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Hoist With His Own Petard.

Mr. Henry Teneyck White, the author of the Gwendolyn Mahaffy romances in the Chicago *Tribune*, and formerly a sporting reporter on that paper, having been married a day or two ago at Milwaukee to Fannie Driscoll, whose poetical effusions have swarmed in the newspapers for a few years past, the Chicago *Herald* describes the wedding in Mr. White's own style, as follows:

"My nose itches."

These words, lightly spoken, came love laden from the rose red lips, parted slightly to show the teeth gleaming like ivory in the beauteous mouth of Gwendolyn Mahaffy, as she stood in the centre of the spacious drawing-room of the old baronial house of her father, the Eighth Duke of Milwaukee. It was Gwendolyn's marriage day. She had just been married to the horse reporter, and the mansion was ablaze with the youth and beauty of the town. In the centre of the room stood the happy couple, surrounded by their young friends, who showered their congratulations in upon them. Gwendolyn looked proudly happy by the side of her husband as the sun of the bright December day shone through the huge antique window and broke upon her golden hair in a thousand ripples. Her dress was a marvel of dead white Ottoman silk and rose-point duchess lace. The court train was finished with a full Russian ruche tacked on with pendants of cut crystal. The front was cut in battlements that revealed plaitings of satin encrusted with crystal and tinsel. The tableiere was draped with a forty inch flounce caught upon the left side with an immense barb of brilliants. The bodice was concealed by a zouave jacket—one mass of glittering crystal. This was fastened over the low corsage with a cluster of diamonds, beneath which was a large loose bouquet of Baroness de Rothschild roses. Undressed kid gloves encased hands and arms, and fastened to the shoulder with a semi-circle of gems. She wore a demi-veil which covered her face, and carried on her arm a reticule in the form of a shield wrought in orchids while her hands were engaged with a fancy filigree smelling bottle and a fan, a marvel of lace and Ceylon pearls. One by one the guests paid their respects and departed, last among them being Beryl McMurtry and Aristides Mulcahey, the bridesmaid and best man. At length the bride and groom were left alone, and, when he had encircled her waist with his arm, he paused, and asked in tones choked with emotion:

"Would you do any thing I should ask of you, love?"

She did not answer at first but suddenly nestled herself against his great manly breast, and murmured softly:

"Why, darling, you know I would What is it?"

After a moment of agonized hesitation he leaned over her, his face betraying his firm resolve and his lips almost touching her beautiful hair as he hissed into her ear the baleful words:

"Promise to write no more poetry!"

Without raising her head, the beautiful girl slipped limp and senseless from his arms and fell on the floor with a dull, sickening thud.

"I have knocked her out in four rounds," he said and began rolling a cigarette.

"Yas, sah, I'se obnosdecates do mos' ongreeable winter dat de oldest inhabitant can dismember," remarked a Virginia gentleman of reconstructed privileges in front of the National Hotel the other day.

"Why so?" querried an interested bystander.

"Well, sah, boss, de fact am, when de chicken he roost in de cedar tree on de souf side of de big house, close to de front winder, yer can bet yer bottom dollar ders gwine to be a hard winter. Dat am a fact, shoah."—[Dalton Argus.

Tom Thumb and his wife have grown so much that they are no longer curiosities. They have opened a museum in Chicago and advertise as attractions, a pair of midgets one-third of their own size.

The Swear-Off.

A glance at the calender leads us to remark that swear-offs are ripe. The swear-off is a species of fruit which matures, usually about January 1st, and is one of the surest crops known; never effected by drought, hail, grasshoppers or chintzbugs. The swear-off will thrive in any climate, in spite of heat or cold. There, are, however, several species of the plant, one of which can only be grown through the medium of frequent irrigation, and as the liquid used is rather expensive, this particular breed of swear off comes rather high. But Americans are noted for their preference in every instance, for the best of everything, and that fact is exemplified as regularly as January 1st comes round, and the crop of swear-off is garnered, for a majority of them are of that class.

This fruit when ripe, needs the most careful attention if you wish to preserve it. We have seen some as fine specimens as were ever grown, wilt and decay within a fortnight, and we understand there are cases on record where their decease occurred in even less time. Thus far, we believe there has been no method of treatment discovered which will absolutely preserve the swear-off from the ravages of time. Some of them keep, but thousands of them perish every year. Despite this fact, however, the crop matures as regularly as does the promissory note.—[Boomerang.

Jefferson Davis, in writing to a friend contradicting some of the periodical lies that are told upon the ex-president of the confederacy, takes occasion to say: "The truth is, I never drank nor gambled, and any one who ever served with me would probably say that in my youth I was overwilling to fight. The story of the elopement with Gen. Taylor's daughter is as unfounded as the rest. I was one of the two officers selected from the First Infantry for promotion in the new regiment of dragoons organized in March, 1833, which separated me from Col. Taylor's regiment. In 1835 I went to Kentucky, where Miss Taylor was with her father's sister, near Louisville, and there married her in the presence of Gen. Taylor's brother, sister, his son-in-law, and daughter (Doctor and Mrs. Wood), with many other members of the Taylor family. I served under Gen. Zachary Taylor in the siege of Monterey and was one of his commissioners to arrange for its capitulation."

HE SHOULD HAVE IT.—The following letter has been received by the Postmaster-General:

"Sir:—Asking of you how I should manage to obtain the ownership of the proprietorship of the P. O. Department——— It has been and is still held by or attended with two women. Faults of their tardiness of delivering mail, I have been told, though I can give no proof of that myself, more than that they have held it some time, and I would like to have the proprietary arrangement. Sir, I have lived honorable, and the life of a school teacher. Would like to have you patronize me to the office. Could you, could you do so? Please reply to obedient and waiting A. B."

A precocious boy was once Afflicted with a Boil in that Locality of his Anatomy which is seldom mentioned in Polite society. To him a Playmate addressed Words of Condolence. "Oh," replied the Precocious boy, "I'm not so Powerful bad off, After all. This Boil has Taught me, in its Quiet, unobtrusive way, what Mantelpieces were Made for, as you yourself shall Learn if you will Stay and See me Eat my Supper." This fable Teaches that All created things have their Spheres to Fill in this life.—[Denver Tribune.

The methods of transporting cattle across the Atlantic have been so improved that the voyage is accomplished by the cattle now in safety. A system of ventilation has been adopted, whereby in all sorts of weather, even with the hatches battened down, the holds in which the cattle are can be kept free from the noxious vapors, which otherwise produce suffocation.

To wash colored table linen use tepid water, with a little powdered borax; wash quickly, using but little soap, and rinse in tepid water containing boiled starch; dry in the shade, and when almost dry, iron.

Black stockings should be washed in a cool lather of plain white soap, a little ammonia, and rain water. Do not wring but press the moisture out, and roll in a cloth and keep from the air while drying.

Resolutions For 1883.

I do not wish to be rich,
But yet I do resolve to try,
This coming year to pay in cash
For everything that I may buy.

I am quite determined if I can,
My conscience never more to smite;
To be a more domestic man,
And come home early from my club.

I think I shall try to do
With half the number of cigars;
And cabs are so expensive, too,
I'll take the elevated cars.

And I have had a notion long
That it would pay, at any price,
To sometimes own that I am wrong,
And always take my wife's advice.

A man may always live and learn,
A man may always live and mend;
I'll just let Polly have her turn,
Then on the rest I can depend.

The agent of a New York clothing ing house, who was sent to Atlanta to settle up the failure of a retail house, made a few inquiries of the man next door. "I pelief it vhas a square failure," explained the man. "What makes you think so?" "Vhell, he didn't drink, nor smoke, nor gamble, nor run after der vhomans, nor drive a fast horse; and ash for his vhife, she never buys nothings, and keeps no help." "Then you lay it to the stagnant condition of trade?" "Vhell, trade was purty dull, but you see he vhas not der right sort of man. Vhen a man shtops to buy a west for two dollars he doan make him pelief dot he vhants an oafercoat for fifteen, und vhen a man stops to buy an oafercoat for fifteen he doan' convince him dot he needs a second hand suit for twenty. He may do in the grocery peesness, but he can't run some clothing store mitout argument."—[Wall St. News.

DRIVING 'POSSUMS LIKE HOGS.—The Chorlotte (S. C.) *Observer* is authority for the statement that E. McCord, of that city, left Thanksgiving day for the mountains to collect a drove of 'possums, and that on Saturday last he was heard from on his way back, with 123 'possums, which he drove along the road as if they were so many hogs. He camped out at night, securing his drove by means of poles, having ten 'possums to the pole. He kept three dogs barking all night, and these kept the 'possums so frightened that they held a firm grip to the poles with their tails and never thought of losing their grip until sun-up. This may be regarded as the champion 'possum story of the season.

In answer to the curious question of a correspondent, a scientific journal says: "It is impossible for a man to kill himself by holding his breath, for the automatic efforts to inspire prove too strong for the will to resist; but the head might be held under water till unconsciousness supervened, and the automatic efforts to inspire would then be ineffectual, and death would result."

It never rains but it pours. A Newport visitor, after a long struggle managed to get a foot hold in society, and all of a sudden found that she had been invited to nine dinner parties, all on the same evening. Utterly unable to decide which one to accept she sat down and had a good cry over it, and that made her eyes and nose so red that she was ashamed to go to any.

"School-girl"—You say the youth you dote on is almost sixteen years old, and you want to give him a Christmas present which will please him more than all the rest he can possibly receive from others. Very well; give him a shaving case.—[Philadelphia News.

Prof. Bell, the inventor of the telephone, finds that penetrating and diffusive as the instrument is, it does not answer all the craving of his nature, and he is going to be married. With a telephone and a wife a man ought to be able to hear all that's going on.

The remark of the pious Æneas, the classic exclamation, "Horresco referens"—"I shudder to relate"—is supposed to be the prototype of the modern expressions, "I should blush to mention," "I should titter to ejaculate," &c.—[Lowell Citizen.

The daily earnings in the cotton factories of this country are nearly double what they were in 1840. The total number of spinning spindles is 10,653435; of looms, 225,759. The actual consumption of cotton last year was 1,760,000 bales.

There are 90,000,000 gallons of whisky in bond in this country which, it is calculated, will make 4,500,000,000 drinks. This is 20 drinks to every man, woman and child in the U. States.

The *Industrial South* says that Fortress Monroe, Va., is the largest single fortification in the world. It has already cost over $3,000,000.

Couldn't Do Like Other People.

"I see," she observed, as she looked up from her paper, "that another woman who was perfectly sane all the time has just been released from a lunatic asylum after a detention of three years." "Yes," briefly replied the husband. "She was incarcerated by her husband?" "Yes." "Who wanted her out of the way that he might marry another woman?" "Yes." "In case you desired to dispose of me you would probably have me shut up in a lunatic asylum?" "No, madam; I should poison you. That's the cheaper and better way. As a man of business, and an advocate of financial economy, I have thought this matter over time and again, and I should certainly prefer to spend fifteen cents for arsenic to paying out $10 or $15 per week for goodness knows how long." She looked at him a long time with a whole iceburg in each eye and then turned to her paper with the remark: "Just like your stingy ways; you never want me to have things like other folks."

The wool manufacturing establishments of the United States now number 2,064, with a capital of $159,644,870. They give employment to 75,334 men and 85,664 women and children. The average paid each toiler is $293.05 a year, or $24 42 a month. These mills consume 296,192,229 pounds of wool, of which 222,991,531 are of home production, and 73,200,698 pounds come from abroad. The average cost of the wool is 32 cents a pound. The manufactories make a profit of 36½ per cent. on the capital invested, clear of all expenses.

A London dentist uses a small incandescent carbon lamp to illuminate the cavity of the mouth during dental operations. It is fitted into a vulcanic cup and covered for safety with a glass shade. The lamp is stated by the inventor, who freely offers its advantages to his fellow dentists, "to give a bright light just where it is needed, without producing undue heat."

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The girl who can play on the piano may be "accomplished," but the one who can put a patch on her husband's pantaloons, or rock a cradle with one hand and churn with the other, is better fitted for the stern realities of life.

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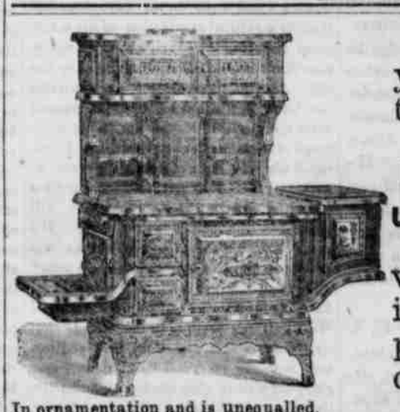

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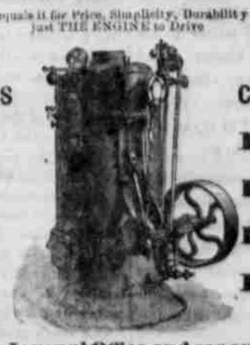

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