The "Basin" of an Apple.

One end of the apple bears the name of "basin" and contains the remnants of the blossom—sometimes called the eye of the fruit. This part of the apple is deep in some varieties and shallow and open in others. This is the weakest point in the whole apple as concerns the question of the keeping quality of the fruit. If the basin is shallow and the canal to the core firmly closed, there is much less likelihood of the fruit decaying than when it is deep, and the evident opening connects the center of the fruit with the surface.

As It Really Was.

"Lay on, Macduff!" cried Macbeth.

Macduff was motionless.

"What'll be the matter noo?" said Macbeth. "Dinna ye ken that's the cue?"

"I was na sure," said Macduff, "whether ye were just recht in yer grammar. I thought ye meant 'lie on' an' that I wadna stand, but it's all recht noo."

And the conflict began.—Toledo Bee.

Quick Promotion.

"I hear your brother is an assistant bookkeeper."

"Yes, indeed. And, do you know, he proved himself so clever that they've passed him over the first and second assistantships and made him third assistant right off."—New York World.

Never Still.

Mrs. Naggem—And do you love me still?

Naggem (wearily)—I don't know; I've never had the chance!—San Francisco Bulletin.

No one likes to be reminded that there is another side to the story.—Atchison Globe.

Jamaica Crocodiles.

There are a good many crocodiles in the more distant reserves of Kingston harbor and at the mouths of the Jamaica rivers, but they are exceedingly wary, and a most cautious approach is necessary if one wishes to get close enough for an effective shot.

Just as the lion has his jackal and the shark his pilot fish so the crocodile is almost always accompanied by a small plover, which perches upon the scaly ridge of its back and is just visible above the filthy water in which its big patron loves to wallow.

On the approach of man or any other danger this tiny bird flutters into the air and utters a shrill cry to warn its "chum."

The crocodile dives, and you may sit in your canoe and nurse your rifle for an hour without a chance of a shot.

The Jamaican crocodile is shyer of man than most of its kind.—Chicago News.

The Dinner Hour.

The hour for dinner has undergone several changes. About 1400 it was 10 a. m. Henry VIII. dined at this time and supped at 4. In the sixteenth century dinner was at 11, breakfast at 7 and supper at 5 or 6. In the following century meals were an hour later.

Disraeli tells us that in the reign of Francis I. of France folks rose at 5, dined at 9, supped at 5 and went to bed at 9, which, according to a popular saying, made them live to the age of ninety-nine. Louis XII., it is said, hastened his death by altering his hours to please his young wife. Instead of dining at 8 a. m and going to bed at 6 p. m., he took to dining at noon and often sat up till midnight.

The Ladder Dwarf.

"Among the strange and weird demons and bogies which are believed by miners to haunt the workings underground not the least horrible is the 'Ladder Dwarf,'" said a former prospector. "I never saw the creature myself, but he is described as hunchbacked, with a short body, large head and enormously long and powerful arms. In fact, he resembles an exaggerated gorilla. His favorite trick is climbing the ladders by means of which the miners leave the mines, raising himself with his long arms, and as he passes the rungs kicking them out one by one. He is supposed to always do this just before an accident of some kind in the mine."

The Rattle as a Decoy.

That the rattlesnake uses his tail to decoy birds has been observed a number of times by a correspondent of the Scientific American, who says: "The snake hides himself in the tall grass and imitates the buzzing of a bee. The insectivorous birds, such as the phœbe and kingbird, are attracted by the sound and become an easy prey for his snakeship. I have seen rattlesnakes concealed in the dense foliage of trees twenty feet from the ground practicing the same deception on the birds and getting the bird every time."

The Penalty.

Mr. Workhardd—My dear, I have lost my situation, and it just happens that I haven't a dollar ahead. We must go to the poorhouse for dinner.

Mrs. W.—Surely some of the grocers with whom we have dealt for so many years will trust us.

Mr. W. (sadly)—No; I have no credit anywhere. We always paid cash.—New York Weekly.

Quite a Linguist.

Mr. S. had just welcomed his nephew home from school. "Now, then, Tommy," he said, "let us see what you have been learning all this time. What is the meaning of felo de se?" Instantly replied the lad, a little contemptuously: "Oh, that's only French for a sailor. Ask me something in Latin."

The pride that many unblemished persons affect in their ancestry is so melancholy that they might as well be dead themselves.—Schoolmaster.

REPORT of JOSEPH PETERSON, Treasurer of School Board of Kent County, Md., for year ending July 31, 1903:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand July 31, 1903	$ 1,811 35
Free book fund	2,442 88
Free school fund	1,560 99
Manual training department	1,500 00
State school tax	12,540 34
County school tax	20,152 71
Tongers' licenses	1,395 84
Interest	17 42
Books sold	6 26
Contributions to furnish new school, Chestertown	282 00
Sale of old school building, Chestertown	2,492 88
Sale of old school furniture	16 00
Total	$44,218 67

DISBURSEMENTS:

Teachers' Salaries (white schoo's)	$25,124 32
Teachers' salaries (colored)	5,011 16
Rent of school houses	245 00
Fuel	1,340 55
Repairs	650 23
Incidental expenses	838 83
Furniture and stoves	1,099 94
Expended for books	2,007 33
Salary secty. treasurer and examiner	1,200 00
Per diem school commissioners	300 00
Office expenses	98 15
Printing and advertising	173 00
Freight and hauling	142 53
Building school house	1,833 43
Total	40,064 47
Cash in bank	4,154 20
Total	$44,218 67

We hereby certify that we have examined the aforegoing report of Joseph Peterson, treasurer of School Board of Kent County, Md., and the books and vouchers upon which it is based, and find it correct.

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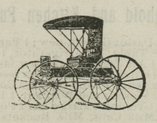

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