

THE BLACK BEAR'S CURIOUS.—In the Century for March, Charles C. Ward has an entertaining illustrated article on "The Black Bear," in which he describes Bruin's haunts in Maine and New Brunswick, relates several hunting incidents and depicts Bruin's peculiarities, in part as follows: I really think that Bruin possesses the sense of humor; at all events his actions point that way, and there is no doubt that he is extremely cunning and observing. I once had an English friend visit me, who played the flute. He was in the habit of marching up and down while playing, near a tame bear I had at the time. The bear had a piece of stick about two feet long, which he tossed about for amusement. After a time, he came to handle the stick very much as my friend did the flute. This annoyed my sensitive friend, and in revenge he teased the bear with uncouth noises. Bruin snuffed, whined, and waited his opportunity for delivering a tremendous blow with his paw on his enemy, whose tall hat was knocked completely over his eyes. He escaped being caught by dropping flat and rolling out of the reach of the bear. This bear spent much of his time in the tree to which he was chained, and when climbing usually got his chain twisted over and under the branches in a most intricate manner, but never failed to take out every turn as he descended. A friend who owned a tame bear told me that for a long time, he could not account for the mysterious way in which the poultry disappeared. Observing, at different times, a good many feathers around Bruin's pole, he began to suspect that the bear was the culprit. Close watching confirmed his suspicions. When Bruin thought he was unobserved, he would seize any unfortunate hen or chicken within his reach and devour it; but if any one approached before he could complete the meal, he would sit upon his prey until the danger of discovery had passed. He was betrayed, at last by the cackling of an old hen, that he had failed to silence.

It is very popular with people, especially small minded ones, to include in a considerable cheap wit about the defects of newspapers, which of course they have from the great influential, wealthy city daily to the small struggling country weekly. We have seen people throw down the large Boston Dailies with disgust, and say there was nothing in them, when they were crowded with reading matter by the square yard, set in fine type at that; but it was because the subjects did not interest them, or else their pet schemes were not sufficiently puffed up. People talk about the trivial items found in country papers, and such is the case frequently, but oftentimes there is nothing else to publish. The strong point of a country weekly is local news; but many people expect more novels than in a story paper, more telegraphic news than in a metropolitan daily, more editorials than in a monthly review, more gossip than in a sewing circle, and more facts than in an unabridged dictionary on a five-hundred-dollar encyclopaedia. However, when a person sees his own name in print, no matter how small the item, it suddenly becomes quite important—that is, both item and newspaper.—*Printers Circular.*

THE PARROT WONDERED.—Two sailors went with a tame parrot to a show in Tokio, where a Japanese was given an exhibition of slight-of-hand, interspersed with acrobatic feats. At the end of each trick the sailors would say: "Now, isn't that clever. Wonder what he'll do next?" With each act of the performance their astonishment increased, and they kept saying: "Wonder what he'll do next?" The parrot heard this exclamation so often that he picked it up off-hand, as it were. Presently, the Japanese undertook to keep in the air a number of bamboo sticks ignited at both ends, but having his attention distracted by a movement in the audience, he allowed one of the sticks to drop. Unfortunately it fell upon a heap of fire-crackers, bombs, etc., which exploded, blew out the walls, blew off the roof, scattered the audience in all directions, and sent the parrot, minus its tail-feathers and one eye about 400 yards. As the bird came down with a flop, it shrieked: "Wasn't that clever! Wonder what he'll do next?"—*M. Quad.*

THE LOWER CLASS.—Who are they? The tolling millions, the laboring man and woman, the farmer, the mechanic, the artisan, the inventor, the producer? Far from it. These are nature's nobility. No matter if they are high or low in station, rich or poor in pelf, conspicuous or humble in position, they are surely upper circles in the order of nature, whatever the fastidious distinctions of society, fashionable or unfashionable, decree. It is not low, it is the highest duty, privilege and pleasure for the great man and high-souled woman to earn what they possess, to work their own way through life, to be the architects of their own fortunes. Some may rank the classes we have alluded to as only relatively low and, in fact, the middling classes. We insist they are absolutely the very highest. If there be a class of human beings on earth who may be properly denominated low, it is that class who spend without earning, who consume without producing, who dissipate on the earnings of their fathers or relatives, without being anything in and out of themselves.

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