Finding Most Interesting Chapters.

Women as a class are credited with having no scruples about opening a book at the middle or end or anywhere else they may expect to find the most interesting chapter. A frequent feminine visitor at libraries was overheard revealing to a friend of her own sex her secret of locating at once the most thrilling chapter in any book, no matter how unfamiliar one may be with it. "You simply close it tight," she said, "and glance along the edge of the leaves. It is seldom, indeed, that you do not notice a distinct line, or even more than one, caused by a number of edges soiled slightly more than those about them. Open the book there and you have the best chapter." A librarian explained this by saying that the reading and rereading of the particularly interesting chapters of a book naturally cause certain pages and their edges to be more soiled. Of course the longer the book has been in circulation the more distinct are the marks.—Philadelphia Record.

A Bit of Fairyland.

Cruising down Milford sound, New Zealand, when the clouds are clearing after a shower, the mountains are like fairyland. No longer grim and black and fearful, they are laced everywhere with the streaming silver of cloud born cascades. One day we watched the giddy journey of one of these cataracts. It sprang from the very top of the Lion rock, a 3,000 foot perpendicular wall. Long and slender and glinting like glass in the sun, it fell straight down over us, but never reached us. It had dropped, say, 1,000 feet, when it was caught by the wind, swayed this way and that, and finally blown clean away, dissolving in misty rain. We steamed right under it, or, rather, under the place where it ought to have been, and experienced the peculiar sensation of looking straight up at a waterfall that, as the launch skipper put it, "never fell anywhere."—Four Track News.

Butter as a Food.

Butter is a hydro carbon, and all excesses of it are stored up as fat in the body. It gives energy and power to work to those who eat heartily of it. For any one afflicted with consumption butter cookery, if plenty of fat can be digested, is one of the best ways of curing the disease should it be in its early stages or of keeping it at bay if advanced. It is not economy to spare the butter at table even to the healthy people. Butter is not a simple fat composed merely of one sort. It is a mixture of no less than seven different sorts of fats, and no more complex oil can be taken than this. For dyspeptic and liverish people good bread and butter, along with fruit, should invariably take the place of pie, pastry and biscuits. Pastry for such people is only another name for poison, and biscuits are as often as not baked with lard.

Elizabeth Carter, Bluestocking.

Elizabeth Carter (1717-1806) was one of the original "blue stockings," of whom a biographer says: "A perfect knowledge of French, acquired at an early age from a Huguenot refugee minister at Canterbury, was the foundation of Elizabeth Carter's education. Her father taught her, together with her brother, Latin, Greek and Hebrew, though the slowness of her apprehension tired out his patience. Italian, Spanish and German she taught herself without any assistance, and later in life she set herself to learn Portuguese, but for want of books she made no great progress. Lastly she taught herself Arabic and made an Arabic dictionary, containing various meanings of words which elsewhere had been improperly translated."

The Iconoclastic Baroness Howe.

After Pope's death the villa at Twickenham belonged successively to Sir William Stanhope, who enlarged it considerably; to Mr. Welbore Ellis, afterward Lord Mendip, and lastly to Baroness Howe. This lady was so much annoyed at the number of pilgrims who came to see the place that she razed it to the ground, cut down the trees and endeavored to obliterate all vestiges of its former distinguished occupant.—London Notes and Queries.

Names and Divorces.

An Australian divorce court judge thinks that there is a subtle connection between high sounding feminine baptismal names and matrimonial unhappiness. He has noticed that the names which generally come under his judicial cognizance are Gladys, Gwendolen, Ermyntrude and the like and that he seldom or never in his official capacity hears of a Mary or a Bridget.

A Tune or a Joke.

"Was that a bonafide piece that Ethelinda was playing?" asked Mr. Cumrox.

"Certainly," answered his wife. "That was a selection from Wagner."

"Well, of course I wouldn't express any doubts in company, but half the time I can't tell whether Ethelinda is playing a tune or a practical joke."—Washington Star.

Only Thinks So.

"Does that young Featherhead play poker?" asked Robinson of a mutual acquaintance.

"No," was the reply, "but he thinks that he does, and we are careful not to undeceive him."—Cincinnati Tribune.

A Retort Courteous.

Student—There must be some mistake in my examination marking. I don't think—deserve an absolute zero. Professor—Neither do I, but it is the lowest mark I am allowed to give.—New York Times.

Consciousness of error is to a certain extent a consciousness of understanding, and correction of error is the plainest proof of energy and mastery.—Lander.

THE SCARRED WRIST.

Queer Dream Story Connected With the Beresford Family.

For three generations the Beresford family have handed down as substantially true a remarkable dream story which is connected with a small pocketbook and a piece of black ribbon in possession of a member of the family. So well known and so well authenticated was the story that a member of the Beresford family printed for private circulation a short account of the facts, of which, without impugning the sincerity of his relatives, he endeavored to give a simple explanation.

The narrative is a love story as well as a dream story. The heroine of it is Nicola Hamilton, the young wife of Sir Tristram Beresford. This young lady appeared at the breakfast table one morning very agitated and pale and with her left wrist bound with a piece of black ribbon. She replied to her husband's inquiries by entreating him to ask her no questions. She then said that her brother, Lord Tyrone, of whom she had been very fond, had died on the preceding Thursday, which subsequently proved to be the case.

It seems that in the night Lady Beresford had dreamed that her brother sat by her bedside although she declared he had indeed sat there) and, after telling her whom her child should marry and that her husband would die before her, warned her, with the utmost vehemence against marrying the second time.

"If you do remarry," her dream visitor had said, "you will suffer from your husband's ill treatment until your death at forty-seven. Resist every temptation to a second marriage." Requiring some proof of her brother's reality, he had, at her request, touched her wrist with his hand, whereupon the sinews had shrunk and the nerves withered. She showed her wrist, bound with black ribbon, but declared that it had been forbidden her to uncover it.

When Sir Tristram died Lady Beresford, in spite of all remonstrances, immediately sought absolute solitude and retirement. But life without friends proving unbearable, she consented to exchange visits with a single family of the neighborhood. In this family was a son whom, after a time, she strove in vain to regard with indifference. Her love grew and overpowered her. When the young man declared his passion she consented to a private union. All turned out as the dream had foretold. In a year or so her husband's conduct was so bad that she had to separate from him. At forty-seven she died. After her death her wrist was examined and found to be as she had described it.

The most remarkable of the facts connected with this strange story—the scarred wrist—is explained by the writer of the pamphlet referred to above as follows: He considers that Lady Beresford, who knew that her brother, Lord Tyrone, was ill, dreamed that he was dead, and in consequence became so violently excited as to injure her wrist. In the morning she bound it up so tightly that in course of time the sinews shrank and withered.

Instinct In a Young Beaver.

Every animal inherits the power of doing certain things without being taught—that is to say, they have what is called instinct. A gentleman refused to believe in this instinct, so to convince him a Canadian friend bought a baby beaver from a hunter and sent it to the gentleman. The little beaver became a great pet in the house, but gave no sign of wanting to build a dam until one day a leaky pail of water was put on the floor of the back kitchen. Though but a baby, the instinct now awoke in the beaver. The instant he saw the water oozing out of the pail he scampered into the yard, brought in a chip and began building his dam. The gentleman was called and watched the little fellow, very much astonished by all he saw. He gave orders to have it left where it was, and the industrious beaver kept at his work four weeks, when he had built a solid dam all around the pail.

Remarrying.

"Do widows or widowers most remarry?" said the reporter.

"Widows. Widows decidedly," the minister answered.

"And how do you account for that fact?"

"I account for it on the monetary rather than on sentimental grounds. Widows remarry oftener than widowers. They are alone, and they may have a child or two, and all the money they can call their own is a life insurance policy for $1,200 or $1,500. So they remarry. They remarry speedily. With much wisdom acquired from their first marital experience they have no difficulty in persuading some prosperous and steady young man to set them afloat upon a second matrimonial voyage. Widowers are most apt to remain single if they have children. Eight out of ten of the widowers whom I remarry are childless men."

Talking Shorthand.

Through the courtesy of the navy department several distinguished naval experts from Russia were, together with the embassy's naval attache, conducted through the Washington navy yard's gun shop.

The party was in charge of an American naval officer, who had told off for the service a couple of Irish employees of the yard needed to move certain pieces of ordnance.

As they passed through the various departments the Russians occasionally conversed with each other in their native tongue, a circumstance which the quick Irishmen at once noted with interest. At last one of the workmen could no longer conceal his curiosity. Nudging his fellow workman, he said, "Mike, can ye understand anaything those fellows is saying?"

"Of course not," responded the other. "They're sp'aking in shorthand."

CURIOUS LAND LAW.

Owners In Belgium Do Not Control Beyond a Certain Depth.

One of the curious phases of the land law in Belgium is that the earth of a landowner beyond a certain depth does not belong to him. Should the owner of the surface discover a coal or gold deposit underlying his property he must first obtain a government concession before he can begin mining operations. The land beyond the prescribed depth in which wealth in the raw has been discovered may be conceded to a person other than the surface owner, who may operate under certain government regulations, one of which is that the owner of the surface is entitled to 3 per cent of the value extracted.

The mine pays to the government an amount determined by the value and importance of the concession, after which it must pay to the government a sum proportioned to the value of the total extraction. The government names the conditions under which the mines as well as other industrial establishments shall be operated and protects and safeguards the health and lives of the workmen as well as provides for the public safety.

The minister of industry and labor appoints a state board of mining engineers, authorized to regulate the working of all mines and all establishments considered dangerous or insanitary, whether shaft or open mines, quarries, factories, coke oven plants or briquette works.—Boston Globe.

A ZULU LEGEND.

Odd Story of the Origin of This Savage People.

The Zulus account for their origin, says a correspondent of the Country Gentleman (English), by a story of a talking elephant who fed upon children. He met a woman laden with an ax and bundle of fagots, accompanied by her child. Seeing the elephant, she guessed his intention and pleaded, "Spare my child, oh, elephant!" The elephant refused. "Then," said the mother, "if this evil must happen swallow me, too, oh, elephant!" So the elephant swallowed mother and child, and they found themselves with all the other children who were eaten previously. By and by the child grew hungry, and the mother lit a fire with her fagots. She then with her ax cut away the elephant's flesh, cooked it, and they all ate. As the fire burned, its great heat filled the elephant with pain, and he ran and ran and ran till they felt the thunder of his hoofs racing over hill and valley. At length, exhausted, he dropped down dead. Using her ax, the mother chopped and chopped until she made an opening in the elephant's side. After this they crept out and became a new nation in a new country.

Bees as Ventilators.

It is not generally known, but most beekeepers will inform you that such is the case, that each beehive has a corps of what could properly be termed "ventilating bees." During the hot seasons these ventilators station themselves at the entrance of the hive and fan the interior with the incessant motion of their wings. These ventilating corps are usually in relays of from four to a half dozen, and they are relieved at short intervals by fresh workers who keep up the fanning process. They are kept at work by a sort of patrol of bees, which insures incessant activity on the part of the fanners during the time they are at work. This story may sound strange to those who know but little concerning the wonderful intelligence of bees, but it is a scientific fact that has often been authenticated.

Diet and Sickness.

It is a broad rule that boiled milk and puddings made with milk agree more frequently than anything to restore a sick person. When beginning to restore a sick person to more ordinary diet begin with white fish, boiled. Plaice or sole boiled in milk is excellent. Never give potatoes when the digestion is bad. In place of bread give toast. Often there is a craving for acids. In such cases give lemon juice diluted with water and sweetened with sugar when allowable or with saccharin in diabetes. A craving for green stuffs should always be satisfied. Nature herself is crying out. Give water cress, but withhold radishes, as they are difficult to digest.

The Fishing Fleets.

In many localities off the Scotch coasts and the coasts of Norway the fishing grounds lie at some distance from the shore and the start must be made with the ebb tide, sometimes in the middle of the night. All the boats of a single locality generally start together, and to one unaccustomed to the sight the spectacle of 200 to 300 fishing boats putting off from a harbor like Yarmouth is a sight never to be forgotten.—London Graphic.

Bonus.

"Bonus" ought to be "bonum," since it is evidently intended to mean "a good thing" and therefore should be neuter, not masculine. The word is found as early as 1773, but no one knows who was the ignorant or willful sinner against Latin that introduced it, though conjecture assigns it to the London Stock Exchange.

Made Him Tired.

Affectionate Wife—George, dear, sit down and rest in your elegant new chair. Worried Husband—How can I rest in that chair, Emily, when I know that the man is likely to come in at any moment to collect an installment on it?—Chicago Tribune.

"Young married people," says a Chinese proverb, "should have their house built round so discontent can find a corner in it."

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