowed around the head of a martyr tortured in the arena, so tortured by pain and fear that his dissociated psychic centers produced the phenomenon of the exteriorization of luminous energy.

Perhaps it were better to call it at once a miracle and a prescientific fact—a fact, that is, which is occult, but is in the way of becoming known.

I asked Dr. Frere what he thought of this miracle. "I have often seen it," he said. The field of his experiments was the madhouse at Bicetre. There many neuro-pathic patients abide, and often in cases of severe headache or of religious ecstasy he has seen these fluctuant aureoles around the head.

"The rays are often twenty centimeters in extent, quite regular, forming a perfect aureole," he explained. There is, then, a form of energy endowed with luminous properties emanating from the human body under certain conditions.—Vance Thompson

A HOTEL DINNER.

The Husband Ordered It, and His Wife Criticised It.

On the midnight train ride from town, where he and his wife had been entertaining one of his best patients at dinner and the theater, the suburban doctor spoke bitterly:

"What a dinner! And it cost \$15. The cooking in these big hotels is atrocious. They smear sauces over everything. I suppose it is to hide poor materials."

"It isn't the fault of the cooking that our dinner was a failure. It was its selection that doomed it."

"What was the matter with the selection?"

"You should not have done the ordering. You have your meals chosen for you almost every day in the year. It is the women of people in our circumstances who ought to arrange the menus at restaurants. Look what you ordered! Bisque of lobster—a soup with a body of thick white sauce. Sweetbreads—cooked, as usual, with a cream dressing. Virginia ham with champagne sauce—a brown sauce as thick as molasses. Then for dessert you took a chance on pudding Reine Victoria—candied fruit and lady fingers swimming in soft custard."

"Well, how is a fellow to know? Lobster soup, sweetbreads, Virginia ham and pudding Reine Victoria—it sounds fine."

"But a woman knows that it is a wretched combination of splendid dishes. It is the woman's dull duty to choose menus for 305 days in the year. She learns a good deal about selection. Yet when a sum of money, equal to a week's food expenses, is to be squandered on one dinner at a hotel it is the man who selects the

menu and tries to look capable. He makes a failure frequently, as you did tonight. It would have been a pleasure for me to order a fifteen dollar dinner—a change from manipulating dinner for four on \$1. But men feel too important in a restaurant to submit the menu to their wives for assistance."—Exchange.

He Came Back Hard.

"That boy," said the Billville farmer, "beats my time! Jest now when I quoted Scripture to him he come back at me hard!"

"You don't say?"

"Shore! I told him to git a hoe an' foller the furrow. 'Thar's gold in the land,' I said. 'An' what do you reckon he made answer?'"

"You tell it."

"'Father,' he says, 'I don't keer fer the gold o' this here world. I've laid up treasure in heaven.'"—Atlanta Constitution.

Fair Warning.

Year after year an old farmer had listened in grim silence to the trains thundering by his land. Finally one day, his patience at an end, he dropped his plow and shook his fist at the passing express.

"Ye can puff an' blow all ye like, got darn ye," he cried, "but I'm goin' to ride ye Saturday!"—Everybody's.

The Zones.

Teacher—How many zones are there? Small Boy—Six. Teacher—No; there are but five. However, you may name six if you can. Small Boy—Torrif, north temperate, south temperate, north frigid, south frigid and ozone.—Chicago News.

FEATS OF STRENGTH.

A Blacksmith Who Fairly Outdid Augustus the Strong.

Not all the world's strong men have been performers on the public stage. Indeed, instances might be multiplied in which the feats of professionals have been equaled or excelled.

Charles Louvier, a carpenter of Paris, found it child's play to roll a tin basin between his fingers into a cylinder. On one occasion he carried off a soldier on guard who had gone to sleep in the sentry box and deposited both the box and the soldier on a low churchyard wall near by.

Another man who sometimes found his great strength a source of amusement was a Danish locksmith, Knut Knudson. While standing in a window on the ground floor he lifted with one hand half a bullock from the shoulder of a butcher who was tolling past with his load.

Augustus the Strong, the elector of Saxony, once entered a blacksmith's shop to have his horse shod. To show his suit how strong he was he picked up several horseshoes and broke one after the other, asking the blacksmith as he did so if he had no better. When it came to paying the bill the elector threw a silver piece on the anvil. It was a very thick coin. The blacksmith took it up and broke it in half, saying, "Pardon me, but I have given you a good horseshoe, and I expect a good coin in return." Another piece was offered him. He broke that and five or six others. Then the humiliated elector handed him a louis d'or, saying, "The others were probably made of bad metal, but this gold piece is good, I hope."

"Say, John, I want the negro vote of this town."

"All right," replied John. "I'll vote fo' you, sah. I'll vote fo' you. I'm fo' you, sah."

"That's all right," said the candidate. "That's all right. I'm sure you will. I'm sure you will. But I want to have the whole negro vote of this town. I want to get all."

"Dat's all right," responded the negro. "I done said I'd vote fo' you. I'm yo' friend. I'll suttinly cast my vote fo' you."

"But, say, John, I know that," said the candidate. "See here, I'll be frank. The fellows told me that you are a big man among the colored folks down here and that if I got your vote I'd get the whole negro vote in this place. Do you catch on?"

"Sho," replied John. "Sho I do. You'll git de whole niggab vote, all right. Dey won't be trouble 'bout dat, sah. You see, I'm de only niggab in dis here whole town."—Mobile Register.

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A Straight Tip.

Johnnie (to new visitor)—So you are my grandma, are you? Grandmother—Yes, Johnnie. I'm your grandma on your father's side. Johnnie—Well, you're on the wrong side, you'll find out!—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Horrible.

"That was an awful disaster. There was only one survivor. Isn't that terrible?"

"Fearful. What a bore he'll be!"—Cleveland Leader.

Disenchanted.

"Do you believe in the superhuman?"

"I used to, but I don't any more."

"Why?"

"I married him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

No man knows the weight of another man's burden.—Pitly.

Live and Learn.

Among the words given out for analysis recently by a district school teacher in Pennsylvania was "bank-note." The instructor's astonishment may be imagined when one male pupil turned in the following unique paper:

"Bank-note is a compound, primitive word, composed of 'bank' and 'note.' 'Bank' is a simple word, meaning the side of a stream; 'note,' to set down. 'Bank-note,' to set down by the side of a stream."—Lippicott's.



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PRODIGAL WITH MONEY.

An Author Who Was Constantly in Financial Difficulties.

Of Robert Buchanan, an author whose books seem nowadays in a fair way to be forgotten, there are some interesting glimpses in Chambers' Journal. A friend says of him that he was a man who was constantly in difficulties in regard to money matters. He would have a pocketful of money one day and none at all the next. He "gave money away right and left to those who appealed to his sympathy," and he was absurd in generosity as regarded his friends. This particular friend says of this trait:

"I found it extremely difficult to get him to accept any money due to him for transactions undertaken for me. If I asked him, 'How much do I owe you, Bard?' he invariably answered in the same strain, 'Eight thousand five hundred and nineteen pounds four shillings and sevenpence,' or 'Give me half a million, and we will cry quits.' If we dined together casually, one, two, six of us, he invariably managed to get hold of the bill and pay it.

"This trick of his, of course, became familiar, and we seldom asked him to dinner unless we had arranged the matter beforehand with the powers that be. When he discovered that fact he would say: 'Oh, this is a duke's affair. All right, I expect to be treated as in a ducal mansion.' It was the same with cabs and trains. He was a large, stout man, but he had a curious faculty of reaching the cabman's hand or the ticket office before the slimiest of us.

"He was a confirmed turf speculator—a strange pursuit for a singer of songs and dreamer of dreams—and it need hardly be said he lost far more than he gained, but when he was successful—and occasionally his winnings were large—he always managed to find a means of sharing his good fortune with those less privileged than himself. One of his many methods of telling white lies was this: 'How are you, X? I owe you £20.' 'This is the first I have heard of it,' would likely be the reply. 'Oh, I took the liberty of putting a sovereign on King Charles for you, and he started at 20 to 1, and forthwith he handed over the money.'

English In Java.

A book published in Java, called "The West Java Travelers' Guide," says of a certain sanitarium: "At the establishment is a physician. The sick may invoke the physician for daily treatment, with use of medicaments. Children below ten years pay for lodges half of the price."

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Not So Easy as He Looked.

The passenger train had halted in an isolated rural district on a summer afternoon. The "smart" young man aboard, who volunteered to furnish amusement for the passengers, discovered an awkward country lad sitting on a stump not far distant. Seizing the opportunity for some fun, he cried: "Hello, sonny! Do you live in these parts?"

"Yaas," drawled the youth. "Say, do you have any fools around here?" "Nary one," came the response. "We sent for a carload last week, but wasn't lookin' for them yet."—Judge.

THE MARKETS

Norfolk Cotton and Peanuts, wired by J. W. Perry & Co., Cotton Factors.

COTTON:	Today	Yesterday
Strict Midding	9 1-2	9 1-2
Midding	9 3-8	9 3-8
Str Low Middling	9 1-16	9 1-16
Low Middling	8 5-8	8 5-8
PEANUTS:—Dull,		
Fancy	3 1-4	3 1-4
Strictly Prime	3	3
Prime	2 3-4	2 3-4
Low Grades	2	2

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NEW YORK FUTURES:		
May	9 58	9 01
July	9 48	9 42
Oct.	9 35	9 24
LIVERPOOL FUTURES:		
Oct. and Nov.	5	5

Chicago Markets:		
July Wheat	107 5-8	107
Sept Corn	66 1-4	66 1-4
May Ribs	9 25	9 27
July Ribs	9 40	9 40
May Lard	10 05	10 07
July Lard	10 15	10 17
Greenville Cotton Markt, reported by J. R. & J. G. Moye		
Middling		9 1-2

Where She Would Exit.

Miss Whackemall was lecturing her class upon the formation of the globe.

"Now, what country," she said, turning to the dunce of the class, "is opposite us on the globe?"

"Dunno," answered the pupil.

"Come, come!" said Miss Whackemall. "Suppose I were to bore a hole through the earth here and you were to go in at this end. Where do you think you would come out?"

"Outer the hole, miss!" shouted the dunce and went down one.

Very Different.

"How dare you!" exclaims the angry composer to his critic. "How dare you, sir, characterize my music as you have?"

"I don't understand you," demurs the critic.

"You said that my rhapsody impromptu was a bum tune!"

"Bum tune! Oh, my good friend, I said no such thing! I said it was a vagrant melody."—Judge.

A Slight Difference.

Uncle Bob, who lived in Washington and worked at the war department, was at the old home for a few days. Little Ted was a devout worshiper and tagged about after his uncle all day long, listening to him and asking questions. Finally he delivered himself of an important matter.

"Uncle Bob," he said, "do you ever see the president in Washington?"

"Oh, yes; often. I see him nearly every day."

"Uncle Bob," asked Ted solemnly, after careful thought, "does the president see you?"—Woman's Home Companion.

Her Retort.

It is always gratifying to meet a person who is contented with his lot. For that reason it would be delightful to make the acquaintance of the woman who had the last word in a suffragist controversy. The writer of a suffragist communication in a newspaper wrote sadly that "woman is nothing but a female relative of man; the man is the noun, the woman is the preposition." "Well, what do I care?" was the triumphant retort. "The preposition governs the noun."—Youth's Companion.

Highly Encouraging.

One fine day, just as I was walking on, I got the trac (blue funk) and could not speak my lines. I turned hopelessly and with pleading eyes toward the leading lady, who could not go on with her part until I had spoken; but, for all help, she dismissed at me from between her teeth, "Parle done, petit animal!" (Go on, speak, you little beast.) Of such was the "encouragement" I received on one memorable occasion.—Coquelin's Reminiscences in London Telegraph.

Both Interested In Berkshires.

The Massachusetts maid was in a romantic mood. "I am dreaming," she murmured poetically, "dreaming of the dear old Berkshire hills of my native state."

"Berkshires?" echoed the Chicago youth, somewhat bewildered. "Er—was your father in the pork raising business?"

And the look that the Massachusetts maid gave him would have congealed radium.—Chicago News.

His Genius.

"Why do people think he's a genius? Nobody can understand what he's talking about."

"No, but he can make people believe that he does."—Exchange.

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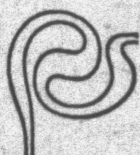
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