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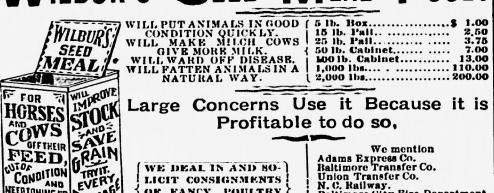
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ECONOMY BY CODE.

Mr. Cupple Takes One to Europe With Him and Uses It. When the passengers on the tender came off at the landing stage, they entered a large, barnlike place and stood in impatient groups while the baggage was being transferred. The railway company had several young men on hand to provide tickets to London, and there was another young man who received telegrams and cablegrams. We had with us an American who had prepared a wonderful code with which to keep up a cable communication with his wife. He worked on a cablegram all the way from the Isle of Wight up to the customs house, and when he de-livered it this is the joyful message that went buck to his family:

Lizcam, New York:
Hobgoblin, buckwheat explosion agriculture eranberry suspicious. He showed this cablegram and seemed to be very proud of it. "That's what you save by having code," he explained.

"What will Lizcum think when he re-"He? That's my wife's registered cable address. 'Liz' for Lizzie and 'cam' for Campbell. Her maiden name was Lizzie "Well, what does that mean about a

buckwheat hobgoblin having a suspicious 'Oh, those words are selected arbitrarily to represent full sentences in the code. When my wife gets that cable, she will hunt up those words one after the other and elaborate the message so that it will read

He showed us the following: Mrs. Chauncey Cupple, Mountjoy Hotel, New DEAR WIFE-Well, here we are at Southampton after a very pleasant voyage, all things considered. We had only two days of inclement weather, and I was not seasick at any time. We saw a great many porpoises, but no whales. The third day out I won the pool on the run. Formed the acquaintance of sev-

eral pleasant people.

"It's just as good as a letter," said the man from Buffalo. "Yes, and I saved 58 words," said Cup-le. "I wouldn't travel without a code." "Why don't you tack on another word and let her know how many knots we made each day?" asked the Buffalo man,

but his sarcasm was wasted A month later I met Mr. Cupple in Rome, and he said that his Southampton cablegram had given his wife nervous prostration. Mr. Cupple is not a careful penman,

and the cable operator had read the last

word of the message as 'auspicious" instend of "suspicious." A reference to the code showed that the mistake changed the ense of the message. "Suspicious—Formed the acquaintance of several pleasant people."
"Auspicious—After a futile effort to work the pumps the captain gave orders to

lower the boats. The passengers were in

a panic, but the captain coolly restrained hem and gave orders that the women and children should be sent away first." The message, as altered in transmission, caused Mrs. Cupple some uneasiness, and also it puzzled her. It was gratifying to know that her husband had enjoyed the voyage and escaped sensickness, but sho did not like to leave him on the deck of a sinking ship with a lot of presumptuous

women and children stepping up to take the best places in the boats. Yet she could not believe that he had been lost. Otherwise how could be have filed a cablegram at Southampton? She wanted further particulars, but she

could not find in the code any word mean ing "Are you drowned?" So she sent a 40 word inquiry to London, and when Mr. Cupple counted the cost of it he cabled back:

-Chicago Record.

A WHITE WOMAN IN AFRICA. Teaching Black Boys English-The

All right. Ignore code.

A letter received here the other day from woman missionary living in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, gives some interesting news from that part of the world. She is a medical missionary, and part of her usefulness in Africa is to care for the sick among the natives. She writes: "The diseases here are simple and not so complicated as they are in the United States, and they are not of the nervous kind. There are always plenty of sores. Every little abrasion of the skin runs into a sore, eating the flesh to the bone and occasionally resulting in blood poison. The food here is not bloodmaking. Rice and fish are the main diet, and fish is eaten when too long out of the water. The natives bathe once or twice a day. They and the Liberians, as a general thing, are cleanly. Just now the grip is a prevailing com-

This missionary is not much impressed with what the negroes from America have done for the natives around them. She says: "Monrovia, as you know, was settled by ex-slaves from America, whom their masters had set free, and this town was named for President Monroe. The American negroes in turn treated the natives (i. e. heathen) as though they were their slaves. In all these years they have done nothing to speak of toward civilizing the natives, so that within hearing of the

ohurch bells there are several thousand The following gives an idea of the busy life a medical missionary leads in that part of Africa: "I have 18 children in my home whom I feed, clothe and teach. Others come to the house to be taught. At 2 p. m. I take the boys to the native town and teach there. When at home they study geography, arithmetic, oral grammar, and I also teach them physiology to met into I also teach them physiology to get into their heads some idea of the human body. This is most important, for now, when they are sick, they say 'some one has bewitched us,' and if they die it is because some one compasses their death by witchcraft. This constant fear of witches is a terrible oppression. A sick person is often taken away at night to some secluded place in the hope to throw the witch off his track. Down in Old Calabar it is even worse Twins and their mother are put to death The natives say, 'One child be a proper child. No more. Todder be devil.' So they put both to death. The bables are thrust into a large mouthed jar, taken to the bush and left to be devoured by driver ants or eaten by wild animals. The mother is fastened to bamboo sticks so that she may be carried to the bush and abandoned. - The poles to which she is tied make it unnecessary to touch her, which would be a terrible crime, as she has given birth to a demon. One of the first things I try to do is to disabuse the native mind of the old prevailing faith in witch power." She goes on to say that she teaches only English in her school. All her pupils are very anxious to learn English. Her children are much interested in events in the United States and ran up the American the Spanish.-New York Sun.

A Chinese Hero. T'an Sau-t'ung, who was seized and behended, together with five other prominent members of the reform party, may be well regarded as near a here as China is likely to produce. He had ample time to escape, but refused to fly from the wrath to come, remarking that he wished to meet his death as a "Hao Hantzu" (a good son of Han). "What does it mat-ter," he said, "if a few of us die? In all western countries blood has flowed like water in the cause of reform. Let my blood be the first shed in the great cause." -China Gazette.

A Queer Worm. Professor William M. Woodworth of Harvard came up from Samoa on the Alameda. He accompanied the Agassiz scien-tific expedition to the south sea islands a year or so ago, and the second visit was made in the interests of the Museum of Comparative Anatomy of Harvard, to investigate the "palolo," a curious marine worm which has long been a scientifle mystery.

"The palolo, which is found near the Fiji and Samoan islands," said Mr. Woodworth, "measures 12 to 14 inches in length and is about the thickness of woolen yarn. On two days in the year the sea is thick with it, like vermicelli soup. The native bake it in breadfruit and esteem it a great delicacy. It looks like spinach and tastes

"Only twice in the year does the palolo come to the surface—in October and November-and then only at sunrise on the tenth day after the full moon. The natives gather from great distances and make a festival of the occasion. The weather, which is invariably bad at that time, is known as 'palolo weather,' and October and November are known respectively as 'the month of the little palolo' and 'the month of the big palolo,' because of the greater quantity of palolo that appear in the latter month.

"The palolo has never been scientifically classified, though Fricklander was on the right track when he hazarded a guess in 1896. It is an annelid marine worm living on coral rocks. I detached severa specimens from the rocks below the surface and found that the palolo is really only the tail of the creature. The stock, so to speak, on which the palolo grows is a sea worm resembling those that bore in the piles about San Francisco bay, and the long appendage is thrown off at the breeding seasons."—San Francisco Exam-

Mrs. Albert Wettin.

"It is a matter of common belief," says T. P. O'Connor, "that in the extremely unlikely event of the entire abolition of all titular distinctions in this country her majesty's present royal designation would be reduced to the simple formula of 'Mrs. Guelph.' This is an entire mistake. The queen's legal name, were she by some mysterious process to become a simple commoner, would be 'Mrs. Wettin,' by virtue of her marriage with Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, whose name, stripped of territorial and other garnishings, was plain 'Albert Wettin.'

"Wettin is the patronymic of King Leo pold of Belgium, of King Albert of Saxony, of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, of the Duke of Saxe-Weimar and the Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, as well as the Prince of Wales and his brothers and of Prince Charles of Portugal. Wettin, who died in 1156, was a descendant of one Wittikind, who was a contemporary of the great Charlemagne. The majority of the reigning princes of Europe claim to be descend-

ed from Wittekind. "The queen prior to her was margrave or Marquis of Este. It is weight. I confess I don't know what to for this reason that the royal house of | do. Can't you suggest a way out of the Great Britain has sometimes made use of difficulty?" the name D'Este, notably in the case of the Duke of Sussex, a younger son of King | bridge?" asked his companion, without a George III, who gave the name of D'Este after marriage to his morganatic wife."-Mainly About People.

The Emperor of Austria. He has no heir of his loins, for his only son, a man of striking promise, died in 1889, as is believed, by his own hand. He has no wife, for his empress, in early life one of the most beautiful of women, after wandering for years over Europe in restless effort to shake off the melancholy produced by her son's death, was murdered on Sept. 10 by an assassin of anarchist opinions. The emperor, therefore, broods in melancholy retirement, listening al ways, one can imagine, to the sounds of another great storm now rolling up against

the fortunes of his race. The ultimate danger of the house o of its strength, the hatred of race which its subjects bear to one another, has broken out afresh, and we have yet to see rapidly rising waves. If his life is to be thoroughly consistent, he should on some great day be once more beaten to the ground, possibly by a revolt of his German subjects, should then achieve some impossible success, possibly the throne of stantinople, and thenceforward should glide on to the grave, a mighty monarch of whom history will say that his failures and his successes remain equally inex-plicable. To him, alone among all the sovereigns we can recall, the strange destiny has been given that he should never succeed, yet never suffer from failure, that ashes should always be presented to his lips and that they should nourish him bet-ter than bread.—London Spectator.

Ill Fitting Eyeglasses. "Oh, grandma, what big eyes you've

"The better to see you, my dear." Observant Little Red Riding Hood would see stranger "eyes" than those of her supposed grandmother if she took note of the ill fitting, unbecoming eyeglasses worn by the majority of persons. Men and women with big, broad faces persist in wearing small, round glasses, set in unbecoming frames, that look lost in the breadth of their faces; school children with delicate features and tiny noses are obliged to wear great, goggling glasses, better fitted to big eyes and big heads. People who buy bargain glasses and have their eyes tested at a counter scarcely can expect to secure both a becoming shape and scientifically accurate glasses, but a little precaution and the exercise of a very moderate amount of good judgment would prevent many of the incongruous effects which are produced by wearing misfitting, unbecoming eyeglasses and "specs."-New

York Press. Effects of Inhaling Gas. To attempt suicide by the inhaling of illuminating gas is a very dangerous proceeding. It cost a San Francisco plumber who tried it his leg. About two weeks ago John Reinhoel turned on the gas in his bedroom and was with difficulty revived. Several days afterward a mysterious gangrene attacked his right leg, and that member had to be amputated. The doctors discovered that the immediate cause of the gangrene was a clot of blood which had formed in his heart during the time when its action was weakest. When the heart's action became normal, the clot was forced through the arteries until it lodged in the smaller arteries of the leg. The circulation of the blood was thus cut off below it, and that caused the death of the limb.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Every Inch a Queen. Young Wilhelmina of the Netherlands is every inch a queen, and a true daughter of Eve to boot. When one of the ladies of her court recently urged upon her the eligibility of a certain prince for the place of royal consort, she replied:

"If you think him so very fine, why don't you marry him yourself? You are a widow. When I take a husband, he is rabbit, the dog or one of his friends."to be my subject for one or two hours Washington Star. during the day-that is, while I am engaged with my ministers. For the rest of the time he is to be my lord and master.

AN INSPIRING KICK.

Maddened the Soldier and Saved His Reputation For Bravery. "But for a good, swift kick given me lust at the right time I would probably be branded as a coward, and a soldier better

be dead than live under such a stigma." The speaker was one of the veterans of the civil war, with as good an army record as any of the brave sons who went from Detroit to serve in that terrible conflict. "You know," he continued in a philosophical strain, "that some horses and hunting dogs are gun shy and that no

amount of discipline can overcome this weakness. I had the same failing. At home I was rather conspicuous for physical bravery and a disposition to take my own part. I never turned my back on an enemy till it came to our first battle in the war. I kept in line and felt no special fear while we were advancing, but when the guns began to roar and the bullets to spit I stampeded and struck out for the rear with all the blind, unreasoning impulse of a runaway horse.

"Suddenly I was confronted by a young lieutenant who profanely told me what kind of a coward I was, whirled me about, gave me a kick that lifted me into the air and then dashed for the front. That was entirely different and aroused my schoolboy courage. I took after that lieuten-ant, determined to thrash him plenty or get well whipped in the attempt. While was making record time and gradually closing up the gap a minic zipped by my head and took the lobe of my ear along with it. Like a flash, the burning sensation diverted the current of my wrath. 1 was blood crazy as I rushed into the thickest of the fight, shouting, jabbing and roaring defiance. The boys will tell you that I was there at the finish, and I wasn't ever gun shy afterward."-Detroit Free

LAPSE OF REASONING.

instances by Two of the World's Greatest Benefactors. To illustrate the kind of lapse of reasoning power from which great inventors are known to suffer, like that under influence of which Sir Isaac Newton cut one hole in a wall to let a cat pass through and then a small hole for the kitten, an old story in the life of Morse has been revived. Long before he invented the telegraph Morse was known to the officers of the patent office as a persistent applicant for patents. When his great invention of 'distance writing' was about completed,

he wanted the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-

way company to try it. To get rid of him the president of the road turned him over to a subordinate. This official was struck with the beauty of the invention and became so interested in it that he sat up half the night discussing it with the inventor. At length Morse confessed there was only one thing which baffled him. "As long as the railroad runs," he said, "where poles may be erected, it will be easy sailing, but when we come to the big bridges what is to be done was Miss Azon, in fact. The founder of stream, and without them the wire would the house of Azon died in the year 964 and sag and perhaps break from its own

> "Why don't you fasten the wires to the moment's hesitation. For a moment Morse gazed at him with open mouth and then exclaimed: "Why not, indeed! Why, I never thought of that. It's the very way." The layman's tip put the finishing touch to the work of the great inventor, and thus wires came to be strung on bridges when crossing large streams.—

Pittsburg Dispatch.

He Got His Fee. A local dentist tells an odd story of an attempt to get something for nothing which was practiced on him. "I was working on a filling," he said, "when a man came in with a badly swollen jaw. 'Doctor.' he groaned, drawing me aside, 'I'm almost crazy with toothache and haven't a cent. For mercy's sake jerk this thing out.' I couldn't resist such an Hapsburg and perhaps the ultimate secret appeal, so I took him into the rear room and so removed the molar. It was a big fellow and a tough job. While the man was spluttering his thanks he pulled out whether the emperor can again quiet the his handkerchief to wipe his mouth and

dropped a \$5 bill on the floor.
"It was in a small wad, and I picked it up before he saw it. 'Hello,' I said, 'what's this?' I never saw a man so disconcerted in my life. He turned red and white and launched into a cock and bull story about the money belonging to a friend, but his confusion gave him the lie, so I simply returned \$3 and pocketed the bill. It was twice the usual fee, but I wanted to get even for the meanest trick that ever came under my notice."-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Her Homemade Bread. Young Man-Doctor, you have been atending me for a week, and I am worse

than I was at the start. Physician-I will be frank with you, sir. Being unable to discover what was the matter with you and being unwilling to risk interfering with the curative powers of nature, I have given you no medicine at all. In fact, my treatment has not commenced yet." "But you have been giving me pills

"They were only a sham. They were made of bread." "Where did you get the bread?" "Your young and charming wife made

only!"

"No wonder I'm worse!"-Pearson Weekly.

Concerning "Christian Names." May one interject a gentle protest against the use of the phrase "Christian name" in this connection? The Romans said prænomen, the French say prenom, and we have used the word "forename" for the last 365 years. It is as incorrect to speak of the Christian name of a Jew, for example, as it would be hopeless to expect Christmas card from a Jewish rabbi. Again, the middle name of a Roman was his gentile name—that of his gens. On the surface, what a pretty confusion of ideas it would have been to have spoken of the name as at once gentile and Christian!-Notes and Queries.

His Nervousness,

Patient-Doctor, I attribute my dysgreat many public dinners. Doctor-Oh, I see! You were frequently called on to speak, and the nervous apprehension upset your digestion. Patient-Not exactly. My nervous apprehension was on account of the other speakers. I never said anything.—New York Tribune.

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