The Avant Courier.

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Raymond's Blindness.—A Practical Joke.

John McCullough, John T. Raymond, and William H. Crane have been making things lively around Fourteenth street in New York. Mr. Crane arrived from Liverpool on Saturday. McCullough and Raymond met him, and they say the three found themselves Monday night in a little billiard room near the square. They had taken in Coney Island, Brighton Beach, interviewed Corbin the Jew-killer, and returned on the cars. Raymond especially distinguished himself as a practical joker. They sat in the billiard hall, weary and dusty: conversation flagged, and Raymond fell sound asleep. Then a diabolical idea entered the minds of McCullough and Crane. They would try a practical joke on John T. Upon one of the billiard tables built a dozen balls were thrown. The gas was extinguished, leaving everybody and everything in darkness. Crane and McCullough then began to bang the balls and shout the score they were piling up.

Bang! from Billy.

"A fine shot!" exclaimed McCullough. "Twenty-one!"

Bang! bang! once more.

"Fine carom. Twenty-five!" yelled Crane.

Bang, bang, bang! This went on a few minutes, when Raymond was heard to move.

"Where are you, Billy—John—eh?" he said.

"John's just walking away with me," replied Crane.

Bang again. "Thirty-five."

"But, John—Billy—where are you?" ejaculated Raymond, with agitation in his voice.

Another billiard ball made the circuit of the table. "Two more for me," cried Crane, and turning to Raymond: "What's the matter with you? Why don't you open your eyes?"

"But," from Raymond, becoming nervous, "I can't see you."

"Wash your eyes," suggested McCullough.

Bang again.

"You don't mean to say you're in this billiard room, John?" asked Raymond, his voice laden with emotion.

"Of course we are, and playing billiards," returned the two jokers, simultaneously.

"My God!" shrieked John. "McCullough—Billy—I'm blind!"

McCullough says that the way in which this exclamation was uttered convinces him that Raymond is the pathetic actor he has long claimed to be.—*N. Y. Star.*

Peculiarly Addressed Letters.

An exceedingly curious illustration of the precision with which the New York post-office is conducted, says the New York *Tribune*, was had a few days ago in the department in which misdirected letters are deciphered. A letter from Ireland came directed to "My Mother, New York, America." Of course it was an impossibility to tell to whom the letter belonged, and preparations were made to send it to the dead-letter office. The same day, however, a woman called at the general delivery window and asked for a letter from her son. The gentleman who has charge of the deciphering bureau was immediately struck with the coincidence, and went for the letter alluded to above. He asked the woman where her son lived, and when she gave the name of the town it was found to be the same as the postmark on the letter. Other inquiries justified the official in delivering the letter to the woman, but he insisted that she should open it there, and on examination it was discovered that it was from her son, and that she was the person for whom it was intended. Of course if she had asked for a letter addressed to her name the answer would have been that there was no such letter. Among other curious letters received a few days ago was one addressed to "J. H. Johnson, wagon and plough maker; all kinds of work promptly attended to; America." The writer had evidently instructed to address in reply according to the printed letter-head on which the communication had been written, and had literally followed instructions except in giving the name of the town and State.

Points of Etiquette.

Letters should never be crossed.

Anonymous letters are beneath notice.

Letters of introduction should be brief.

"Yours, &c.," is a rude ending to a letter.

Never wait over fifteen minutes for a tardy guest.

Say "good-bye" and not "good morning."

Upon introduction at once enter into conversation.

Upon leaving a room one bow should include all.

A call should not be less than fifteen minutes in length.

A note requires as prompt an answer as a spoken question.

Regrets in reply to invitations should contain the reason therefor.

At the table you are not required to thank the one who waits upon you.

"Yours truly" is the correct form for closing business, not for friendly, letters.

You should exchange calls with individuals before inviting them to your house.

The custom of leaving a blank margin on the left hand side of each page of a letter is obsolete.

To return a personal call with cards enclosed in an envelope signifies that visiting between the persons is ended.

Unless there is a great difference in age, a lady visiting should not rise, either on the arrival or departure of other ladies.

Just a Word.

A firm in Chicago has sent specimens of job printing to nearly every merchant in this city, and we understand that several have sent in their orders. This is all right, but it would have been money in their pockets had they called at this office before ordering from Chicago, because we think that we can do as good and cheap work as can be possibly done in Chicago. Of course when you want a death or marriage notice published, you come to your home paper to have it done, but when you want job printing done you go to Chicago. When you have a change in business, receive new goods, make new improvements, you generally depend upon your home paper to publish it, but when it comes to job printing, ah! there's the rub. You want your home paper to give you puffs and lengthy notices for nothing, but it sounds so nice to say, "Why, I got these in Chicago, they must be nice, because I got 'em there." Job printing is life to a country printing office. The printing office is the life to a town. It invites people to visit and locate among you. It always watches over the interests of the town, and without them, would be out of the world. It is all right, there is no law to compel men to give us their printing, but *justice* demands that they do.—*Mason City Republican.*

Odds and Ends.

Make few promises; live up to your engagements.

A man can profess more religion in fifty minutes than he can practice in fifty years.

Are our farmers making preparations to plant orchards, vineyards and fruit gardens?

The man who finds a pocket-book with cash in it doesn't look at a paper for three weeks.

"Better is a little with righteousness than a thousand subscribers who cheat the printer."

Rowland Hill onced finished a charity sermon by requesting all persons who were in debt not to put anything in the plate.

California has 20,000,000 acres of wheat land, of which not more than one-seventh has been under cultivation.

The young man who, wishing to know the pronunciation of a word, was advised to consult the authorities, interviewed the Mayor, three Aldermen, and the Sheriff.—*Boston Post.*

When a handsome Baltimore lady asked a pedestrian to knock a man down who had been following her, he swiftly obeyed and was not much astonished to learn that it was her husband.

The "professional" gentleman of the Philadelphia Record says: "The difficulty of following crime as a profession lies in the fact that, though the criminal may be sharper than any other one man, he is not sharper than all other men combined."

"Tell me," he said to the doctor, "tell me frankly, is there any hope?" "Yes, sir, a great deal. The statistics show that one out of every hundred affected with your disease recovers." "Well!" "You are the hundredth I have treated for the malady, and I have not cured one of them."

Robert Bardette, upon his return to his sanctum at Burlington, says: "I have acquired such easy, familiar relations with the people of the house that the baby has already emptied the ink into one of my boots and the mucilage into the other, and is drawing a map of Hawkeye Creek on my coat with a piece o' beef gristle and a glass of milk. His mother tells me I should not let him do it, and perhaps she is right, but what am I to do? He seems to enjoy it, and I know I do, and what was this world made for if it wasn't for pleasure."

The sooner the youth of this country are compelled by the scope and tendency of our public-school system to recognize that only one boy in a hundred can be a lawyer, doctor or clergyman, the better it will be for the American people. To that end it is essential that our methods of training shall cease to foster the silly and abortive preference for so-called gentlemanly pursuits—shall squarely face the fact that manual labor is the sphere in which the great majority of the human race are destined to move, and that it is skill and genius which have transformed the world, and which should command the highest prizes in the race of life.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Writing to an English correspondent who had asked his opinion as to the use of alcohol and tobacco in athletic exercises, Hanlan says: "In my opinion the best physical performance can only be secured through absolute abstinence from their use. This is my rule, and I find after three years' constant work at the oar that I am better able to contend in a great race than when I first commenced. In fact, I believe that the use of liquor and tobacco has a most injurious effect upon the system of an athletic, by irritating the vitals and consequently weakening the system. I eat wholesome food, take regular and moderate exercise, avoid violent exertion, and generally strive to cultivate a cheerful state of mind, in order that sweet sleep may follow my daily work."

The Rev. Edward Everett Hale tells, in the *Independent*, of a judge who was preparing a law lecture, and had every chair and table in his study covered with open books, from which he was collating material. His sister, Miranda, undertook to put the apartment in order, with the following result: "Biddy, her chief of staff eager to be of use, shut up all the books and put them on the shelves. Miranda returned to the room in horror and cried 'We shall both be killed when he comes home!' 'Nivir, ye tear, mum,' said Biddy. 'I'll make it all right.' And sure enough, when the judge saw the room, Biddy had produced thirty law books from the shelves, had opened them in imitation of the aspect she had found them in, and he was left to go on with his lecture as best he might with the aid of precedents of Biddy's selection."

A Curious Suicidal Affair.

The case of Mrs. Von Leow, the Austrian lady who attempted suicide at the St. Nicholas Hotel Saturday, is a singular one. To-night she is still alive, and with all her faculties unimpaired, yet with two bullets imbedded in her brain. She eats, sleeps, and rests easily, and apparently suffers no pain. She talks cheerfully with those about her, and to-day made her will. The physicians pronounce her case one of the most remarkable that has ever come under their observation. They say that the bullets are lodged in the upper anterior portion of the brain, and that until inflammation sets in or the natural gravity of the balls causes them to press downward on the base of the brain the lady may live in full possession of her faculties. She is a woman of fine physical development. She gives no explanation of the cause of the deed, but regrets that death is so long delayed. It is evident from her conversation and personal effects that she is a woman of considerable social rank in Austria. Her husband, who returned to Austria several weeks since, took with him $2,200 in money. Nothing can be learned of his whereabouts.—*Cincinnati Telegram.*

The Explanation.

A colored preacher in Florida thus held forth: "My brudring, the Israelities went over the Red Sea on ice. They got over all right, and dat's de reason why Moses sung ob praise. In de morning, when de sun was up hot, Pharoah and de 'Gyptians come wid dair great lumbering chariots ob iron. Dey broke through de ice, and dey all went to de bottom ob de sea."

"Stop, dere!" exclaimed a hearer. "I want to ask a question. I've read geography, and Egypt's a hot country. It's under de tropics. It's near de 'quarter, and dere ain't no ice dar?"

To which the preacher responded.—"I'm glad you ask that question; now I can splain. That comes of reading geography instead ob de Bible. My brudring, when de chillun ob Israel go over de Red Sea, dat was a great while ago; before dar was any g'ography, before dar was any tropics, before dar was any quarter. Dats de reason dar was ice, my brudring."

A Maine Couple's Bridal Tour.

He came from Hallowell with his first and only love. He had just attained his majority; she had scarcely gone beyond "sweet 16." Their desire was to be mated legally, as, indeed they had in spirit found their affinity." To find a minister to perform that interesting and important service was no easy task. It was the afternoon of the first Sabbath of the month, and the churches were all holding their communion services as the loving couple struck the town. But not to be twarted, they entered a certain sanctuary and took a seat among the communicants. The services progressed, and just as the officiating clergyman had placed the elements in the hands of the deacons, the young man left his place by the side of his blushing, would-be bride, and, advancing to the minister, said: "We walked up from Hollowell to be hitched. Can you do the job?" The congregation did not hear the response, but it sent a thrill of joy to the heart of the young man. After the service they were invited into the minister's study and "hitched;" and the twain made one started afoot for Hollowell. That was their bridal tour.—*Augusta (Me.) Journal.*

Irish Wit.

A country rector and his lady were one day riding in a gig in the town of Sligo, and on the fly road observed a small, ragged boy tending a goat, which he held by a string.

"Say, boy, what's your name?" asked the minister.

"Patsy, your honor," answered the wee fellow, with a bow.

"Well, Patsy, can you tell me how many gods there are?" said the divine, with a nudge to his wife.

"Don't know that, sir," answered the boy, making a second bow.

"There's but one God, my child," said the lady, and the gig drove on.

"How ignorant these poor Catholics are," remarked the minister.

"Yes, God help them," replied his wife.

Three hours after, as they were returning, the boy was in the same place.

"Please, were you in Sligo, sir?" asked Patsy.

"Yes, my little lad," replied the rector; "why do you ask?"

"I'd like to know from you how many chimneys there are in Sligo?"

"Chimneys, you little rogue, how do I know, I never counted them."

"Then, sir, if you can't tell how many chimneys there are in Sligo, where you have been, how could I tell how many gods there are in heaven, where I have never been?"

How to Have a Loving Wife.

If you would have a loving wife, be as gentle in your words after as before marriage; treat her quite as tenderly when a matron as when a miss; don't make her maid of all work, and ask her why she looks less tidy and neat than when you first knew her; don't buy cheap, tough beef, and scold because it does not come on the table "porter-house;" don't smoke and chew tobacco, and thus shatter your nerves, spoil your temper, make your breath a nuisance, and complain because your wife declines to kiss you; go home joyful and cheerful to your supper, and tell your tired wife the good news you have heard, and not silently put on your hat and go out to the club or lodge, and let her afterward learn that you spent the evening at the opera, or at a fancy ball with Mrs. Dash. Love your wife; be patient; remember you are not perfect, but try to be; let whisky, tobacco and vulgar company alone; spend your evenings with your wife; live a decent life, and your wife will be loving and true—if you did not marry a heartless beauty, without sense or worth; if you did, who is to blame if you suffer the consequences?

A Masonic Grip.

And speaking of signs reminds me of an old-time masonic incident. When the anti-Masonic hostility was at its height, one of the Bostiles met a sturdy old Boston caulker and tarmer, with a hand as hard as iron and as big as a ham, and, taking him by the hand, he began making grips of a significant character, that the old caulker did not answer.

"I thought you were a Mason," said the gripper.

"Well, suppose I am; what then?"

"Why, you seem to know nothing of your own signs that I have been making you."

"Oh, was that what you were doing? Well, you did not make the sign right. See here, now;" and taking the gripper's hand in his, he crushed his tarry and caulking-iron grip upon it till the bones cracked, and the fellow danced with a howl of pain. "There," said old Oakum, "that is the grip of the first degree, and when you want the second, come to me." He never came for further light.

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At 4 p. m.—Running Race, half mile heats, best two in three. Purse, $300—$250 to the first and $50 to the second horse.

SATURDAY.

At 2 p. m.—Handicap Race, mile dash, Purse, $500—$400 to the first and $100 to the second horse.

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