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The Man Who Delights In Investigating All Sorts of Odd Things Robs Peter to the Cat Out of the Bag. "Do you know who Mother Carey is?"

ing all sorts of odd things and who is never so happy as when following up some unusual line of thought. "She's a chicken fancier, I imagine," replied the man who takes things as they come without question. "At any rate she's seldom mentioned except in connection with her chickens."

asked the man who delights in investigat-

"Mother Carey," said the investigator, and he took another look at the book he held in his hand as if to guard against the possibility of mistake, "is the Virgin Mary. The name comes from the Latin Mater cara,' meaning 'Mother dear,' and her chickens are the stormy petrels which the sailors formerly believed were sent to warn them of approaching storms. I tell you, my boy, there's a great deal that's interesting in these odd expressions and

words if one takes the trouble to look it up. Now, there is the saying, 'Don't care a rap.' How would you interpret that? What does rap mean?" "As an offhand guess, I should say that it was a substitute for a word that begins

with 'd' and which is not supposed to be used in polite society." "You would be wreng," asserted the

man with the book. "Rap' is derived from 'R. A. P.,' which in turn comes from India and stands for rupees, annas and pice, representing the money of that country. The expression is almost an exact equivalent to that other, equally common, 'I don't care a cent.' Now, I suppose if some one should ask you about 'Jack and Jill,' who 'went up a hill,' you would say they were simply nursery characters.'

"I certainly should." "And you would be wrong again. Jack' was the name of a pitcher made of waxed leather, and 'Gill' was and still is a measure of capacity. That is how they happened to go after water. Somebody was doubtless carrying them and carelessly dropped them.'

"When you say 'By Jingo!' I suppose you don't mean anything except that you are excited or angry?" "That's all." "Nevertheless you are literally swearing by the evil one, for the word is from 'Jen-

co, which means 'devil' in the Basque language. I suppose, also, that you regard 'carpet knight' as a term of re-

"Naturally." "Yet Henry Irving is a carpet knight. So was Tennyson, and so are and were many others of whom England is proud. A carpet knight is one who wins his title by his achievements in the world of science or the arts or, in fact, anywhere except in battle. He may be really more deserving of the title than any of those who won it by the sword."

"You must put in most of your time with dictionaries and cyclopedias," sugrested the man who takes things as they "Not at all. I am simply sufficiently

interested to look up these old expressions when I run across them to see what they really mean and whether we use them properly. Do you know why the patrons the top gallery of a theater are called 'Never even gave the subject a thought.'

'Well, they are so described at the Drury Lane theater in London, first, because the ceiling was painted in imitation of a blue sky, with cupids and angels fly-ing about. I imagine the term 'battle royal' conveys an idea of grandeur to you in the fighting line." "I should think it ought to be rather

thrilling.' "Nevertheless it was originally nothing but a cocklighting term and was used to describe a fight in which three, five or seven birds were put into the pit and left

until all but one had been defeated. How do you suppose we got the expression 'cock and bull story?' " "Give it up." 'You ought to investigate these things if you are going to make use of them. A man ought to know something about what he is saving. This comes to us from the time of the reformation. The papal

bulls had a cock on the seal, and of course there were a great many people of that day who were inclined to discredit anything in the cock and buil line. But the expression that doubtless will interest you most is, 'I don't care a dam.' "

"You what?" " 'I don't care a dam!'-the dam without the 'n,' of course."

"What difference does that makef" "All the difference in the world. D-a-m is a coin in India equivalent to an English twopence. If you are caught making that remark in a loud tone some time, it may be worth something to you to know that there is such a coin. It will help you to explain matters. Now, where do you suppose the words 'pecler' and 'bobby,' meaning policeman, come from?"

"Again I give it up."
"From the name of Sir Robert Peel the founder of the London police force." "Do you do anything except look up these things?" asked the man who takes

things as they come. "Oh, yes," replied the man of an investigating turn of mind. "When you get into the habit of looking into the origin of the expressions you run across, you do it as an amusement at odd times. Now, yesterday it suddenly occurred to me that I didn't know why it is that we'rob Peter

to pay Paul.' " Did you find out?" "Certainly. In 1550 several estates belonging to Westminster abbey were granted to St. Paul's cathedral for repairs and maintenance, and Westminster abbey happens to be dedicated to St. Peter. There

is an interesting story connected with 'buying a pig in a poke' too." "Let's have it." "A countryman once puta cat in a poke or sack and sold it in the market place as a suckling pig The customer didn't in-

vestigate his purchase then, and when he did he very naturally 'let the cat out of the bag. There, you have two explained "It's rather interesting, isn't it?" said the man who takes things as they come.

'I believe I'll look up the next odd ex pression I come across myself." "Do," returned the investigator. "I'm sure you will find it quite as interesting as the genealogical fad and a lot more in

structive."—Chicago Post.

An Ancient Jest. A Gentleman having lent a Guinea, for two or three Days, to a Person whose Promises he had not much Faith in, was very much surpriz'd to find he very punctually kept his Word with him: the same Gentleman being sometime after desirous of borrowing the like Sum, No, said the other, you have deceived me once, and I am resolved you shan't do it a second

Time,-Joe Miller's Jest Book, 1739. A Logical Maid. He-What would you say if I were to steal a kiss from you?

She-But that is impossible He-Impossible 1 Why so, pray? She-Because you can't steal anything I haven't got, and no one has ever given e a kiss-see?-Chicago News.

"Fiasco" originally meant a bottle or a flask. When the Italian glassblowers deteeted flaws in the vases they were blowing, they made an ordinary bottle of the failure, and hence the name

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soda water or lemonado.

ple had kept out public ice coolers, Senator Plumb went to work, and, simple a the proposition appeared to be on its face. it required of him constant agitation for nearly two years before he got his desire granted. He tried it with a direct bill. but the bill would get lost in some committee room. As a last resort he had an amendment put on an appropriation bill and then had himself made one of the con-ferces on the bill. There were indirect efforts made on him to give up the idea, but he announced his ultimatum that if he could not get his ice water amendment through he would defeat the entire bill That settled it, and during the following recess the necessary pipes were built in the walls and the connections made There is no expense in keeping the water ice cold, for, according to his own plan, this is done by running a coil of pipes through and around the storeroom in the basement of the building where the ice for use in the committee rooms, restaurant etc., is stored."-Washington Star.

"On the theory that the restaurant peo

Making Firecrackers. An American consul in China, who has seen the native firecracker manufacturers at work, thus describes the process: "The straw paper is first rolled by hand around an iron red, which varies in size according to the size of cracker to be made. To complete the rolling a rude machine is used. This consists of two uprights supporting an axis, from which is suspended by two arms a heavy piece of wood, slightly convex on the lower side. There is just room between this swinging block and the top of the table to place the cracker. As each layer of paper is put on by hand, the eracker is placed upon the table, and the suspended weight is drawn over the roll, thus tightening it until no more can be passed under the weight.

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> Onco Fitz-Greene Halleck, the author of "Marco Bozzaris," called upon her in New York, in his old age, and she asked him to define for her what was poetry and what was prose.
>
> He replied, "When General Morris commands his brigade and says, 'Soldiers.

swords!' he talks poetry.' Why Was He an Idiot?

lady who met with a well deserved rebuke at a social gathering not long ago. He husband is a man of high standing in the world of science, but the lady regards him as a dreamer of impossible dreams. "Do you know," she remarked, "that genius and imbecility are twin brothers? The world regards John as a genius. Now there are times when I believe him to be

blunt old doctor who had overheard the remark. "Are we to understand, madam," he said, "that Professor Y., though your husband, is so lightly esteemed by you?" "I say what I think," she retorted. "At

times John is unmistakably an idiot." "Merely because he is your husband?" "Oh, very well," was the grim rejoin der. "We will put it another way: He is

The Ruling Passion. Poor old Mrs. Skewton of rose colored curtains fame in "Dombey and Son," was equaled in her vanity by old Mrs. Blank who died in a New England village some years ago. She was past 80 when brought to her deathbed, but even then her personal appearance was uppermost in her

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"Well, yes," she said with an acrid note

in her voice, "but I'd enjoyed it a blamed sight more if I'd known he was coming so I could 'a' had my hair crimped and my teeth in!"-Exchange.

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The story is told of a diver who saw two ghosts, "full fathom five" under the surface. He had gone down to the wreck of a large steamer and was crossing the main | Estab. 1887. saloon when two gray shapes of enormou size came shambling toward him. Hedid not wait to make notes for the Psychical society, but gave the danger signal and was at once pulled up. Told in the cheerful light of day, it seemed rather a lame story, and another diver went down to see what he could make of it. Toward him also came the shambling gray shapes. He stood irresolute for a moment and then, going boldly forward, struck his hatchet through—a mirror! The ghosts were only a dim reflection of his own legs, much enlarged, of course, as everything is that diver sees through the great frontal eye

of his helmet.—Good Words.

draw your swords!' he talks prose; when he says, Soldiers, draw your willing

There is a story told of a very talkative

A painful silence followed, broken by a

your husband because he is an idiot. Will that do?"—Pearson's Weekly.

"Johnny, Johnny, didn't I ask you once to stop whistling at the table?" "Yes'm."

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After the departure of the distinguished guest she was asked the reason of her silence. With as much dignity and scorn as a grande dame "aunty" replied: "Ugh! I wa'n't gwine talk to dat Yankee. I knowed him soon's I seed him. He's de very one dat stole mistiss' silver du'in de wah."

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on the floor of the sea, has done much to improve the art of the diver. Before the armada year was out we began to search for the treasure the wrecked ships were supposed to contain, and these efforts were renewed from time to time down to the present century. One of the first to try his luck was the Marquis of Argyll. He sent to Glasgow for a diver, and several descents were made to the ships sunk off the island of Mull. The diver's want of success was no doubt due to the crudeness of his apparatus. It is said that air was supplied to him by means of a leather pipe, but it is not likely that he was able to remain under water more than two or three minutes at a time. Some 80 years later another attempt was made at the same ships, this time with a rough kind of diving bell. After a great deal of trouble three guns were brought up, and then the operations were finally abandoned. It may help to thrill some of the tourists who visit these northern seas to know that under their sliding keels lie Spanish ships and unknown quantities of Spanish gold. A Whitstable diver named Gann is said to have had a pretty piece of luck late in the present century with one of the ships of the armada. Business took him to Galway, and one night over a pipe with the fishermen he heard the local tradition that a Spanish ship lay off the coast. Gann made terms with a man who said he knew the whereabouts of the wreck, and after several weeks of patient searching with graphels they came upon traces of a ship. Gann went down in his diving dress and found a large quantity of Spanish dollars. They had been packed originally in bar rels, but the wood had rotted away, leav ing the gold stacked in the shape of bar rels. The diver with his share of the money built a row of houses in his native place, and if anybody doubts the truth of the story let him go to Whitstable and ask for Dollar row.—Good Words.

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In a recent publication, "A Godchild of Washington," the author quotes from the New York Mirror for 1831 an interesting anecdete connected with this room. Its authority is Colonel Nicholas Fish, a soldier of the Revolution and the father of Hon. Hamilton Fish, secretary of state under President Grant. Just before Lafayette's death he was in-

vited with the American minister to dine

at the house of Marbois, who was the

French secretary of legation to the Amer-

ican colonies during the Revolution. When

dinner was announced, the company were shown into a room which contrasted strangely with the elegance of the other apartments. A low boarded, painted ceiling, with large beams, a single small, uncurtained window, with numerous small doors, as well as the general style of the whole, gave at first the idea of the kitchen or largest room of a Dutch or Belgian farmhouse. On a rough table was a repast, which onsisted of a large dish of meat, uncouth looking pastry and wine in decanters and

bottles, accompanied by glass and silver

mugs, such as indicated other habits and

marshals of Franch used in my youth!"

exclaimed Lafayette. "We are at Wash-

tastes than those of modern Paris. "Do you know where you are?" said the He paused for a few moments-he had seen something like this before, but when and where? "Ah, the seven doors and one window! And the silver camp goblets, such as the

ington's headquarters on the Hudson 50 years ago!"-Youth's Companion.

FISH AS FOOD. There Is No Evidence That It Supplies Phosphorus to the Brain. Why is fish called a brain diet? Does it really nourish the brain more than other articles of food? What kinds of fish are best in this respect, and does the method of cooking make any difference—that is,

s boiled or fried fish better? A chemical examination of fish shows that it contains a considerable amount of phosphorus. A chemical examination of the human brain shows that it also contains a considerable amount of phosphorus. From this fact the chemist jumps to the conclusion that fish must be especially good as a brain feed, but there is not the slightest experimental evidence to support this theory. On the other hand, it is a well attested fact that those communities and tribes of men which subsist most largely upon fish are the lowest in the scale of human development. The Tierra del Fuegians live almost exclusively on raw fish and are perhaps the lowest of all human beings. A young student in a western college once wrote to Artemus Ward asking how much fish he thought he should cat to supply his daily mental needs. The wit replied that he thought a small whale would be about suited to

Fish, like other forms of flesh, are most

digestible eaten raw, but as few palates

could tolerate the flavor of raw fish it may

the next best method of preparation. Fried

fish, like fried beef, is almost wholly indi-

be suggested that broiling or boiling

gestible, as the fat renders the lean or albuminous portion of the fish almost whelly incapable of digestion by the gastric juice. -Voice. The Mile In Many Countries. The English mile, used also in this country, measures 1,760 yards, or 5,280 feet. But the mile of foreign countries varies almost as much as the language, so that traveling a mile is one thing either shorter or longer, in other countries. The French system of the "kilometer," or 1.660 meters, is also used in Belgium and Holland. To cyclers and others traveling in these countries the kilometer-equal to 1,094 yards—is used as a mile measure. The Spanish mile is 1,522 yards, and the Russian only 1, 167 yards. But the Chinese have the easiest time of all in making a mile record, their mile being only 609 yards. In Norway and Sweden the mile is 11,600 yards, and in Germany it equals three English miles. Other differences

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