A WOMAN.

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Ways Can Be.

An unsuccessful lover was asked by what means he had lost the object of his affections.

"Alas!" he said, "I flattered her till she got too proud to speak to me."—Exchange.

The Difficult Picture.

The man was painting a patch of rain on a billiards table with a brown thinner than thought was. As I rode up to the fence he stopped to see what I wanted.

"Pretty hard work, isn't it?" I remarked.

"Kinder," he said, mopping his face.

"Why don't you slow dropping?" I suggested.

"Down to the bed rock now," he said, with a grin.

"How many acres have you?" I inquired.

"Seventy."

"I guess you don't work it right," I said, with the air of a man who knows all about the business. "You ought to turn the whole farm over."

He looked at me hastily for his second.

"Well, who in thunder'll I turn it over to?" he asked in mild surprise. "They don't nobody round here no kin afford to take it. They've got more now than they can pay taxes on. Maybe you'd like to try it, mister. I'll swap the whole thing for that hoss you're ridin, and throw the cold season and children in to boot. What do you say?"

I said goodby hurriedly, and went away in the same ratio.—Detroit Free Press.

Experience as a Guide.

"Quaint experiences," said Harry Cooper, a retired Boston merchant, as he rolled his a seat in the rotunda of the Southern. "Well, I had one that was queer enough. It was in the fifties, while I was a man before the mast. I shipped one night from Havana for a voyage to Good Hope, but we didn't go there. We went to Congo and got a cargo of slaves. The queer thing of it all was that the crew never got sight of the captain, and when the last mate came on deck he wore a cloak.

"The crew, a swell sailor, was apparently unarmed, but a twist of two with a toothpick was enough to bring six ugly looking Dependoes on deck. We were not molested, however, and on our return we stood off the coast of Cuba, and all the crew but four were sent ashore in the longboat. As we passed into the boat the masked mate put an envelope in each man's hand. Mine contained $250."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Dervish Weapon.

The Burmese "mandan," or "head taker," is a modification of the Dervish "dah." It is a heavy thick bladed cutlass, from twenty to thirty inches long, and the edge is ground from the right side only, the left side being forged slightly concave. The blade is also slightly curved to the right, so that the cutting action of the weapon is like that of an enormous gouge. Only two strokes can be dealt with the mandan—from right to left downward and left to right upward.—Chambers' Journal.

Exaggeration.

An Irish judge who was much annoyed by lengthy conversation in the courtroom cried out:

"Silence! Remarkable is the court! Here I have devoted a dozen cases this morning without hearing what one of 'em was about."—Harper's Young People.

The Tax as a Disease Distributer.

Nowhere is it possible for the whipping tax, if discussed, to do more certain harm as a disease transmitter than in the farmyard and the barn. Here he is allowed on intimate terms with the pigs and the horses. He carries their food in feeding himself from the manger, he sleeps in the hay they eat and frequently they inhale his poisoned breath. The nitty cow's product has often done its mischief in the household of the farmer or in the families of the dairyman's customers long before Bilsby or Sikey's unacidity condition is rightly understood.

The seeds of consumption are sown long before the scientific discovery that the cow has diseased lungs, but the question "How came the cow by the germs of this terrible disease?" is never answered except conjecturally. Her affected air has given up the germ, but not until he has transmitted his disease to fellow robots and other animals the cow dies or is killed and the surgeon's examination of her interior reveals the presence of the bacilli bearing tubercles, but the seeds of consumption gave no warad premium in the bodies of human beings, and the unsuspicious of the dairy customers long before Bilsby or Sikey's unacidity condition is rightly understood.—Dr. S. E. Weber's Lecture.

The Right Use of Language.

A language belongs to those who know best how to use it, how to bring out all its resources, how to make it search its coffers around for the pity or cameos phrase that will do the need, and they can do this here being always in a perfect accuracy. Let us (thankful that we, too, have a right to it and have proved our right, but let us set up no claim to vulgarize it. The English of Abraham Lincoln was so good not because he learned it in Illinois, but because he carried it in unconscious age during and the little, the contrast considerable of his letters. And how perfect it was in its homely dignity, its quiet strength, its unerring aim with which it struck and yet rounded to strike next! The language to other lips and pens! Let us do all we can with it but do that.

Good taste may not be necessary to salvation or success in life, but it is one of the most powerful factors of civilization. As a people we have a large share of it and more widely distributed than I at least have found elsewhere, but as a nation we seem to lack it altogether. Our passage to power, thus that of any country of equal pretensions, our power money is ability to function, and the engraving on it, mechanically perfect as it is, makes of every bank note a monument of ill taste. This shortly would be sufficient of trying our hand in the same fashion in the circulating medium of thought.—James Russell Lowell in Harper's.

Women That Raise Tons of Sand.

Mr. C. Dodson has exhibited the sands between Holyhead and the coast of Yorkshire, and a large flat piece of beach boulder to most persons who travel by the east coast route to Scotland. The observer found that the numbers of carrings of sand thrown up by the lobworms gave an average of 15,000,000 to the square mile. A portion of the carrings was weighed, and the bird weight thrown up annually was then found to be, in some places, 17 pounds per yard, or other parts it was a good deal less than this, but in still other parts it amounted to as high as 3,146 tons per acre.

If all the sand thus passed through the bodies of these annelids in the course of twelve months were spread out it would give an average thickness of one less than half an inch. How many and various are the chemical products in the sand, by the wonderful activity of these industrious worms it is impossible to say. But it is easy to see how the presence of such creatures in large numbers operates with other forces to produce a kind of order or harmony of the earth, and to explain confusion by beauty.

The thing that strikes one most, however, is the magnitude of the results which can be produced by the cooperation of a large number of separate individuals work in conjunction to the same methods toward the same end.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Japanese in America.

There is a strong desire on the part of young Japanese to come to the United States to acquire a perfect knowledge of the English language and study their civilization. The welcome given to earlier students has led many who have entirely not talent enough to take the journey to come, indeed, with records more than enough to pay their passage to this country. Others, better provided for, have no idea of the increased cost of living here, while many hope to receive aid from persons who may become interested in their success, or to find some employment while they are carrying on their studies.

The practical results are not always fortunate, and many of the students referred to would be better off at home. The reputation of foreign "students" in Europe or America has at times value at present in Japan, however, and the Japanese students are almost without a single exception, a credit to their native country.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Two Indian Swords.

The swordfish, or "saph," is of Indian origin. There is one form of it which is peculiar to clubs and men of rank. The hilt of the sword, forming the handle of the club, is crutch shaped, and the curved, when lying on his chest, would have his arm resting upon this, so as never to be taken quite unawares. It was called in Persian "Sahibi-zaher," or "cruelty of victory." Another form of crescent sword was made in Bombay, to be worn around the waist like a girdle.—Cassell's Journal.

At a Feast.

There is a new shape for the dinner table—a triangle. The foot is seated in the middle of the shorter side and the hostess at the meeting of the two longer sides. This arrangement brings the entertainer and the entertained nearer together than if the ordinary square or round tables. A single dish is not used on these triangular tables, but rather narrow scarfs of heavy open work. Between the scarf and the center goes the space is filled with bonbons and salted almond dishes.—Food.

A Gas Burning Grate.

In a house store introduced in England the grate is vacant on top and can be covered. The fresh coal has been added, at the top, the fire starts at the top, and the green coal is thus brought to the bottom, in an easy manner. By this means the gases from the coal, passing upward through the red portion of the fire, necessarily at the bottom, are almost entirely consumed before reaching the chimney.—New York Journal.

What Willie Thought.

A thunderstorm came on very suddenly, accompanied by a high wind. When the thunders rolled over the city and it began to pour forth its grievous ire little Willie turned to his mother, "The wind blowed the sun out."

A Doubtful Punch.

Child (not to his wife) "Now, my dear, with the exception of the superior criminal in the dock, you look young enough to enlighten and cheer."—St. Nicholas.

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