

FRENCH ANECDOTES.

In a play at the Folies-Dramatiques an actor weakened in trying to carry in his arms Leontine, whose weight was extraordinary. "Make two trips," advised a voice from the gallery.

As Alexandre Dumas had dined with a state minister, somebody asked him if he had enjoyed himself. He replied, "If I had not been for me, I would have been bored."

Dumas was in the habit of giving 2 francs to a beggar whenever he met him. Once he had only 2 cents, which he gave. "Oh, Mr. Dumas!" exclaimed the beggar reprovingly. "Give them to a beggar," he replied.

Challenged to fight a duel, Rochefort replied: "I consent. Let the weapons be orthography."

A distinguished Englishman, the Duke of Ormond, came to Avignon, where the Chevalier d'Airague was his intimate friend. Their relations were maintained with forms of the most exact politeness. At the point of death the duke said, "I beg your pardon, my friend, for being compelled to die in your presence." "Don't speak of it," the other replied in the same tone.

Philoxene Boyer was once in darkest misery. Feuillet de Conches, the great collector of anagrams, met him in one of his days of distress, and the poet confessed he was hungry. "Let us go to the cafe," said Feuillet. "You will eat something and write a letter to the minister of public instruction. I will hand it to him." The poet wrote a letter which was superb with despairing eloquence. Time passed and brought nothing. A long time afterward Boyer, whom Arsene Houssaye had taken out of trouble, met Feuillet at the boulevard. "You know," he said, "I never received a reply." "Dear friend, forgive me. Your letter was so beautiful that I kept it for my collection," said Feuillet de Conches, with unaffected simplicity.

The Amplified Goat.



"Gee whizz! there's an elegant meal!"



"Well, now, that's nice! But I guess I'll take!"



"A drink of water."



"Say, what have I ever done to be treated this way?"—Truth.

Americans in European Society.

Americans fail to realize that Europeans recognize no social or class distinction in this country. Our people know that this is a republic, that it has been a republic for more than a century and that the principal doctrine upon which the entire national fabric is founded is that of universal equality. They cannot, therefore, understand that there should be any kind of class distinction or gradations of society. In their eyes all Americans are equal, and the question as to what coterie or clique their American acquaintances belong to in this country weighs but very little with the grand monde in Europe. It is utterly immaterial to them whether their American acquaintance has ever had a grandfather or not, or if he had, who his grandfather was. They do not care one brass farthing whether he or she happens to be a "born millionaire," or a "made millionaire," and they take their American friends purely and entirely on their individual merits, altogether irrespective of the social status and prestige they may enjoy on this side of the Atlantic.

But once an American has succeeded in getting himself accepted by the best European society his position is really a most delightful one, since he is regarded as beyond the pale of class distinction and is allowed a freedom and a latitude which would never be accorded to any native, no matter how high his or her rank. Notwithstanding all that is claimed to the contrary, there are relatively very few Americans who may really be said to have penetrated the inner circles of European society.—Vogue.

The Face That Attracts.

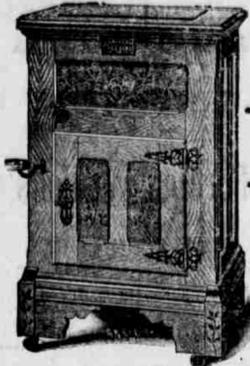
A clever Boston author, with whom Arlo Bates talked about the artists' festival, to which all the world went in costume of the time of the renaissance, remarked that it was impossible to get over the habit of looking at the faces of the persons present and of neglecting to examine their costume unless with an effort to turn the attention. "It is simply because we are so accustomed to finding the costume, and especially the costume of men, so uninteresting that we never think of looking at it," one remarked. "I am not sure," the author returned, "that it doesn't go a good deal deeper than that, and that there is not a profound psychological reason there. The face is the thing which expresses the mind, and the whole tendency of civilization is toward the keener appreciation of the mental side of being."

"We have suppressed costume in man because we are more interested in his face, and we do not care to be distracted from it. That is only one phase of the process of evolving the appreciation of the mental. We do not, as a matter of fact, care for clothes in this age—I mean as a race. There are of course exceptions, and there is still personal vanity, as there always must be. It is possible to get up this sort of a show, not because anybody is greatly interested in the costume of others, but because each is willing to admire himself and to allow others to admire him."

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