

NOT PERFECT ALARM CLOCKS.

Dealers' Salute to the "Roxy Morn" is Variable.

Lincoln's saying, "You can fool some of the people all the time," is exemplified by the common belief that the crowing of a cock at night indicates the near approach of dawn.

A racing man had a rooster at his home in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, that had a remarkably accurate sense of time.

"Guess I must be a little slow," he said to himself. He had come to have more faith in the mechanism of nature than of man.

LIVE AS DID THEIR FATHERS.

Mask of Spain Which Defies the Inroads of Modern Civilization.

Automobilists from Bilbao, San Sebastian and other watering places drive daily to Elbar, where the Basque festival "Euskal Pasaia" are in progress.

The Basques are very proud of their own racial characteristics and they hold poetry competitions, theatrical and musical performances in their own language.

Elbar is a town where what Englishmen incorrectly call "Spanish gold" is made, that artistic work of inlaying gold wire on iron and steel, known all over the world.

They Stole Bismarck's Sword. Dashing wildly along a dark road on a two-mile auto sprint to capture three autoists whose particular brand of humor showed itself in the confiscation of the great steel sword from the statue of Bismarck.

He saw a machine drive up to the statue and three young men get out. Before he realized what was going on they had climbed the statue, taken the sword from the hands of the immobile Bismarck and jumped into their automobile again.

Problem for Scientists.

Queen Ena, or Queen Victoria of Hgin, as she is known out of England, is said to be growing stout and will, no doubt, one day rival her namesake, good Victoria of England.

Is Head and Heel Worker.

A woman may be a ballet dancer and yet have other brains than those in her heels, as is attested by the fact that Miss Marie Rutowska, a ballet dancer in an opera house at Warsaw, has just received her degree of law.

Hadn't Been Kissed for Years.

She—She isn't a very attractive girl. Stella—That's right. If anybody ever printed a kiss on her lips the copyright must have run out.

LIGHT-HEARTED TONY PASTOR.

Characteristic Act of Theatrical Man Related by Actress.

A very beautiful actress, at a luncheon, told a story about the late Tony Pastor.

"Before I went on the stage," she said, "I was a typewriter girl. My employer happened to fall, and I advertised for a new situation.

"What, has old Koopon, the banker, made you an offer?" Mr. Pastor cried.

WHEN THE BEST WORK IS DONE.

At Times When the Body Rests and the Mind is Active.

The best work that most of us do, says Dr. Luther H. Gulick, in the World's Work, "is not begun in our offices or at our desks, but when we are wandering in the woods or sitting quietly with undirected thoughts.

PIGEONS CARRY THE ORDERS.

Messengers Used by English Butchers for Country Trade.

"Orders executed by post," is a common enough phrase nowadays, but "orders by pigeon post" is something new.

The "pigeon post" has been recently instituted by Don Harris, son of a butcher at Herne Bay, who regularly employs homer pigeons to carry orders from outlying districts to his father's shop.

Mr. Harris, Jr., when he goes to collect orders takes six of his fastest birds in the trap with him. After he has done a couple of miles and collected a dozen orders he liberates a pigeon with the orders inclosed in a little metal case attached to the bird's foot.

Saved His Life.

"I am truly sorry to give you pain, Mr. Hankinson," said the young lady, "but please do not allude to this subject again. I can never be your wife."

The Sailor's Prayer Book.

"This is what you call the sailor's prayer book," a seaman said bitterly, as he kicked a holystone out of the way.

Betting.

There is an amusing story—amusing, that is, to the reader of a guest at some Highland lodge, who overheard this dialogue between his ducal host and the head keeper:

Getting Said by Degree.

"Is the minister very bald, papa?" "No, my son, not very."

NOT CONFINED TO STERN SEX.

Women Also Are Capable of "Platonic" Friendship.

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At the close of the service the minister, in his courtesy, came and shook hands with the youth, and welcoming him back to his home, asked him if he noticed any changes about the place.

TAUGHT LESSON IN COURTESY.

One English Audience That Was Polite to an American.

That gifted public man, A. Toxin Worm, made the preposterous claim in London last winter, that he would see to it that there was no "booming" of the actors at the opening performance by E. H. Sothorn.

MUSIC AND ELECTRICITY.

The telharmonium of Dr. Cahill produces music from electricity without the aid of any musical instrument's while, on the other hand, the apparatus of Dr. M. Dupont, a French electrician, converts music into electric currents.

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EXPLANATIONS IN ORDER.

William Kost, an inspector in the office of the city engineer, is usually thoughtful and careful and he really wouldn't have embarrassed one of the young women at the city hall the other day if he could have helped it.

THE COW AND THE HOOK.

"I understand," said the cow, "that an eastern man has invented a self-booking walk."

A MARRIED MAN.

Station Sergeant—Are you married? Officer—No, sir.

SEASONABLE MATRIMONY.

"Mother, I want to get married this winter."

NOTING AN EXCEPTION.

Mayme—I hate these affectionate girls. Lucie—Why, I always thought you were one of them.

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TIME HAD WROUGHT NO CHANGE.

One Thing the Returning Traveler Took Note Of.

The Rev. Simon Turple was an eloquent speaker, but he seemed to have a list of sermons which, when he once began, he went right through to the end, and then started at the first sermon again, and so on.

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REWARD OF FAITHFUL SERVICE.

Story of Oriental Cruelty That Points a Strong Moral.

The Moorish pretender, Bou Amara, was much troubled. Day by day fresh news of desertions reached his ears and the situation was becoming serious.

SPLIT SOLID WALL EDGEWISE.

Endless Cord Used to Saw Two Buildings Apart in Paris.

In order to get at rest the complaints of the inhabitants of adjoining houses, a remarkable engineering experiment has just been carried out successfully by a power company occupying a house in the Rue St. Roch.

Snake Disturbed Diners.

At dinner, unfortunately at a famous French restaurant the place was crowded, when suddenly a six-foot snake dropped quietly, apparently from nowhere, into the center of one of the largest tables.

His Idea of Bonanza.

A certain man had a disastrous experience in gold mine speculation. One day a number of colleagues were discussing the subject of speculation, when one of them said to this speculator:

LOVES FATHER'S MEMORY.

Miss Helen Gould seems to have a great deal of sentiment where the memory of her father is concerned. She practically has never taken off mourning, although she wears gowns and white when the occasion seems to demand that she wear something else than black.

OCTOPUS AT THE FONT.

A couple in a country village took their baby to be christened, and on the clergyman asking what name they had chosen the happy father replied: "Octopus, sir!"

WOMAN CHAMPION BEAR HUNTER.

A story of Adventure from the Montana Mountains. Flathead county contains the distinction of having one of the champion female bear hunters of the west, according to the Kallispell Bee.

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