

About People

—One of the most original gifts for the Princess May is a solid gold mouse-trap.

—The lady who is now known as the Duchess of Devonshire has been for many years an anonymous contributor to the "Saturday Review" of London.

—The seat John Bright used to occupy in the Quaker meeting-house at Rochdale is still without a cushion, as in the days when he worshipped there.

—The tercentenary of the birth of Izaak Walton is to be celebrated in Stafford, England, August 9. Representatives from all the British angling clubs will attend.

—The Rev. Henry Herrick, of Woodstock, Conn., is the oldest living graduate of Yale University. He and the Rev. Dr. Edward Beecher are the last survivors of the class of '22.

—Yale University has conferred the honorary degree of Master of Arts upon Mr. John F. Logie, Head Master of Franklin College, a preparatory school for boys located in Dresden, Germany.

—Herr Pollak, who claims to be the fastest talker in the world, is on exhibition at the World's Fair. He has a meaningless list of 20,000 words which he says he can repeat in forty minutes.

—In his address at the dinner of the Artists' Benevolent Fund, Henry Irving said that "of all the will-o'-the-wisps that ever lead men astray, the maxim that genius is the infinite capacity for taking pains is the most delusive."

—Miss Anna Monica Dunn, an English girl who has been studying medicine at Brussels, has recently secured her degree there with brilliant success. She will go to India, where she will practice in one of the hospitals founded by Lady Dufferin.

—Miss Jane Pattison, who was the elder sister of Mark Pattison, late Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, and of "Sister" Dora, died the other day at Richmond, in Yorkshire, where she had lived for many years, devoting herself entirely to good works.

—A memorial tablet to Shelley has been placed on the Palazzo Verospi in the Corso, Rome. It was placed at the expense of the city. The Mayor hung a laurel wreath on the tablet, and in the evening Shelley's grave was visited and a bronze wreath was left on his tombstone.

—Admiral Sir Michael Seymour, who succeeds the ill-fated Vice-Admiral Tryon as Commander-in-Chief of the Queen's Mediterranean squadron, has been in the royal navy for forty-three years. Both his grandfather and his uncle were admirals before him.

—Mrs. W. J. Baird, of England, is famous as one of the most expert chess analysts in the world. Her chess problems are considered among the best and most difficult published. She has competed in many tournaments and has won many prizes. Mrs. Baird is the wife of Deputy Inspector-General W. J. Baird, and they have a ten-year-old daughter who has also shown great taste for chess and has composed several remarkable problems.

—Mr. Andrew Carnegie has rented, besides Cluny Castle in Scotland, Craig-dhu House, two miles from the castle, on the banks of Loch Ovie, near the rocky recesses where Prince Charlie took refuge after the battle of Culloden. John Morley once described this house as an ideal Highland residence. Mr. Carnegie's coaching party this year intend visiting the valley of the Wye and driving through the western counties of England on their way north.

—His Highness the Maharajah of Kapurthala, who is now in Japan headed for the World's Fair, is, says a Chicago paper, a petty Hindu potentate (maharajah is Sanscrit for "great king"), but a very gorgeous one, for he is wealthy in the Orient's barbaric pearl and gold, and wears one or more rings on every finger and on his thumbs as a slight indication of his fondness for jewelry. He is rather old, and, unlike most Eastern princes, not very well educated. He is accompanied by a numerous retinue, but, curiously enough, he is under the direction of an excursion agency.

—To many people the most interesting undergraduate at Cambridge University, in England,

is a young Hindu named Kumar Shri Ranjitsinhji, who has made his mark both as a student and as a cricketer. He distinguished himself when he entered Trinity College three years ago, at the age of eighteen, by passing all of the "Little-Go" examinations at once, and last year at cricket he scored the remarkable total of 2,400 runs, with an average of 54. He is a slender fellow with less than the average Englishman's amount of strength, and his performance at the wicket is therefore all the more phenomenal.

Bits of Fun

A lad, asked what he understood by "celerity," answered, "Something to put hot plates down with."—*Exchange*.

"Did you see that shocking straw hat De Slips is wearing?" "Yes; another Panama scandal."—*Puck*.

A Jersey City paper, speaking of an accident, says: "One man was killed, and the other had his head severed from his body."—*Judge*.

"One ob de penalties ob greatness," said Uncle Eben, "is ter be specially conspicuous ebry time yer makes er fool ob yerself."—*Washington Star*.

Farmer A.—How much did you get fer yer 'taters? Farmer B.—Wal, I didn't get as much as I expected; and I didn't call 'em I would.—*Brooklyn Life*.

Exacting Father—James, how are you getting along with that job of wood-splitting? Rebellious Son—I'm making about three knots an hour.—*Detroit Free Press*.

To Constant Reader.—No; the fruit-dealer who sells you an unripe watermelon is not liable to arrest as a green-goods swindler, but he ought to be.—*Buffalo Courier*.

"Papa, do men descend from monkeys?" "Yes, my boy." "And what about the monkeys?" Puzzled Pater—"The monkeys descend—aw—from the trees."—*L'Observateur*.

Under the New York law, misrepresentation of the circulation of a newspaper is a penal offense. Newspaper publishers will have to be very careful not to understate their circulation after this.—*Boston Globe*.

There is a New England woman whose pastor recently asked after her health. Her reply was: "I feel very well, but I always feel bad when I feel well, because I know I am going to feel worse afterward."—*Tribune*.

Teacher—What are marsupials? Boy—Animals which have pouches in their stomachs. Teacher—And what do they have pouches for? Boy—To crawl into and conceal themselves in when they are pursued.—*London Figaro*.

A poster received here, announcing a Fourth of July celebration at Fairfield, states that a lady will make a descent from a balloon in a "pair of shoes." This was crossed out and "parachute" written in the margin.—*Winthrop (Me.) Budget*.

Victor Hugo committed some charming international blunders. The favorite unmusical instrument of Scotland he called "le bug-pipe," and the Firth of Forth he translated as "Première des Quatre," or "first of the fourth."—*Californian Magazine*.

"Look at me, ma'am," said the man who was asking for something to eat. "Ain't I the picture of despair?" "I don't know anything about yer bein' a picture," she answered, glancing at the ax, "but unless you're in the wood-cut line you can't get anything to eat here."—*Washington Star*.

On the World's Fair grounds, the other day, a tall woman, with steel-rimmed glasses, went up to the "general information" woman and asked: "Is this where you tell people what they want to know?" "Yes, ma'am." "Well, I've been looking for them lagoons I've heard so much about. Can you tell me

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Hobbs and Dobbs were discussing men who stammer. "The hardest job I ever had," said Hobbs, "was to understand a deaf and dumb man who stammered." "How can a deaf and dumb man stammer?" asked Dobbs. "Easily enough," replied Hobbs; "he had rheumatism in his fingers."—*Philadelphia Record*.

In traveling about England one is much impressed with the pride of tradesmen who have had the good fortune to cater in some way to the needs of the throne. Gaudy signs greet the eye at nearly every turn upon which one reads that the tradesman there engaged in business is "Cloakmaker by Special Appointment to her Majesty the Queen;" another is "Purveyor of Anchovy Paste to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales," and so on. Among all these it is noticed that plumbers and gas-fitters are conspicuous by their absence; but if an English newspaper tells the truth—and why should it not in this case?—there was at one time in England a sign that was delicious in the extreme. It read:

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