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—Sir J. Davies.

A creature of more exalted kind
Was wanted yet, and then man was designed,
Conscious of thought. —Dryden.

Not she with traitorous kiss her Saviour stung,
Not she denied him with unholy tongue;
She while Apostles shrank could danger brave,
Last at his cross and earliest at his grave.
—E S Barret—Woman.

UNKINDNESS AT HOME.

We have careful thought for the stranger,
And smiles for the sometimes guest,
But oft for "our own"
The bitter tone,
Though we love our own the best.

Ah! lip with the curve impatient;
Ah! brow with that look of scorn,
'Twere a cruel fate
Were the night too late
To undo the work of the morn.
—Margaret Sangster.

INCIDENTS OF LIFE.

Then let us fill
This little interval, this pause of life,
With all the virtues we can crowd into it.
—Addison.

Life! we've been long together,
Through pleasant and through stormy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear;
'Twill cost a sigh, perhaps a tear—
Then steal away give little warning,
Choose thine own time;
Say not "good night," but in some brighter clime
Bid me "good morning."
—Mrs. Barbauld.

Legend of Sambur Lake.

One of the features of Jeypore, in India, is the wonderful Sambur salt lake, concerning which there is a curious legend. The story runs that an old fakir long ago told one of the rajahs that if he wanted to be rich he should ride a horse as far as he could go without once looking back, and the land as far as he could travel would become a field of silver, always provided he did not turn. He rode for thirty miles, and then, curiosity overcoming him, he looked back, with the result that instead of the promised field of silver he found a lake of salt.

A Pair of Coddlers.

A man with a curious fondness for skullcaps was the Abbe de St. Martin, who, in the seventeenth century, made himself ridiculous by his vagaries. He always wore nine of these articles to keep off the cold and, furthermore, nine pairs of stockings. His mode of passing the night was more remarkable still. He caused to be constructed for himself a bed of ricks, beneath which was a furnace, so arranged that he could regulate it to the degree of warmth he might require, and his bed was fitted with only a very small opening, through which the abbe used to creep when he retired to rest at night.

Even more ludicrous was the contrivance which the great French mathematician, Fourier, designed and used for the protection of his health. He incased himself in a species of box, the interior of which, by some mechanical means, was kept at the only temperature at which he felt he could live without inconvenience. While enveloped in this clumsy affair he was necessarily confined to one spot, but he provided means for the freedom of his head and hands. Even the ills of asthma and rheumatism, one would have thought, were preferable to existence under such circumstances as this, but the French mathematician, we must believe, was of a different opinion.—London Standard.

Vitality of a Frog's Heart.

There is no living creature, according to a Philadelphia surgeon, that has a heart with so much vitality as a frog, especially the species commonly known as the water frog. It is generally known that the aquatic frog will survive for months after the hind legs have been removed. Of course he cannot hop about as he could before losing his principal means of transit, but his fore legs help him to crawl wherever he desires to go. When I began to learn surgery I made a special dissection of a frog one day. I laid the various parts of the body on a table and discovered that life was extinct within a few hours in every organ except the heart. The heart showed valvular motion for a day after it had been severed entirely from the body. I am not aware that any other creature's heart is possessed of such vitality.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Hammers.

Hammers are represented on the monuments of Egypt twenty centuries before our era. They greatly resembled the hammers now in use, save that there were no claws on the back for the extraction of nails. The first hammer was undoubtedly a stone held in the hand. Claw hammers were invented some time during the middle ages. Illuminated manuscripts of the eleventh century represent carpenters with claw hammers. Hammers are of all sizes, from the dainty instruments used by the jeweler, which weigh less than half an ounce, to the gigantic hammer of shipbuilding establishments, some of which weigh as much as fifty tons and have a falling force of from 90 to 100. Every trade has its own hammer and its own way of using it.

James Lick's Test.

This is told of James Lick, the eccentric San Francisco millionaire, who founded the famous observatory bearing his name. When taking any one into his service he always asked the person to plant a tree upside down—the roots in the air, the branches underground. If there were any protest the man was at once sent away, Lick saying that he wanted only men who would obey orders strictly.

The Tourists' Way.

Alpine Traveler—This is a very dangerous place, you say. And do the poor people who live on the mountain have to travel this way every day? Guide—Oh, no! They are not such fools! They go up by a much easier road. We only bring the tourists round this way.—Pearson's Weekly.

Criticism.

We cannot see the motives of the actions we condemn, we cannot know the trials and temptations of our brother's inner life; therefore how is it possible for us to criticise his actions fairly?—Home Notes.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, pronounces Indian Territory the richest spot in America. The senator is correct if his knowledge of America does not extend to the renowned corn belt of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

This cold weather in March is a good thing. Were it warm the fruit buds would develop only to be killed off by an early spring freeze. It is always better for winter to continue until it quits for good.

A Singular Condition.

Dolliver is favoring the things in Washington for which Cummins stands for in Iowa, and in Iowa the senator is favoring the things for which Elkins stands for in Washington.—Webster City Freeman Tribune.

Time Transforms Senator Foraker.

Senator Foraker, who won the title, "Fire Alarm" on account of the fuss he made over President Cleveland's proposal to return the confederate battle flags, is the same man who put a provision into the army bill for the marking of the graves of the confederate dead in the north. As a statesman Foraker is only 15 or 16 years behind Cleveland, and for a man like Foraker that is not so very bad.

The standpatters defeated one primary bill because they thought its passage would elect Governor Cummins to a 3rd term, and now they are opposing the new bill, which by its terms is not to be applicable to the present gubernatorial contest, because they claim the bill is aimed at Senator Allison's seat. The standpatters seem to have confidence in the counts of the ward bosses, but no confidence in the masses of the people.

"It will be freely conceded, of course," says the Waterloo Courier, "that the editor of the Manchester Press is entirely qualified to speak on the subject of "insincere primary reformers." He supported the Saunders substitute for a real primary measure and knows the breed, but the concession must not be construed as in any way an admission that he is qualified to speak of real reformers. He knows them only at longe range and sees them through green glasses.

A Kind Hearted Prelate.

It is said that Archbishop Ryan has kept Philadelphia in good humor for twenty-four years—the length of time he has been at his post in that archdiocese—and the story below is typical of the way he has done it: "Your grace," said Wayne McVeagh, when he was council of the Pennsylvania railroad, "our president here, who always travels with his council, will undoubtedly get you passes over all the railroads in the United States if in return you will give him a pass to Paradise." "Ah," replied the archbishop quietly, "I would do so if it were not for seperating him from his counsel."

Model for European Armies.

The German army of to-day is the largest and most efficient fighting organization that the world has ever seen and it has served as a model for the armies of most other countries. The Austrian army has been organized on methods copied exactly from the German system. The Japanese army also took its methods in organization as well as in strategy and tactics from Germany and German officers. The Chinese army has now adopted German methods. Nearly all the smaller countries of Europe with aspirations to military efficiency have borrowed officers from the German army to instruct their troops. The Turkish army was so organized.

A Strong Pair.
(From The London Globe.)

An Irish private went to ask his colonel for a week's leave on the ground that he had been exceedingly useful to his wife at her spring cleaning the year before, and that he would like to be so again. "It would give," said the colonel, "the greatest possible pleasure to grant your request; but I am sorry to say that your wife says that you were of no use to her at the spring cleaning, and she hoped you would not get leave." The man sorrowfully turned to go, but stopped at the door, and turning to his commanding officer, said: "May I say another word colonel?" "By all means," answered the other. "There must be," rejoined the man, "two of the greatest liars in the world in this room, for I never had a wife."

Taggart Will Tell.

Chairman Taggart of the Democratic National Committee consents to appear before the House Committee on Elections if Mr. Cortelyou of the Repnblican Committee will do the same and testify to the contributions received in 1904 by his committee.

Has not President Roosevelt sufficient influence with Chairman Cortelyou to induce him to accede to this fair proposition? It should be an opportunity dear to the President's heart, considering how emphatically during the campaign he repelled the charge that campaign money had been given to his party by corporations in need of legislative or executive favors.

All except hardened spoilsmen concede the pressing demand for reform in campaign financing. The beginning of reform is Publicity.—New York World.

Under a Fly's Wing.

One of the Nuremberg toymakers inclosed in a cherry stone which was exhibited at the French Crystal palace a plan of Sevastopol, a railway station and the "Messiah" of Klopstock. In more remote times an account is given of an ivory chariot, constructed by Mermecides, which was so small that a fly could cover it with his wing; also a ship of the same material which could be hidden under the wing of a bee. Pliny, too, tells us that Homer's "Iliad," with its 15,000 verses, was written in so small a space as to be contained in a nutshell, while Ellan mentions an artist who wrote a distich in letters of gold which he inclosed in the rind of a kernel of corn. But the Harleian manuscript mentions a greater curiosity than any of the above, it being nothing more or less than the Bible written by one Peter Bales, a chancery clerk, in so small a book that it could be inclosed in the shell of an English walnut.

Handle Work With Gloves.

"I hope," said the woman who was ordering a pair of slippers made of flowered satin, "that you will tell your workman to wash his hands before he begins to make these up."

"Wash his hands!" repeated the clerk. "Why, madam, he never will touch these with his bare hands!"

Then the clerk explained that all workmen employed in making slippers of light colors worked with white gloves on.

"Try to keep them clean!" he continued. "I should say they did. They try so hard that they change their white gloves three times a day." Which is not so fantastic as it may seem, for if a shoemaker soils material of this kind the expense to him of replacing the material, to say nothing of the loss of his time, makes it worth his while to work in gloves and keep them clean at that.—New York Press.

The Smelt.

It is the opinion of the true gourmet that of all marine pan fish there is none to compare with the smelt (Osmerus mordax). This primary rank is its own by reason of its delicacy and delicious flavor, and when fried a light brown in very fine breadcrumbs and served with melted butter there is none that disputes its pre-eminence. Its delightful flavor, however, as well as its peculiar odor, is evanescent. Like the mackerel it cannot be too fresh. It is from its odor that the smelt derives not only its familiar but Latin name, an odor so aggressive of sliced cucumbers that if its presence be manifested only to the sense of smell people are often deluded into such supposition. This odor is not marked except in the freshly caught fish and disappears in the cooking, giving place, however, to a fitting resurrection of the smelt to an olfactory sense still more savory and delightful.

Over the Transom.

Two well known Portland (Me.) men, L. J. Carney and Thomas L. King, roomed together at the Preble House, in that city. One evening Mr. Carney retired before Mr. King, and the latter, on arriving rather late at the room, found the door locked, the key on the inside and his friend snoring loudly. After repeatedly pounding on the door and awakening the other guests he succeeded in arousing his roommate. Mr. Carney jumped out of bed and after climbing on to a chair managed after considerable trouble to force open the transom. Then he passed the key out to King, but sleepily said he was awfully sorry for locking him out. But King felt more than satisfied, as he roared at the ridiculous performance of his half awake roommate.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Curious Fact.

A man who had determined to kill himself went down to the river to commit suicide, and when he began to write a final message to his wife he could think of nothing to say except that some butter which he had ordered would be found at a certain grocery. His message bears out a certain fact discovered by realists—that in the supreme and soul terrifying moments of life the most ridiculous and trivial things often come uppermost in the mind.

Two Guides to Happiness.

Here are a couple of guides to happiness which some wise person has discovered: "For a fit of passion take a walk in the open air. You may then speak to the wind without hurting any person or proclaiming yourself to be a simpleton. For a fit of idleness count the tickings of a clock. Do this for one hour, and you will be glad to pull off your coat and go to work like a man."

Greek's Worship of Lightning.

The Greeks were so much afraid of lightning that they worshiped it. They endeavored to avert its malignant influence by hissing and whistling at it. In places which had suffered by it altars were erected and oblations made to avert the anger of the gods, after which no one dared to touch or approach them.

Acting Under Orders.

"I should like to go to your party above all things," Mrs. Lapsling was saying, "but the doctor says I must remain exclusive for a week more. I am troubled with a slight prevarication of the left lung."—Chicago Tribune.

Posterity.

The contemporary mind may in rare cases be taken by storm, but posterity never. The tribunal of the present is accessible to influence; that of the future is incorrupt.—Gladstone.

Laws can discover sin, but not remove it.—Milton.

A Pity Indeed.

Snipkins (just returned from Italy)—And so, you see, I did not "see Naples and die." Miss Awfly Bored (absently)—What a pity.—Ally Sloper.

Until comparatively recent times the only harrow was a large pile of brush or tree branches, dragged across the field by a team of oxen.

If men would consider not so much wherein they differ as wherein they agree there would be far less uncharitableness.—Addison.

The Great Air Whale.

The native inhabitants of the Fiji islands believe thunder to be the bellowing of the great air whale, a mythical creature which, according to their folklore stories, inhabits the opposite side of all thunder clouds. If the regulation thunder cloud appears unaccompanied by the ominous rumblings peculiar to such phenomena, they take it as a token that the Great Spirit is pleased with their past doing. If, however, on the other hand, the detonations be frequent and violent they are sure that the god of the elements is displeased and immediately engage themselves in all sorts of ludicrous incantations for the purpose of righting matters. Lightning is to them the result of the air whale gnashing his teeth together and thus striking fire. Another peculiarity of this primitive people lies in the fact that they will not partake of food while a thunder cloud is in sight, fearing that the air whale will pounce upon and devour them for such irreverence.

Speech and Intellect.

A man who has, by disease or injury, lost the faculty of talking is generally also unable to write, and it is only in exceptional cases that one of these functions persists while the other is in abeyance. Cases of this latter kind show, however, that there are really two separate centers for the two faculties which are lying very close together and therefore generally suffer at the same time. If the disease affecting them be still more extensive the faculty of intelligent pantomime or gesticulation is likewise abolished. Persons who have entirely lost their language may still be able to play chess, backgammon and whist, and they have been observed to cheat at cards with some ingenuity. They may also be sharp in business matters, facts tending to show that speech and intellect do not run in identical grooves.

The Struggles of a Sculptor.

Augustin Rodin, the French sculptor, had a great struggle with poverty and adverse criticism in his youth. Of an episode of this early period a writer says: "With that inflexible will and singleness of purpose that never failed him throughout his career the young sculptor set himself to express in clay, marble or bronze his conception of life and art. He used his leisure in working at nighttime, in a deserted stable he had transformed into a studio, at his wonderful mask of 'The Man With the Broken Nose.' After eighteen months of hard and patient labor he finished this mask and sent it to the salon. It took the hanging committee fourteen years to discover any merit in the work, for it was rejected in 1864 and finally accepted only in 1878."

Odd Epitaphs.

A correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald contributes a few odd epitaphs from cemeteries in various parts of this country. The following is found on a tombstone in a cemetery at Trenton, N. J. Although the fact is not stated in the inscription, it would appear that the subject was a scalemaker or had something to do with weighing machines:

His ways were ways of pleasantness
In all life's itful dream;
He struck a balance with the world,
And then he kicked the beam.

In the cemetery at Copp's Hill, Mass., is found the following epitaph:

Sacred to the Memory of
Hannah,
Beloved wife of Rd Garlick.
She slipped her wind
After doing a week's baking.

The Three Heaviest Men.

The three heaviest men of whom any mention is made in history were Miles Darden of Tennessee, Lewis Cornelius of Pennsylvania and Daniel Lambert of England. Darden died in 1857. When in health he was seven feet six inches in height and weighed over 1,000 pounds. There is no record of the date of the death of Cornelius, which occurred in Pike county, Pa., but the account says that he was born in 1794. When in his prime he measured eight feet two inches around the waist, was six feet tall and weighed 645½ pounds. Daniel Lambert was an English freak of the early part of the century and died in June, 1809. He was of average height, but weighed 739 pounds.

"This Indenture."

The phrase "this indenture," which appears so often in legal papers, is of curious origin. In the early days parchment was used for legal documents because it was cheaper than paper. The leaves were not cut evenly, but scalloped with a knife, becoming "indented." Papers are now cut on straight lines, but "this indenture" still remains.

Beauty From Within.

There are faces so fluid with expression, so flushed and rippled by the play of thought that we can hardly find what the mere features really are, says Home Notes. When the delicious beauty of lineaments loses its power it is because a more delicious beauty has appeared—that an interior and durable form has been disclosed.

Love's Interpretation.

"Did you ever tell George that I was a dove?"

"Did he say I did?"

"Yes."

"Then he loves you, all right. I told him you were a pouter."—Houston Post.

The Wasp.

Don't fool with a wasp because you think he looks weak and tired. You will find out he's all right in the end.

No Contest.

Teddie—What are woman's rights, pa? Pa—Everything they want, my boy. Always remember that.

The Father of Science.

Hippocrates is looked upon by anatomists as the father of the science. He died in 377 B. C. The modern science began in Italy in the thirteenth century. The first anatomical plates, designed to show the size and relative position of the bodily organs, were prepared and colored by Titian. All the great painters and sculptors have been careful students of anatomy. Michael Angelo, Raphael and Leonardo da Vinci were noted for their anatomical researches.

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