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LEFT ALONE. Mrs. Elizabeth Cluser, widow of the general who fell in the massacre at Little Big Horn, is in Washington trying to assist some members of her husband's old regiment to obtain pensions and government employment. She is still young in appearance, although she must have passed the sixtieth milestone in life's journey.

Mark Twain was talking about the American accent. "It has changed," he said, "and for the most part, it has changed for the better. The nasal 'ow' is gone. But here and there, it would be as well if it remained. The last time I went to church the clergyman read out his text like this: 'Thou hath yals to yah, let him yah.'"

Sixty-two years ago a man named Jones moved from Kentucky to Dade county, Missouri, taking with him his family of ten children. As a reunion recently held at Everton 1,019 of his descendants were present and there are a few who were unable to attend. Almost all his descendants have married and settled in the same neighborhood in southwestern Missouri.

The oldest civil building in the United States is the quaint adobe palace of the governors in Santa Fe, N. M. This long, low structure in the second oldest city in the United States has been the seat of government under the Spanish, Mexican and American regimes for nearly 300 years. It now contains the museum of the New Mexico Historical society, of which L. Bradford Prince, a native New Yorker and former governor of New Mexico is president. Governor Prince considers this "the most historic building in the United States."

A marriage lottery has been organized by the Bachelor club of Derby, Conn. Once a year the twenty-five members will draw lots and the one receiving a black ticket must marry within the year. The penalty of failure is the forfeiture of \$50, which each of the members already has deposited with Treasurer George A. McNeil, expulsion from the club and a loss of all money paid the club's insurance department. Those who abide by the drawing will receive \$200 for wedding expenses. The club has been organized fifteen years and no member has ever married.

The late Cardinal Vaughan was probably the handsomest and most distinguished looking of the Roman ecclesiastical hierarchy. Just as Cardinal Manning looked the learned ascetic, so Vaughan looked a true Roman prince of the church. But he was most simple in his tastes and habits. Several times Roman Catholic ladies presented him with costly robes, and on one occasion they presented him with a carriage. But they found that he soon sold their gifts and spent the money in charity. They therefore at last "lent" him robes and a carriage in order to oblige him to retain them.

The Hiawatha (Kan.) World is pleased to note that "the hugging feature has been eliminated from the dance," and the editor of the Concordia Kansan comments thus feelingly: "The old man of this shack is nigh on to 50 years old, and our dancing days are over, but there is a sweet memory of the days gone by fitting in our mind that prompts us to remark that the dance is a good thing if such is the case. Why, we'd just as lief dance around a wooden Indian cigar sign as to dance in a set where we couldn't get nigh the girls. There's no improvement about that sort of business—no even for an oldish man. We are agin the new dance."

Protect the Song Birds. The Omaha (Nebraska) Evening Bee tells of an Omaha clergyman, who administered the sacrament and christened many babies of that city recently, the services being held on the outskirts of the city, and on his way back he amused himself by shooting song birds, bringing into Omaha twenty-two meadow larks, that he was fined \$110. It matters not to what denomination that man belongs, he was unfit to be a minister of the living God. A man who will just for the fun of the thing, kill the sweet feathered songsters that make the air melodious with their music, is not the kind of a man that the loving Father would call to His work. To think of a man that is brutal enough to kill the harmless song birds, whom God loves so well and cares for so closely, that not a feather falls without His notice! How stann must laugh when such men set themselves up as ministers of the gospel.

It is the song birds that help to make a paradise of the earth. Not one of them that twitters in the bushes in the yard but that earns its living from the people. Most of the song birds are insect eaters, and it is a question whether we could live on this earth, if insects were allowed to multiply in the numerous forms and myriads of progeny that nature provides. Man is engaged in a constant contest to keep down these insects, and the song birds are his greatest aids in the good work. Most of our states, like Nebraska, have laws to protect these feathered friends, but it is not every time that they are violated, that the offender is brought to justice as quick as he was in Omaha.

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BILLIARDS FOR WOMEN.

According to Shakespeare, Cleopatra played the Game. In France a gentleman not ashamed to take his wife to see a professional billiard game. Frenchwomen are good billiard players and like to see all the fancy shots made by professionals as soon as they begin to attract attention. They read the billiard news in the daily papers and subscribe to journals published especially for billiardists. According to Shakespeare, women have played billiards from the time of Cleopatra. In 80 B. C. he makes the Egyptian queen summon Chariton to billiards. Mary, queen of Scots, was passionately fond of the game. On the evening preceding her execution she wrote to the archbishop of Glasgow that her billiard table had been taken away from her as a preliminary step to her punishment. The Empress Josephine used to rouse Napoleon from his gloomy moods by a game of billiards. Adeline Patti became disengaged by her English table and had one made in New York for which she paid \$2,500.

The efficacy of billiards as a health restorer is beyond dispute. The motion goes through will reach every part of the body and operate on the entire system. They completely dispel languor and "that tired feeling." The motion of the muscles is tested and the blood sent in swifter circulation through the veins.

Mothers Should "Dress Up" at Home. Why is it, we wonder, that mothers do the very worst side of themselves to their immediate home circle and receive company manners for the stranger, who does not appreciate the courteous one-half as much as the loved ones, who deserve the very cream of one's nature, but are frequently put off with the bright and pretty things of this life? Their father, who is quick to note the little extras and be fully as pleased as, though perhaps less demonstrative than, the youngsters. Mothers, it is your duty to look and act as if you were in the world, and are the only ones in the world whose affection is genuine and unselfish.

The Word "Judge." With a long and venerable word "judge" come from, and what does it really mean? The appearance of the word in literature is in the description of the call of Lady Blarney and Miss B. The nurse of the grandfather of Moses called the boy Charab because he was again returned to the mother of the lad. Kabbah, the grandfather of Moses, called him Abidgor because God had repaid the breach in the house of Jacob. The nurse of the grandfather of Moses called him Abi Socho because he was once hidden three months in the Tabernacle. All Israel called him Shemlah because "in his days God heard their cries and rescued them from their oppressors."

A Useful Coffin. A writer in an English church magazine once found in a collier's cottage in Staffordshire a coffin used as a bread and cheese cupboard. Notwithstanding his wife's remonstrance, he told the story of the coffin as follows: "Eighteen years ago I ordered that coffin. The wife and me used to have a good many words. One day she said 'I'll never rest until that coffin is in thy coffin.' 'Well, lass, I said, 'if that 'n content thee it 'll soon be done.' 'Next day I gave directions to have the thing made. In a few days it came home to the wife's horror. I got into it and said, 'Now, lass, are you content?' She began to cry and wanted the 'horrid thing' taken away. But that I wouldn't allow. In the end she got accustomed to wear it and, as we wanted to turn it to some use, we had some shelves put in and made it into a bread and cheese cupboard. We have never quarreled since it came."

Preferred Hogs to Land. They told a good one on a prominent real estate man of Waurika. Some time ago he carried a prospector over on Beaver creek to show him a certain claim. He told the man that it was an exceptionally fine claim, that the land did not overflow and that he would sell it to him for \$4,000. The man looked around and discovered some red mud way up in a tree and asked the real estate man what caused that mud in the tree tops if the land did not overflow. The agent promptly replied that there was a kind of hog raised over in the Chickasaw country which used to range on the creek and that they rubbed the mud on the trees. The prospector took a look over the land, glanced up in the tree again and told the Waurika man that he wouldn't take the claim, but he would give him \$4,000 for a couple of those hogs—Kansas City Journal.

The Crabber. The value of the crabber as a medicinal agent was early recognized by the American aborigines, who prepared poisons from them to extract the venom from poisoned arrows. On the same principle they are used now as a remedy for erysipelas, taken internally or applied as a poultice. In malarial and typhoid conditions the acid of the fruit is specially commended, while dyspeptics who lack gastric juice are also ofered crabberries. Eaten raw they are said to be an excellent remedy for biliousness. As a health food crabberries should not be strained, as too much of their substance is lost.

Sugar Making in 1700. The historian Lattfall, the period of whose observation dated back to 1700-05, describes how in March the Indians make transverse incisions with their hatchets, from which trickles an abundance of water, which they afterward boil over a fire. He says the sugar thus made has nearly always a burned taste, but that the French make it better than the Indian women, from whom they learned how to make it. Bossu, writing in 1750, is equally explicit as to the source of sugar making.

Nothing to Do. Towne—The last time I saw Jenkins he was looking pretty blue; said he had nothing to do. Brown—He told me the same thing today when I met him, but he was quite cheerful. Towne—Resigned to it, I suppose. Brown—Resigned to it! No; just appointed to it. He's got a political job.—Philadelphia Press.

They Did. "Do ministrals take in this town?" Inquired the advance agent of the Colonial Black Cork troupe. "Well, the last that were here did," responded the innkeeper sourly.—Chicago News.

The Derivation of Gibraltar. In 711 A. D. the Arabs crossed the narrow strait of Gibraltar and established themselves around the famous rock whose name is derived from their leader. Field Marshal Tarik was one of the leaders of the Arab invasion of Spain. Gebel is an Arabic word meaning mountain. The great rock, which was by far the most conspicuous object along the shores of the strait, was accordingly named after Tarik, Gebel of Tarik, or the mountain of Tarik. It is easy to see how this name became changed into its present form, Gibraltar.

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