

By Alfred S. Horsley.

THE SIGNORA CROZZA DI MORTO.

A whimsical and singular circumstance occurred some years ago in Palermo, the Sicilian capital, which bears the name of the signora Crozza di Morte.

MY WIFE'S BRIDAL TOUR.

When I married my second wife, she was dreadfully set against going on a bridal tour.

So I gave her seventy-five cents, and told her to go off and have a good time. She was a beguilingly beautiful woman.

But the plan didn't work in the case of my second wife. No, I should say that she never returned.

After this, I changed my tactics. I wrote her a letter, and she returned.

So when my wife said she was bound to go off on a bridal tour any how, I said, "Well, my dear, you are a very smart woman."

She told me to stop talking, and go and get her trunk. She was a very smart woman.

Well, well, I suppose they enjoyed themselves, and it did not do any harm. I am glad to hear that.

As I said before, my wife is a very smart woman. She is a very smart woman.

I started to tell you about my wife's bridal tour, but the fact is, I never got on with it.

I believe she had a good time. She came back improved in health, and I found out, before she'd been in the country, that she was a very smart woman.

In conclusion, I would say to all young men, keep your eyes open.

A Singular Experience.

The Auburn Advertiser publishes the following statement, with the remark that, from its knowledge of the gentleman by whom the account is given, it is prepared to give entire credit to it.

The truth was, that this singular and eccentric creature had carried out the caprice of wearing few masks, the one he represented indeed a skull—her object being to protect herself from the acts of those unworthy suitors.

THE COTTON GIN AND ITS INVENTORS.

By E. L. HAY.

An agricultural article recently published in one of our leading newspapers contained a casual allusion to E. L. Whitney, as the inventor of the modern saw gin for seed-cotton.

The honor of having invented the first cotton gin is somewhat disputed. It was invented by Mr. Whitney, a citizen from Bolton, who settled in Columbus Co., Ga., and introduced the gin into this country in 1793.

Mr. Whitney's original cotton gin, as it was called and operated by hand, was in the shape of a large wheel, and was used until some fifteen or twenty years ago, when it was first replaced by the gin now in use.

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was regularly issued. Under this he sailed from Plymouth for New York in April, 1805, in a ship called the Advertiser.

One of California's curiosities the people in the States will some day become familiar with through the Pacific railroad.

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