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A NEW FISH STORY

A True Friend of The Eccentric Tells the Following Fish Story—Now Can You Believe It.

Hello! Hello! Who is this talking? Mr. Mitchell, of THE ECCENTRIC? Well, what can I do for you, Mr. Mitchell?"

"I want to know if there is any news out your way."

"Well, yes. There is plenty of news, but I don't tell everybody. But if you can keep a secret, I'll put a flea in your ear. I'll tell you a good fish story.

"You might have heard that one about how Jonah swallowed the whale. You have heard that? Well, there is other news. Have you heard about that man in New York, by the name of Thaw? How he got—Oh! you have heard about him. Well, you are well-posted. But there is one more fish story about a chap here who thinks he is some pumpkins on the fish. Well, they say he caught 12,000 in one day, and I know right where he hid them (all he could not eat.)

"Now, Mr. Mitchell, you must promise not to tell Webb Bray, nor Mr. Whitehead, nor those doctors. If you do, our scheme is spoiled. Now, there is to be no one in this club but you, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Ballard, of Detroit, and me. Mr. Ballard was here with his high-laced boots on, and they say he helped catch and helped hide these fish. There is also a young fellow by the of Clarence Heth, who is a worthy nimrod to belong to our dub. He was out all day with his old gray and did good work watching where these 12,000 trout were hid. Now thats all the members of the club, and you can be the sporting editor. But keep still, don't give it away, but stand by the life-line, and for the next two or three years we will have trout and big-mouthed bass enough so that all the members of the club can have all the brain-food they want (perhaps not all they need.)

"Now, Mr. Mitchell, don't tell the Pontiacers because they would steal those trout quicker than a crane or a kingfisher. Now, remember. "Mum" is the word." J. B. H.

Notice to Our Customers.

We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure-Food and Drug Law, as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. All druggists.

Burr Bros. are now at work making brick and tile at the yard south of this village. Both men have moved here and intend to make this their home for the future. Geo. D. Marble has the boiler in apple-pie order and his work is first class. The engine shines like a dollar and works like a watch. With a suitable number of men experienced in the making of brick and tile, the Burr Bros. expect to have in about 10 days or two weeks a supply of all sizes of tile and brick for sale. They have a telephone in their office and invite your inquiries.

Piles get quick and certain relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Please note it is made alone for piles and its action is positive and certain. Itching, painful, protruding or blind piles disappear like magic by its use. Large nickel-capped glass jars 50c. Sold by Charles J. Shain.

TRAPPING OF WILD ANIMALS.

Jungle Creatures Have No Chance Against Ingenuity of Man.

"Elephants is easy trapped," said a zoo keeper. "Very easy trapped, very easy tamed. The trapper chooses a spot what is a popular elephant haunt, and here he digs a hole five feet deep and 20 foot square. He surrounds this hole with a high board fence, except in one place, where he hangs a swing gate. So far so good. Next he finds a herd of elephants, chooses the animal he wants, maddens it, and makes it chase him Lickety-split, lickety-split. The man tears along on his nag, the elephant thunders closely after, and just at the gateway the man swerves to the right, but the elephant, too heavy to swerve, bangs right on through, kerthump, into the hole. He's mad at first, outrageous, terrible. But they give him no food nor drink, they build around the pit fires of damp wood that suffocate him nearly with the smoke and they dase him with shouts and the bangin' of brass pans. That there wild elephant is completely broke and subdued in three or four days. He comes forth and follers the trapper humbly and timidly, with tears in his eyes. Monkeys is trapped—an't it a shame?—with booze. You rush in among a flock of them, and they take to the trees, chatterin' and watchful. You pull out some bottles of strong, sweet booze, pretend to drink from them, then lay them down and go away. On your return an hour later the floor of the jungle is strewn with the limp, slim bodies of drunken monkeys. The only animal impossible to trap is the gorilla. Too strong and fierce."

To Be Brought Out Once a Week.

A good many people have an idea that religion isn't worth while unless it is worn with Sunday clothes.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Boom! Boom!! Boom!!!

That's the way Grant's guns thundered at Vicksburg and Lee's guns thundered at Fredericksburg. Each of them thundered a little louder than the other fellow at each place and won the battle.

The war is over long ago, but booming still wins.

Make this town and the country around it your battleground, and then boom!

If you boom loud enough, people will come from afar off to find out what's up. Then a little more booming will take them prisoners and add them to the population. Then they will begin booming, and other willing captives will come in.

This is the inside history of every town on earth that amounts to anything more than a hill of beans.

Booming may be done in many ways. A board of trade can do it. A commercial club or business men's club can do it. You can do it individually.

If you don't believe in this town, why do you live here? If you do believe in it, why don't you boom it? Every new family means money in your pocket if you are in business here or own property here. If you make your living by working here, every increase of population tends to increase your wages, every new industry brought to town tends to enlarge your opportunities for making a good living.

Batteries in a battle boom together. If only one gun booms now and then it helps some, but when they all boom together something big is going to happen right off. It's just the same with town booming. When we all boom together, the things we desire to have happen will begin happening.

Now, suppose you who read this suggest through the columns of this paper some method of massing our boom batteries and making a noise that will bring people running into this town to go into business, start a factory, develop some of our natural resources.

N. B.—BOOM! BOOM!! BOOM!!!

A SUDDEN DEATH

John Johnson, of This Village, Found Dead in His Bed Last Wednesday Morning.

The family of John Johnson were horrified to discover him dead in his bed Wednesday morning of this week. Mr. Johnson was a man of about 65 years of age, and for many years had been the tinsmith in the hardware store of Roy Blakeslee. Old age had retired him from active work, but he made a living by doing odd jobs about the building. He leaves a wife and one daughter. At this writing his funeral has not been announced.

Wonderful Eczema Cure.

"Our little boy had eczema for five years," writes N. A. Adam, Henrietta, Pa. "Two of our home doctors said the case was hopeless, his lungs being affected. We then employed other doctors, but no benefit resulted. By chance we read about electric Bitters, bought a bottle, and soon noticed improvement. We continued this medicine until several bottles were used, when our boy was completely cured." Best of all blood medicines and body-building health tonics. Guaranteed at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores. 50c.

Emperor Solved Difficulty.

Frederic Villiers tells this story of the German emperor: The occasion was the marriage of the crown prince of Roumania to Princess Marie, the handsome eldest daughter of the late duke of Saxe-Coburg. After the function the German emperor was the first to give the bridal kiss. He was in full English naval uniform, smothered with decorations, and the bride was dressed in a costume which could not bear much crushing. The kaiser, one could see, was trying to avoid this trouble and the birde was afraid, in turn, to disarrange his mass of decorations. In a moment the emperor was seized with one of his brilliant ideas. He took the pretty blushing bride by the right elbow, tilted her a little toward him, launched himself forward and, bending over her, imprinted the kiss.

The Modern Gentleman.

"Gentleman" is not a word now that describes a character, but a financial condition.—London Truth.

Differences in Air.

Air that has been inhaled has a higher electrical conductivity than normal air.

LAST SENIOR HOP

Of the Season, to be Given Friday Evening, May 10th, at the Johnston-Shaw Hall.

The Senior class, of the B. H. S., have completed arrangements for a Senior hop to be given Friday evening, May 10th, at the Johnston-Shaw hall.

This is the third and last hop to be given by the class, and bids fair to be a grand success. Guy's orchestra, of Detroit, will furnish the music, and a fine time is assured to all.

Don't Pay Alimony.

To be divorced from your appendix. There will be no occasion for it if you keep your bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills. Their action is so gentle that the appendix never has cause to make the least complaint. Guaranteed by Charles J. Shain and Cobb & Cobb, druggists. 25c. Try them.

STILL BELIEVE IN FAIRIES.

Irishmen Claim to Have Seen the "Little People."

Here is a modern fairy story from Ireland: "One day about 20 years ago," writes a correspondent, "I was fishing from a boat on Lough Dorg. I inquired of my boatmen if they had ever seen fairies. At first, fearing to be laughed at, they scouted the idea, but one of them told the following: On a Sunday he was returning after mass, and stood with a friend, named Sullivan, on the bridge of Killaloe. Looking toward a potate field on the slope of the rising ground to the east of the town, a field which he was able to point out from the boat, he saw issuing from the lias a troop of 'little people,' one being distinctly taller than the rest. At first they seemed rather blurred, then took distinct shapes and began to play the national game of hurley among the bare potato rigs. He called Sullivan's attention to them, but for some time his friend could not see them, then said he could, and they watched the game together for a time. Then the sun went in, and the fairies, moving toward the lias, as if returning to it, vanished. Lisses are rough pieces, sometimes hillocks, sometimes depressions, often bushy, but never cultivated. I have been told they are left as doorways for the fairies when visiting the earth's surface."

Gen. Booth says he is not afraid of tainted money. There are a whole lot of us just as brave.

ABOUT FORESTRY

Prof. Roth, of Ann Arbor, Lectures Before the Women's Literary Club and B. H. S. Literary Club.

Last Thursday evening the Women's Literary Club and the High School Literary Club held a meeting in the high school room. The roll call consisted of a forestry catechism. The first question was, "What can trees do for you?" Ans.—"Trees beautify your home. A few good shade trees add $500 to the cash value of a town lot, and they add more than $500 to your home." After roll call Prof. Roth, State Forester and Professor of Forestry at Ann Arbor, gave an interesting talk on that subject. The professor is thoroughly in sympathy with his theme and is anxious that Michigan should awake to the needs of the hour. Many enjoyed the talk and we hope some day to have him with us again.

The orchestra of the high school contributed to the pleasure of the evening by rendering two fine selections.

HIGHLY SATISFIED

Brother Nathan Fall Does Himself Proud and Is Appreciated by the Presbyterians.

BIRMINGHAM, Mich., April 26, '07.
DEAR BROTHER FALL:

After hearing a report from the trustees as to your valuable services in building the marse, the First Presbyterian church, of Birmingham, at a meeting held April 24th, voted unanimously to thank you for your generous gift of $36 in wages. They hope you will accept this expression of their kindly feeling toward you as a slight token of their regard for your many good qualities. Yours sincerely,

A. H. PORTER.
Clerk of Board of Trustees.

Mrs. S. Joyce, 180 Sullivan Street Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years' stranding. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." All druggists.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on April 27, 1907: Guss Brisboys, Albert Livingston, (2,) Master Frank W. Weston.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

Artists have no trouble in securing models. The famous beauties have discarded corsets and have become models in face and form since taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c, Tea or Tablets. Charles J. Shain.

MIGHTY CITY OF LONDON.

Its Million Houses and Hundreds of Millions of Income.

The 6,500,000 people in Greater London live in 928,008 houses. The population 100 years ago was just one-fifth what it is now. Though the number of births was nearly double the number of deaths in 1904, the birth rate is steadily declining. The postal figures show that in 1905 there were 1,028 post offices in London, and 2,435 public telephones working. The total imports at London in 1904 amounted to $849,068,000, and the total exports $462,299,000. Some idea of London's wealth is shown by the assessed income tax value in 1904 in the administrative county, houses representing $219,264,000, trades and professions $364,045,000 profits of companies and other interests $698,511,000, salaries (corporate bodies) $115,044,000, salaries (army and navy) $103,674,000. In 1905 there were 2,993 motor cars and 1,852 motor cycles in London. Licenses to drive were granted to 8,070 people, the fees received amounting to $36,500.—Statistical Abstract.

Two Men to Each Shovel.

There were two children to each pair of roller skates and very contentedly the urchins hopped and slid along. "Two kids to a pair of skates," remarked the sailor, "takes me back to India, where they run two men to a shovel. You see, the Indian native is a weaklin'—no wonder, considerin' the hot, damp climate—and one man to a shovel is too strenuous. So with a cord tied to the handle down near the blade the shovel does for two, the man at the cord helpin' to insert the shovel by pullin' toward hisself and helpin 'to lift and toss the dirt by swingin' away from hisself. Two men to a shovel is a characteristic of India and of no other country what I have ever saw."

Curiosity of Punctuation.

Since you have requoted the example of incorrect pronunciation, "It was 'and' I said, not 'of.'" it would be as well to give that even better example, "That that is is that that is not is not is not that it it is." And to avoid nightmares we immediately punctuate thus: That that is, is; that that is not, is not, is not that it? It is.—London Chronicle.

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We are offering some *great values* in *Light Colored Novelty Suitings.* 43 to 45-inch Imported Suitings, formerly $1.25 to $1.50; 50 to 56-inch Domestic Suitings, formerly $1.00 to $1.50; all now **79c.** Lots of time to wear them. Now is the time to buy them.

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Salus Unshrinkable Wool Vests	75c
Unshrinkable Dermophile, light weight	$2.25
Summer Garments, each from	$2.00
	10c to $3.00

MEN'S WEAR DEPT.

Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers	35c
Our unbeatable French Balbriggans	50c
French Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers	75c
French Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers	$1.00
Light Weight Natural-Wool Shirts and Drawers	$1.00
Norfolk and New Brunswick Natural Wool	$1.00
Light Weight Cashmere Shirts and Drawers	50c
Unshrinkable Dermophile Shirts and Drawers—	
Light weight, a garment	$2.00
Medium weight, a garment	$3.00

WASH GOODS DEPT.

There is no more complete assortment of Wash Goods in the city than we offer in this Department. Everything must be the best of its class, for which you are charged no more than for inferior goods. Among the goods offered are Domestic Ginghams in variety, Scotch Ginghams, Toile du Nord, Plain Zephyrs, Mercerized Scotch Plaids, Kyoto Silks, etc. We still have good assortments in our

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