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*A few practical observations: Let your mind be free to speak, to act*











Interesting Miscellany.

LOSSES.

BY FRANCES HOWARD.

Two the white sea sand  
That on a pilgrim band,  
Telling the losses that they have known,  
While evening waned away  
From breezy cliff and bay,  
And the strong tide went out with weary moan.

One spoke, with quivering lip,  
Of a fair freighted ship,  
With all its household to the deep gone down;  
But one had willed her  
For a fair free long ago,  
Lost in the darker depths of a great town.

There were who mourned their youth  
With a most living truth,  
For to have hopes and memories ever green,  
And one upon the West  
Turned an eye that would not rest  
For face of little whorl on his joy had been.

Some talked of vanished gold,  
Some of proud honors told,  
Some spoke of friends that were their trust no more;  
And out of a great grave  
Bleat a foreign woe  
That made him sit so lonely on the shore.

But when their tales were done,  
There spoke among them one—  
"Nay, it is true, something grieved in the Jew's pocket when he struck  
his hand against it; but the only money therein was a twelve-krentzer piece,  
for the other was a brass tablet. Notwithstanding this he accepted  
the offer with gratitude; for, thought he, 'something may be  
excused even to the Jew. There is many a man who has grown rich  
against his will.'"

"Dreadful part of the voyage the passengers were very talkative  
and merry, and the Jew with his wallet on his arm—far he did not  
lay it—was the subject of much mirth and mockery, as alas! it  
often the case with those of his nation. But as the vessel sailed onward,  
and passed Thurington and Saint Veit, the passengers, one after  
another, grew silent, gazing down the river until one spoke out:  
"Come, Jew, do you know any pasture that will cause us? Your  
fathers must have contrived many a one during their long stay in the  
aridness."

"Now is the time," thought the Jew, "to show my strength." And he  
proposed that they should sit round in a circle and propound curious  
questions to each other, and he, with their permission, would sit down  
with them. Those who could not answer the questions should pay the  
one who propounded them a twelve-krentzer piece, and those who  
answered them perfectly should receive a twelve-krentzer piece.

The proposal pleased the company, and hoping to divert themselves  
with the Jew's wit or stupidity, each one asked at random whatever  
entered his head.

Thus, for example, the first one asked—  
"How many salt boiled eggs could the giant Goliath eat on an empty  
stomach?"

"All said that it was impossible to answer that question, and each paid  
over their twelve krentzers.

But the Jew said, "One; for he who has eaten one egg can not eat a  
second on an empty stomach," and the other paid him twelve krentzers.

The second thought, "Wait, Jew, and I will try you on the New Testa-  
ment, and think I shall win my piece." "Why did the Apostle Paul  
write the second epistle to the Corinthians?"

The Jew said, "Because he was not in Corinth, otherwise he would have  
spoken to them." So he won another twelve-krentzer piece.

When the third found the Jew so well versed in the Bible, he tried  
him in a different way. "Who prolongs his work to the greatest length  
possible, yet completes it in time?"

"The reaper," he is industrious," said the Jew.

In the meanwhile they drew near to a village, and one said to the  
other, "That is Braunbach." The fourth asked, "In what month do  
the people of Braunbach eat the least?"

The Jew said, "In February, for that has only twenty-eight days."

The fifth said, "There are two natural brothers, and still only one of  
them is my uncle."

The Jew said, "The uncle is your father's brother."

A fish now jumped out of the water, and the sixth asked, "What fish  
have their eyes nearest together?"

The Jew said, "The smallest."

The seventh asked, "How can a man rise from Babel to Berne in the  
summer time, in the shade, when the sun shines?"

The Jew said, "When he comes to a place where there is no shade, he  
must die of heat."

The eighth asked, "When a man rises in the winter time from Babel  
to Berne, and has forgotten his gloves, how must he manage so that his  
hands shall not freeze?"

The Jew said, "He must make fists of them."

The ninth was the last. This one asked, "How can five persons  
divide five eggs so that each man shall receive one, and still one remain  
a dish?"

The Jew said, "The last must take the dish with the egg, and can let  
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But now it came to his turn, and he determined to make a good  
swamp. After many preliminary compliments, he asked with an air of  
mischiefous friendliness—  
"How can a man fry two trout in three pans so that a trout may lie  
in each pan?"

No one could answer this, and one after another gave him twelve-  
krentzers.

But when the ninth desired that he should answer it himself, he frantically  
declined that he knew not how the trout could be fried in such  
a way!

Then it was maintained that this was unfair in the Jew, but he stoutly  
affirmed that there was no provision for it in the argument, and that  
he who could not answer the questions should pay the krentzers, and  
fulfill the agreement by paying that sum to the ninth of his com-  
rades, who had asked him to solve it himself. But they all being rich  
merchants and grateful for the amusement, which had passed an hour or  
two very pleasantly for them, laughed heartily over their loss and at  
the Jew's cunning.

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LIVING BY ONE'S WIT.

Nine persons called from Babel down the Rhine. A Jew, who wished  
to go to Schladau, was allowed to come on board and journey with  
them, on condition that he would conduct himself with propriety, and  
give the captain eighteen krentzers for his passage.

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