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THOS. CRAWLEY,
Nov. 11-2t. Mayor.

A LONG SEARCH.

Everywhere Kitty had sought the quotation—
Browning and Tennyson, Shelley and Lang.
Shakespeare she handled with great veneration,
Shutting, however, the tomes with a bang.

Byron she searched, and Swinburne so burning—
Gosse, Austin Dobson, Stevenson, Moore.
Leaves of each one she was futilely turning,
Hopeless her search as ever before.

Then wearied, tearful, she angrily flirted
Out of the library—rushed she distraught.
"Let's give it up," then she pettingly blurted,
"For I have forgotten the line that we sought."

—Exchange.

A SHOWER IN THE VILLAGE.

This Word Picture Somehow Awakens Pleasant Memories.

Over the whole village that stillness reigns which only a Sunday in summer can produce. It is nearing the noon hour, and there is a glare of sunlight everywhere.

The quiet of the streets seems to be intensified as one approaches the corner where the small stone church stands alone. There is a service going on inside, and the rolling music of the organ faintly wafted from within reaches the deserted streets outside. Rows of houses with closed blinds and unoccupied doorsteps meet the eye on every side, and down a narrow lane near at hand a freshly painted barn gleams hotly in the fierce sunshine. Three or four pigeons have fluttered to the roof and are sunning themselves and softly cooing.

Near the door of the church a horse and buggy stand, and now and again the animal, bothered by flies, stamps and splashes in the shallow puddle under him.

A dog trots lazily up the street and stops on his way to chase and bark at a few belated sparrows. One of the pigeons stalks with dignity across the roof, and another flutters into the air with a whirring sound and disappears.

The sound of the organ has died quite away and only the distant clucking of a disturbed hen breaks the quiet. The sunlight seems to have taken on a darker shade.

A sharp gust of wind sweeps up and down the street and rushes through the foliage of the sleeping trees. The sparrows that occupied the street are not in sight. No living thing is to be seen, and the newly painted barn, that a moment ago looked scorched and blistered, seems to have taken on a cooler tinge. The breeze has died quite away, and there is a moment of supreme stillness.

Then a dull, sullen sound that seems like the roar of a distant train steals upon the air. It comes again, and there is no mistaking it—it is thunder. A flurried hen runs across the lane and disappears behind a board just as three large drops mark the dust covered sidewalk. Drops are falling everywhere, and as they increase in number they decrease in size. There is a gentle patter on the sidewalk, on the house tops, through the trees, which becomes more and more hurried until it generates into a steady rush of falling rain. The landscape is almost shut out from sight.

Slowly and by hardly perceptible degrees the steady rush becomes a patter, and the sun, with sudden brilliance, changes each drop to a glistening diamond.

The rain ceases, and the sparkling trees gently shake themselves in the sunlight.

The shower is over.—Walter M. Egginton in New Bohemian.

The Nose.

The nose is intended for breathing, the mouth for speaking and eating. Who has ever seen a horse breathing otherwise than through his nostrils? Minute scientific investigation has revealed the fact that the number of people who breathe through their nostrils are becoming gradually but surely fewer in number. The consequence is that the nostrils decrease in size, while it has been found that the prevailing nose is quite an inferior organ to that of our forefathers.

Doctors at the present time are frequently asked to operate on noses and to enlarge them. Their owners have found that they do not fulfill their functions as well as they used to. It is beginning to be feared by scientific people that if matters grow much worse we shall lose the use of our nasal organs entirely.

It is a well known physiological fact that unused muscles and bones gradually disappear. Fish who live in the dark, for instance, or the mole, who resides underground, become blind. Thus, if we cease to use our noses for breathing, they will cease to exist. They will become superfluous!—Pearson's Weekly.

Subtle Flattery.

A certain rector in a Suffolk village, who was disliked in the parish, had a curate who was very popular, and, on his leaving, was presented with a testimonial. This excited the envy and wrath of the rector, and, meeting with an old lady one day, he said:

"I am surprised, Mrs. Bloom, that you should have subscribed to this testimonial."

"Why, sir," said the old lady, "if you'd bin a-goin, I'd 'ave subscribed double!"—London Tit-Bits.

Queer.

Mrs. C.—Doctor, you were at the last illness of my eldest boy?

Doctor—Yes.

Mrs. C.—You also tended professionally my first husband, who died?

Doctor—Yes.

Mrs. C.—Well, my second husband is ill, and I would like you to see him.—London Fun.

Amateurs who undertake to lay a floor should remember that one-fifth more siding and flooring is needed than the number of square feet of surface to be covered because of the lap in the siding.

The Erie canal, in New York, was the first artificial waterway begun in this country. Ground was broken for this enterprise July 4, 1817.

SENEFELDER'S DISCOVERY.

The Great Value of Lithography In the World of Modern Art.

The full significance of Senefelder's great discovery, just 100 years ago, was not so much that a calcareous stone may be bitten by a weak solution of acid, so that the raised portion when greased (the surrounding parts being wet) may print in a press like a wood cut—though with a scraping, not a direct downward, pressure—but it consisted in the demonstration, in the first place, that prints from its surface may be reduplicated in vast numbers without visible deterioration, and in the second, and still more important, that each such print is practically an original. Nay, more than this. As M. H. P. Dillon reminds me in a panegyric on his favorite art, the greatest merit of this method of preserving and indefinitely multiplying a drawing lies in the escape of the artist from the traduttore traditore—from misrepresentations by engraver or by camera. Indeed, when the artist has made his design upon the stone itself, each impression from it is as much the original as each and every photographic print taken from a negative is an original and not a copy of any other thing. Even when the artist has drawn upon transfer paper instead of on the stone (proceeding for convenience sake, which, in the opinion of some purists, is held in a measure to invalidate the name of lithography as applied to it, though not thereby reflecting in any degree on the beauty of the work itself), the impressions taken are still originals, inasmuch as the actual work, the artist's own lines and dots, have in due course been transferred bodily by mechanical pressure to the surface of the stone, and this, after it has been inked and printed from, renders each proof then taken of equal excellence. And the point of it all is this, that until the stone is inked and a print taken the artist's work is not complete; so that every print does really become a genuine original.—M. H. Spielmann in Scribner's.

A FALSE START.

An Episode of Feminine Fairness In Which the Railroad Won.

They were two pretty girls, and they were evidently in high spirits when they entered an almost empty carette the other day. They carefully inspected the tubes which carry the fares along the sides of the vehicle to the box; then each one opened her purse.

"Tell you what," said the tall one. "Let's race our nickel down, and the one that loses pays for both?"

"All right, lot's," said the short one. "Got your nickel ready? Go!"

"Mine's first!" cried the tall one. "Five cents, please."

"Why, look," cried the short one, "we didn't start fair! The box is on your side!"

"Why, so it is," said the tall one. "Funny we didn't notice that before! Let's try it over, and you stand that much nearer the box."

Again they each put in a nickel, and they dropped into the box simultaneously.

"Who has won, I'd like to know?" said the tall girl. By this time the driver as well as the one other passenger was interested, and she spoke impartially to them all. But the driver turned suddenly to his horses, and the other passenger looked out of the window, with a queer noise in his throat.

"I'm sure I don't know who has won," said the short girl snappishly, "but one thing I do know—we have each paid 10 cents for a ride down town!"

And, after the driver had been appealed to and assured them that he could not return the superfluous coins, they rode on to their destination in silence.—Chicago Tribune.

The Tumble Weed.

Tumble weeds spread themselves in a wholesale fashion. Instead of sending the separate seeds out into the world with wings or hairs to carry them, the whole plant breaks off near the root, when these are ripe, and goes rolling along the ground before the wind. The bare, sun scorched deserts of the great west produce several tumble weeds, and there are some in the prairie region. It is natural that they should be most abundant where there are no hills nor trees to stop them in their course. But we have one tumble weed in the east—the old witch grass, so called maybe because it rides the wind like an old beldame. In September this grass spreads its head, or panicle, with hairlike, purple branches, in every sandy field. When the seeds are ripe, the plants are blown across the field, often piling up in masses along fences and hedgerows. As might be expected, the hair grass, which has so effective a way of spreading itself, is found throughout the United States from ocean to ocean.—Thomas H. Kearney, Jr., in St. Nicholas.

A Spell.

Florence's father's initials are A. H. S., and, while Florence knows her letters, she is not yet able to spell. The other day she came running to her mother.

"Oh, mamma," she exclaimed, "I can spell umbrella."

"I hardly think so," said her mother.

"But I can," she insisted.

"Very well. How do you spell it?"

"A-h-s," she said promptly.

"Why, Florence," contended the mother, "that doesn't spell umbrella."

"Yes, but it does," she urged. "I saw it on papa's umbrella, and I'd like to know why it would be there if it spelled something else."—Detroit Free Press.

Mexican Police.

The Mexican police attend closely to their duties and are very polite. At night each policeman carries a lantern, and this lantern is set out on the sidewalk opposite wherever he may be; so it is possible to look down a street and see a whole row of these twinkling lanterns.

THE WAIF'S OPINION.

Thought People Who Worked For Nothing Were Fools.

One wore the modest blue of the Salvation Army, the other the ragged raiment of the street waif. Both were girls, and both were selling papers. They came together on a Market street corner. The newsgirl eyed The War Cry lassie for a minute or two, and then sidled slowly up to her.

"How's biz?" she asked.

The girl in the blue uniform and poke bonnet looked at the little tot in surprise.

"Not very good," she answered after a moment.

"Folks ain't buyin de poipers very swift, eh?"

"I'm not selling many War Crys, if that is what you mean."

"Does yer have ter stay out till yer sells 'em all?"

"No, I don't have to, but I generally do."

"Take yer a long time ternight, eh?"

"Yes. I will be out very late, I expect. I'm awfully tired too."

That seemed to determine something the ragged one evidently had been turning over in her mind.

"I only got a couple more poipers left meself," she said, "an if yer don't mind I'll help yer out."

The novelty of the proposition or a desire for assistance caused The War Cry lassie to accept the proposition, and half of the Salvation papers were turned over to the newsgirl. The latter started in to work vigorously, and pretty soon had the other girl's papers going like hot cakes. Ragged newsgirls don't often peddle War Crys, and the people she approached appreciated the fact enough to avail themselves of the opportunity.

In perhaps half an hour the ragged one returned to The War Cry girl minus papers, but with a little fist full of nickels.

"Say," she said, "it's dead easy! Wish't I could sell 'em all de time. Is dere much in it?"

"Oh, my, no!" The War Cry girl explained. "I don't get paid anything at all."

The "newsy's" eyes opened wide in surprise. Then she voiced her opinion:

"Den yer mus' be as easy as sellin de War Crys was. I'm goin now. Goodby!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

IRON BAR 2,000 YEARS OLD.

A Portion of It Is Owned by the Iron Chancellor.

S. T. Wellman, the metallurgist of Cleveland, has a portion of a round bar of iron—and a few like pieces are held in the United States—that antedates the Christian era by two or three centuries. The iron, which had been originally hammered into plates and was deeply rusted from age, was found a few years ago by Dr. Karl Humann in the ruins of the temple of Artemis Leucophryne, at Magnesia, Asia Minor. Dr. Humann sent it to Hallbauer, in Germany, and the latter made from a portion of it a memorial tablet. This was presented to Bismarck in April, 1894. It bore this inscription in German: "For you, Prince Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor, Hermogenes forged this iron at Magnesia 200 B. C. Humann found it in the temple of Artemis after 2,000 years and sent it to Hallbauer, who gave it the form in which it shall bear witness that your deeds shall outlive millenia."

At the time of the presentation to Bismarck Stahl und Eisen gave a photographic reproduction of the plate and an account of the discovery of the iron. The temple of Artemis, one of the most magnificent of ancient monuments, was rebuilt about 300 B. C., though by some the date is put at 200 B. C.

The metal is described as approximating steel in its composition, though closely akin to malleable iron. It was made at a low temperature, and great care was necessary in the forging. It was found rather difficult to roll the pieces that were preserved as relics, these having a diameter of about one-half inch.—Iron Trade Review.

The Chinese Are Self Helpful.

The percentage of foreigners in our hospitals, asylums and penal institutions is overwhelming. But the Chinese make little call upon us for philanthropy, and that only for medical help. Little by little these people are coming to see the superiority of our medical treatment, and in cases of severe sickness they will sometimes turn to our hospitals for help. But they ask no other aid from us. If a Chinaman needs any monetary assistance, his countrymen help him without burdening our public philanthropies. It is not uncommon for the men of one clan or friends from different clans to band together to establish a loan fund, every man giving so much toward it week by week. This is loaned to needy men without security or interest, and when repaid it is loaned again, and thus many a man is carried through a sickness or set up in business, and outsiders are none the wiser.—"The Chinese of New York," by Helen F. Clark, in Century.

Brain Work.

The Washington Star surprised two high school girls talking about their graduation essays.

"Have you written yours yet?" asked Maud.

"Yes," answered Ethel.

"Wasn't it a lot of work?"

"Just dreadful! First, I had to hunt up words that were big enough, and then I had to keep looking in the dictionary to see what they meant, and honestly I began to think I never should get it finished."

Consoling.

Suburban (entering station in a hurry)—Was that my train?

Ticket Seller—It was only the bell announcing the departure of your train. If you hadn't stopped to ask the question, I have no doubt you might have caught it. Too bad, isn't it?—Boston Transcript.

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