"Steerage passengers frequently resort to practical jokes to relieve the monotony of voyaging," said a prominent ocean captain yesterday, "and, while the pranks, as a rule, are perfectly harmless, they sometimes have a boomerang effect. Three years ago we were crossing the Atlantic and both the owners and myself were exceedingly anxious to make a speedy trip, as a rival liner had the week before lowered the record held by our company. On the third day out, just about dusk, the cry of 'man overboard' rang through the ship, and a hurried investigation elicited the information that several of the passengers had heard a splash, followed by piteous appeals of 'Help, help—save me!' The engines were stopped and the steamer put about, a close watch being kept meanwhile for the drowning man. A half-hour was spent in cruising about without results, and we started on our journey under the belief that the poor fellow had gone to the bottom. The inquiry that followed proved puzzling. No one was missing, and we came to the conclusion that a stowaway had committed suicide.

"The next day, however, an explanation came. We had a ventriloquist on board in the person of a very smart young man, who was too tickled over the success of the joke to keep the secret.

"Then the laugh was on him. As he had caused a serious delay and much annoyance I notified him that I had made an official entry of the circumstance on my log, and the loss of time and that on approaching shore I would detain him until a sufficient guarantee could be given that he would appear in court to reply to a demand for financial restitution. I talked of $50,000 being about the penalty under the government mail contract and it is needless to say he spent the balance of the voyage on tenter hooks. He disappeared before we docked, leaving his baggage behind."—San Francisco Post.

Home-Thrust.

It is said that the saying, "Much may be done with a Scotchman if he is caught young," which has passed into an historical witticism, was first spoken by Doctor Johnson in reference to Lord Mansfield. An amusing little incident is said to have given rise to the remark.

Lord Mansfield, having received his education entirely in England, always considered himself on Englishman, but the fact that he was born in Scotland was once referred to with great effect. General Sabine, governor of Gibraltar at the time, having failed in his attempts to extort money from a Jew, had him back by force to Tetuan, in Morocco, from whence he had come to Gibraltar. The Jew afterward went to England, and sued the governor for damages.

Lord Mansfield, who was then known as Mr. Murray, was counsel for the governor. In the course of his defence before the jury, he said:

"True, the Jew was banished: but where? Why, to the place of his nativity! Where is the cruelty, where the hardship, where the injustice of banishing a man to his own country?"

Mr. Nowell, counsel for the Jew, retorted, "Since my learned friend thinks lightly of the matter, I ask him to suppose the case his own; would he like to be banished to his native land?"

The court rang with peals of laughter, in which Murray himself joined with a right good will.

The New York Is Steady.

The New York, of the American line, though not the fastest, has the best record for regularity of any of the Atlantic fleet. Her average time has varied for years, and she can be depected almost on the minute every voyage. She has crossed the Atlantic more times than any other steamer of her age, and has been more regular in it. The New York made four-and-twenty trips westward, in 1893, with an average time of 6 days 24 hours and 45 minutes. Her sailing distance was 3,000 miles. In 1893 she made thirteen trips, eastbound, with an average of 6 days 20 hours and 30 minutes, which was just one minute faster than her westbound time that year. In 1894 she made fifteen trips, with an average of 6 days 20 hours and 24 minutes. Therefore, in crossing the ocean fifty-seven times in both directions, at all seasons of the year, her widest variation for two years was only 1 hour and 21 minutes.—London Engineer.

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NOTHING TO POINT THE WAY.

"I don't see," said Mr. Maguire, as he sat in the stern of the vessel, "how the captain can find his way across the ocean. If he were going the other way all he'd have to do would be to follow that white streak behind there, but in front there's nothing to point the way."

A HEAVY BLOW.

"Henry, you look worried; what is the trouble?"

"I was stung to the quick by an adder this afternoon."

"Heavens! How did it happen?"

"Why, I went to the bank this afternoon, and the bank clerk, after adding up the ledger, told me my account was overdrawn."

PROOF OF IT.

Nell—Dell seems to be infatuated with Jack Rappide.

Bell—Yes, I saw them in a dark corner of the porch last night, and she seemed to be quite wrapped up in him.—Philadelphia Record.

OUT OF HIS DEPTH.

They were telling of books that they had read, and the man with the forehead asked what the other thought of the "Origin of Species."

The other said he hadn't read it. "In fact," he added, "I'm not interested in financial subjects."—Boston Transcript.

PREPARED FOR ANYTHING.

First Desperado—Bill, is the front gate propped open, and have you got some red pepper all ready to throw at the dog?

Second Desperado—Yes. Go ahead.

First Desperado (at front door a few moments later, protected by coat of mail, base ball catcher's mask, and drum major's bearskin cap)—I am taking orders, sir, for the Authorized Edition of the Harr-Harvey Debate on the Silver Question, sir.—Chicago Tribune.

TRIUMPH.

"Ha! ha! ha! ha!" laughed the great detective, "I have 'em now!"

For five days he had been on the trail, and had neither eaten nor slept.

He had done nothing but drink.

Under the circumstances his joyous assertion that he had 'em bore the similitude of verity.—Detroit Tribune.

MONETARY.

Ragged Rube—Boss, I just heerd you sayin' to your friend that you believe in free silver.

Mr. Spouter—Well, what of it?

Ragged Rube—I hain't seen nothin' but copper for a month. Gimme a quarter to get on the silver basis.—Truth.

KNEW FROM EXPERIENCE.

"I think I've a pretty good story here," remarked the occasional contributor, as he seated himself and lighted one of the editor's cigars.

The editor glanced over the story.

"Yes," he said, "I think this is a pretty good story. I tell it myself occasionally."

A NECESSARY INFERENCE.

Skilton—I don't have very much confidence in that medical specialist who's treating me.

Hallen—Why, what's the reason? Doesn't he seem to understand your case?

Skilton—Yes, but he doesn't charge me enough.—Chicago Record.

A KLEPTOPHOTOGRAPHER.

He—See that nice looking chap over there?

She—Of course I do. Would I miss anything like that?

He—Well, you want to watch him; he'll take anything in sight.

She—Gracious! Is he a kleptomaniac?

He—No; he's an amateur photographer.—Detroit Free Press.

THE DIVISION.

"It cost me $50 to ascend Mont Blanc," said the man who has travelled in Europe. "You know, the law requires that one shall be accompanied by two guides and a porter."

"Oh," said the man who has travelled in sleeping cars, "$4 to the guides and $46 to the porter, I suppose?"—Indianapolis Journal.

YOUNG AMERICA.

Irate Father—I can't understand you giving your mother so much impudence. I never dared talk back to my mother.

Henpeck's Son (with a sneer)—No, you wouldn't dare talk back to my mother, neither!—Puck.

WORTHY SCIONS.

"Jack writes that the steamers were so crowded that some of New York's swell set had to come over just as their grandfathers did."

"How does he mean—in sailing vessels?"

"No, in the steerage."—Brooklyn Life.

Whistling Pigs.

C. V. Hooper, Al. Van Epps and R. Smith returned from the Icicle Range Saturday, where they had been fishing, rusticating and prospecting. They discovered a new lake on the apex of one of the mountains, and listened to weird and luxurious music of the whistling pig, of which there are many in that high range. This peculiar animal resembles a fox more than a pig, and weighs from 25 to 40 pounds. In color it ranges from a dark or iron gray to almost white. Its whistling propensities are marvellous, and many a time has it fooled the lonely prospector into the belief that he was not entirely companionless in the mountains. Mr. Van Epps declares they are musical wonders, and that they often give open air concerts of the most entrancing nature.

Strange Sight.

A strange sight was seen in London at the great fire in the grain warehouses near Blackfriars Bridge. As the buildings, which were on the water's edge, were burning, a black mass was seen in the river floating from the Surrey to the Middlesex side. It was composed of thousands of rats, cut off from escape on the land side. About ten thousand of them succeeded in crossing the river, but were then unable to get up the smooth side of the Thames embankment and were carried down stream and drowned.

Dyspepsia, Insomnia.

From the Herald, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Isaac Hamburger is a well-known cigar manufacturer and tobacco dealer at 1425 E. Baltimore street, Baltimore, Md. He is a hale, robust man now, but a few months ago he thought he was about to become a living skeleton if not a dead man. He now weighs about 200 pounds and steps about his factory as actively as do his "stripper" boys. His present condition is due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which he considers the best medicine in the world for dyspepsia, loss of appetite, indigestion and insomnia. When a *Herald* reporter recently called on Mr. Hamburger he came jauntily in the store from his factory and in speaking of the pills, said: "Yes, I have used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and can cheerfully recommend them. Some months since," he continued, "owing to confinement to business, I had an attack of dyspepsia accompanied by terrible and almost incessant heart burn and torpid liver. I tried doctors and many remedies that friends advised me to take, but found no relief until I heard of and used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I secured five boxes and began to improve perceptibly after taking a few doses, and when the five boxes were gone I was completely cured. If you had seen me when I was sick and compared my condition then with what it is now you would join me in a song of praise of the marvelous merits of Pink Pills. I am a living monument to their efficacy in curing the maladies from which I suffered. I weigh now nearly 200 pounds, sleep well, eat heartily and digest my food without any inconvenience and sleep as well as I did when a boy after a romp before bed time. I unhesitatingly and with confidence in their curative and invigorating qualities recommend the Pink Pills to all sufferers and should I be so unfortunate as to be sick again I shall get another supply."

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At Diss, in Norfolk, a husband and wife who had lived to be 93 together, died within a few hours of each other recently and were buried together.

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Gigantic Petrified Oysters

A bed of petrified oysters has been found on the top of Big Mountain, just back of Forkston, Wyoming County, Pa. A short time since A Judson Starke and Wm. N. Reynolds, Jr., of Lafayette College, amateur geologists of Tunkhannock, spent a day on the mountain and brought back a fine collection of them. Some of the specimens are of mammoth size, one measuring twenty-two inches long by nine inches wide, and weighing forty pounds. The specimens range in all sizes, from this down to the ordinary edible oyster of the present time. Some of the specimens show the eye of the oyster perfectly, and in all of them the meat is easily removed from the shell. The bed seems to be confined to a small mound resting on a broad plateau, at the extreme top of the mountain, near the Sullivan County line, and was first unearthed by workmen in grading a railroad from Lopez to the Jennings Brothers' lumber tracts.

A Cat Story.

I am induced to send an account of a remarkable instance of feline sagacity which occurred in my house last week. About a fortnight ago my black Persian cat brought to the house a young sparrow, and taking it to the front door-mat, began stripping it of its feathers. The cook, not approving of the litter made by the said feathers, doubled the mat over, and told the cat that he must not make such a litter, but strew the feathers on the wrong side of the mat and not on the top. A fortnight subsequent to this lecture the cat brought in another bird, and marvelous to say, himself turned the mat (which was a heavy coir mat) over with his claws, and littered the wrong side of it with the feathers, precisely as the cook had told him to do. This is absolutely true. If it had been told me as a story, I should have been very sceptical as to its truth. But I have witnesses by ocular proof as to its being a fact and without exaggeration.

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Women's Buildings.

The $1,000,000 Temple of Chicago is, in one sense, a woman's club house. It is the headquarters of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, $600,000 of its cost having been raised by that body. It is a great office building, thirteen stories high, situated on one of the best sites in the city. There is a club house at Decatur, Ill., that cost the members of its woman's club about $10,000. The Ladies' Club, of Kalamazoo, Mich., has built a very fine home. New Orleans has a woman's club house that rents its two upper floors for living purposes to club members at nominal rates.—Chicago Mail.

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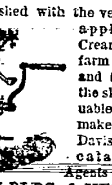

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