

LOTS OF FUN IN THEM.

VELTIES IN TRICK ARTICLES THAT DELIGHT THE JOKER.

Sleight of Hand Mysteries for the Boys—Tricks Which are Played Upon Smokers—Thrusting a Nail Through the Finger—The Wizards Pack.

"New tricks for the boys?" repeated a dealer in sleight-of-hand articles in reply to a reporter's inquiry; "I should say so. There's no end to them. There is a beautiful button-hole bouquet, for instance. After placing it in your coat button-hole you call the attention of a friend to its beauty and fragrance. Of course he will step forward and smell it, when to his astonishment a fine stream of water will be thrown in his face. Where the water comes from is a mystery, as you can have your hands at your side or behind you and not touch the bouquet in any manner. There is a little leaping monkey that is better than a surprise party for making fun and getting up an excitement. After it has been sitting quietly on the stand or table, and being admired by your unsuspecting friends, it will suddenly, and without warning, make a wild leap into the air and land under the table or in somebody's lap, creating a regular panic all around.

That there is a cigar case that is one of the best practical jokes of the season. To all appearances it is an ordinary cigar case made in imitation of real leather. Ask your friend to have a cigar, at the same time handing him the case. As he attempts to open it an ugly-looking gorilla, six inches in height, suddenly pops up instead of the expected cigar. Another trick novelty in the cigar line consists of a light, strong metal shell, the size and shape and color of a cigar. It has a spiral spring concealed within, that may be released at the will of the operator by slightly pressing a trigger that is attached to the small end. One end of the spring is permanently fastened in the shell and the end, which is protected when released, has a dark cork attached to retain it in the shell. When the spring is released it will fly out from twelve to fifteen inches with a whirring, rattling noise, so quickly that while the person towards whom it is pointed can see something coming and hear it, he can not tell just what has happened until after he has seen it and made a lively effort to dodge it.

OTHER INTERESTING ARTICLES. "A magic nail is another interesting little trick article. A common nail is shown, and, without a moment's hesitation, the performer forces it through his finger. The finger can be shown with the nail protruding from both sides. The illusion is so perfect that the spectators will be satisfied that the wound is a genuine one. The next instant the nail can be withdrawn for examination and the finger shown without a cut, scar or wound. In another trick you exhibit a neat and pretty windmill, which you blow with the greatest ease, remarking that the mill is enchanted and will only work at your command. Then hand it to any one with the request to try it. The moment he tries it he receives a startling salute, and finds lips, chin, nose and cheeks decorated with black or white, as the case may be. This has often been used with excellent effect by storekeepers who wish to get rid of loungers. It is placed on the counter or show-case, and most naturally some idle curiosity-seeker will pick it up and blow on it with a result that will cause him to retreat. A good trick is done with a card which you can change into a full-blown rose by simply transferring it from one hand to the other.

"What is new in trick cards?" "The wizard's pack. This is a full pack, apparently the same as an ordinary pack, but with which wonderful and apparently impossible tricks can be performed. These are not done bylegerdemain or sleight-of-hand. The secret is in the cards. Among these tricks are the following: A card may be drawn, shuffled in the pack and cut the first time; a card may be blown from the pack after having been drawn, returned, and shuffled; the two colors of a pack divided by one cut; the card discovered under a handkerchief; six persons may draw a card each, shuffle them and immediately after the performer at once produces them, pulling them rapidly out of the pack, one after the other; the performer may leave the room and in his absence a card may be drawn, which he on his return at once picks out of the pack."—New York Mail and Express.

Australia's System of Land Titles. "The Australian system of fixing titles is perhaps the simplest," said Robert C. Givins, who is accounted one of the most successful real estate lawyers in the city. "A registrar appointed by the government gives certificates of title upon application, and these certificates are marketable. A similar system prevails in Canada, where there are no abstract books. Copies of all deeds are kept on file in the registrar's office, and entries of mortgages or releases are made upon the duplicate at the same time an entry is made upon the original. A perfect title is thus obtainable in a day at the furthest. I doubt, however, whether such a scheme would answer here where transfers are so frequent. We have to depend upon the books in the possession of the abstract firms, which are the only complete ones extant. In fact, they are so correct that almost every large subdivision is in tolerably good shape. We all feel that something should be done to expedite the making of abstracts, but the whole question is so much in embryo that it is hard to point out a remedy."—Chicago Herald.

Old World Basins and New. The Great Basin region of America finds a parallel in the Old World in the deserts of Africa and Arabia and in the steppes of Siberia, Turkestan and Mongolia, where, about the desert of Gobi, are found the salt and alkaline lakes of Kossogal, Syonace, Kolyan, Karagal, Keri-bach-Noor and many others, in all respects corresponding to Great Salt, Pyramid, Mono, Owens, Walker and other lakes lying between the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky mountains, in the range of country formerly known as the "Great American Desert." Most of the lakes of Mongolia and the Kirghis steppes contain groups of pyramidal rocks from 100 to 500 feet high.—Scientific Journal.

An Important Archaeological Discovery. About midway between St. Petersburg and Moscow, Prince Putiatin has made the important archaeological discovery of an image of the constellation of Ursa Major engraved on a grindstone of the stone age. A similar discovery had already been made near Weimar in Germany.—Arkansas Traveler.

There is no public land in the southern states, with the exception of some marshy tracts in Louisiana and Florida.

A PLEASURE CITY BY THE SEA.

Where a Perpetual Picnic Prevails—Amusements Found at Brighton.

To-day finds me down at Coney island, this magical city of pleasure by the sea. Here the world seems all holiday time. A perpetual picnic prevails, and it is difficult to conceive of care. In the first place, it is a perfect day. Nature never fluttered a fairer leaf from the folds of her book. The shadows on the sea are as varied as a Florentine mosaic. The purple of a pansy away off there where the sun is clouded, while here at our feet the breakers fringe the golden sands with silver. A gleam of the golden sands with silver. A gleam of a sapphire, like the bluest break in a showery sky, has fallen athwart the main distance, and through it a white-winged boat, full-sailed, goes courtseying down the wind. A haze hangs over all, like the mist that rises from a meadow at dawn, and the shadowy domes and towers of far-off Rockaway breaks through like a city in the air.

It is inconceivable that New York should have been so slow to appropriate and use this beautiful island. For years and years this strip of sea-girt sand might as well have lain in mid-ocean as here. A few roughs came down now and then and perpetrated dark deeds that gave a flavor of disrepute to the island. Nobody who thought anything either of reputation or pocket-book ever came here in those days. Now, half-hour boats and numerous lines of cars bring down all New York. Many come by private conveyance over the smooth and beautiful boulevard leading from the city to the very margin of the sea.

Brighton at its loveliest, in the full tide of the season, can not excel this wonderland of pleasure. There is everything of which folly ever dreamed of in the line of amusement here. Are you fond of riding the fleet-footed ostrich, the gentle cow, the domestic rooster, or the roaring lion of the desert, to say nothing of the stately giraffe, and the mettlesome swan? Here you have your chance in the "merry-go-round." Only 5 cents, and you can mount any one of these animals, richly caparisoned, and fly around a ring to the inspiring strains of a brass band.

If you want to spin like a rocket through the air, if you want to hold your hat while your back hair falls off and in your ears the elements of wind and fire make merry, ride down the "switch-back." You take a seat at the top of the inclined plane—you flash down the plane like a paper through a printing press; you skim up another like a swallow on the wing; you dart down again like a falling star and up again like a kerosene-fed flame, and your ride is accomplished. For another 5 cents you mount the elephant's back and indulge in light refreshments in different parts of the body. I believe they serve lemonade in one of his ears, and in the mysterious recesses of his inside you can buy caramels and sweet cakes. Should you care for milk, several stuffed cows stand about under gay canopies. Milk is surreptitiously introduced through a hole in the back, a little behind the ear, and a man draws it fresh from the udders and presents it with a wink of superhuman cunning. Donkeys and horses are on hire, whereon you can canter over the sands and into the sea if you like. Little children are playing all about, thicker than sand-fleas, and the whole scene is one of perfectly unalloyed rapture and content.—"Amber" in Chicago Journal.

Justice Field and His Brother. Justice Steven J. Field was in New York the other day. In the office of his erratic, energetic and impatient brother, Cyrus W. Field, he complained of his health. "What is the matter with you?" said Cyrus. "O," groaned the justice, "I do not believe I will live the year out. I feel that I am falling very fast." "Why don't you go to Europe for a rest?" snapped his brother. "I can not afford it," said the justice. "You can't," was the reply. Here Cyrus W. hit a bell a nervous tap. A messenger appeared. His employer said: "Here, go and get two passenger tickets to London and return via the Cunard line." In a few moments the messenger returned with the tickets. "There," said Mr. Field, tossing the tickets to the justice, "what excuse have you got now?" "Really," said the justice, "it is very kind of you, but I do not feel that I can stand the expense of the journey." Cyrus W. at once wrote out a letter of credit on his London agent for £1,000, payable to the order of his brother. He tossed this over to him. "How do you feel about going now?" said he. The justice jumped three feet in the air. He said, "I am better. I shall live for the next fifteen years and down all my enemies yet."—Washington Letter.

Custom of "Grace Before Meat." This custom is more prevalent in Scotland than in England. With "goodly" people grace is said not only before breakfast and dinner, but even when the slightest refreshment is taken. Indeed, in the Highlands, especially in Sutherland and Ross-shire, it is customary when a "dram" is taken to ask a "blessing" over the "mercy." A story is told of a Highlander to whom a "snuff" was offered. The fragrant mixture was put on the back of his hand, and, as it was a something to take, he said it would only be right to ask a blessing over it. The good man closed his eyes and began slowly to repeat the blessing or short prayer. A gust of wind, however, blew the snuff from off his hand, on which he remarked, "O, it couldn't be a mercy at all when it wouldn't wait for God's blessing to be asked over it."—Notes and Queries.

Sugar Industry of Java. At the rate of increase which has been going on for the past few years, Java will soon produce as much sugar as Cuba. The sugar-planters of Java appear to be making money in spite of the low prices now obtaining, and claim that it is a more profitable crop than coffee. There are only about 100 sugar-mills in Java, but the land suited to the cultivation of the sugarcane is practically unlimited.—Chicago Times.

The American Buffalo Nearly Extinct. The bureau of statistics estimates that the buffalo or bison are so nearly extinct that there are not more than 1,000 head in existence. A Texas cattleman has concluded to keep a herd of them on his ranch, and inter-breed some of them with ordinary cattle. The result of the experiment excites considerable interest.—Detroit Free Press.

How the Prisoners Shaved Themselves. The jailer of the Bibb county (Ga.) jail was surprised to find that two of his prisoners were cleanly shaved every day or two. Investigation showed that the shaving had been done with a piece of glass from a small bottle.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The only man who enjoys notoriety is the fool whose bosom swells when he hears his name whispered.—Arkansas Traveler.

Gondolas and Gondoliers of Venice.

On these evenings it is amusing to watch the elegant private gondolas waiting in crowds to bear their fair mistresses home. It is a regular battle of the boats. Each gondolier does his best to get his floating carriage up to the steps first, and vast is the pushing and scuffling, loud the uproar. One by one the carved barks, with glittering prows and tufted funereal coverings, emerge from below the darkness of the bridges into the dimly-lighted canal; a plank is laid to the shore; in one hand the sprucely-dressed gondolier holds a beautiful lantern of worked iron and ancient design, the other he offers to his mistress, who, leaning lightly on his shoulder, trips into the gondola, and, deftly turning around, backs as gracefully as she can into her coffin-like cabin. Here, where the ordinary carriage looks, Byron says: "a coffin clapped on a canoe," the genuine funeral conveyance is more like a gala barge. In the midst of the long and graceful bark the coffin is sheltered below a rich canopy of draped black and silver stuff, glittering in the sun, and in singular contrast to the unrelieved sameness of the gondolas which carry the living.

On one which I saw the other day, a silver lion of St. Mark crouched in the stern, while on the prow stood the silver, life-sized figure of an angel with a trumpet. The gondoliers, too, were dressed in black and silver, their arms and legs covered with a close-fitting black and white stuff, and on their heads black caps with white, curling feathers—a striking and probably a very ancient costume. The truth is that all the sights and sounds of Venice have a peculiar fascination of their own, and Mr. Howells is quite right when he says that however long one may live here, one never gets thoroughly familiarized or blasé with the place. You may imagine you do, you may cease to think about it, and then all of a sudden the beauty, the attraction, the strangeness strikes you as vividly as the first time, and envelop you and carry you off from ordinary, work-a-day life.—Florence Gautier's Venice Letter.

A Great Enterprise Just Inaugurated.

An immense scheme for the supply of water to Bombay has just been inaugurated at a point six miles distant from the city, under the Bhore Ghauts, half way between the stations of Callian and Egut-poor, on the Great Indian Peninsula railway. Here there will be created a lake of eight miles in area; from it an aqueduct will be constructed to carry the water to the city. A dam 9,000 feet in length, 118 feet in height, and 100 feet wide at the base, is being built across the Tansa valley to impound the waters of the river, and it will require six years for its completion. It will contain over 10,000,000 cubic feet of masonry, which will be built in installments, each year's work stretching across the valley, so that the water may accumulate behind it from the gathering ground.

The contractors have already commenced work on the foundations, and have prepared a village for the reception of their work people. The neighborhood is entirely desolate, and all the artisans have come from a distance. Already 3,000 people have gathered to the place, and it is expected that the number will rise to 10,000. A special water supply has been laid down for them, and every arrangement made for their health and comfort. The stone is found in the neighborhood, but the kunker and chunam come from a great distance, and a branch line is to be laid from the railway to deliver them direct to the spot.—Frank Leslie's.

Bring Science to the Rescue.

Can not some ingenious Yankee invent artificial feathers and so take the wind out of the sails of the Ornithologists' union and the Audubon society? The discovery of petroleum has saved the whales from extermination, and the manufacture of celluloid in imitation of ivory is destined to supersede the use of the latter article, and so give the dear old elephants a rest. Verily, science is a big magician, and will shortly supersede all natural products. The next thing we look for is the manufacture of scientific food to take the place of bread and meat. Some one will take a load of dirt and put it into a machine, extract all the nourishment from it, and sell the product for 1/2 cent a pound. Then half the population will be starving from overproduction, we suppose. That's the way these benefits work.—Texas Siftings.

Salmon Found in the Hudson.

There is a legend that sturgeon was once so familiar on family dinner tables in the state capital that it was sold by the name of "Albany beef." A much more palatable fish is now reappearing in the waters of the upper Hudson after an absence of many years. The shad fishermen at Troy have found three salmon in their nets within a few days past, and a dispatch from that city says that the unwonted catch has made a "great excitement" there. These salmon are alleged to be the product of fry planted in trout streams in Warren county, on the borders of the Adirondack region, four years ago. This county lies far north of Troy, and Lake George forms part of its eastern boundary.—Chicago Tribune.

The Mythical Tea of China.

"You have often heard," said a dealer to me the other day, "that there is an exquisite tea in China which never comes to this country, and that what little of it leaves that country goes to Russia to delight the nobility of that country. It is said that people in this country have never tasted a real cup of tea, and so on. Now, so far as I can learn—and I think I ought to know—this is all a myth. There is no tea in China which can not easily be imported into this country. The Chinese have a kind of tea that they think is better than what they send us, but we could not drink it. It is very weak and has aawkish flavor that is rather sickening to us."—Cor. Chicago Journal.

The Dress-Suit as a Torture.

I heard the other night, from a man who certainly should know, that when Mary Anderson engaged her stage manager and her prompter for the season, she stipulated in the contract that they should wear evening dress whenever they entered upon their official duties. They did so, and now they are talking about it, and asserting that no man can tell what an instrument of torture a dress-suit is until forced to wear it at regular intervals by an ironclad contract in black and white.—Blakely Hall's Letter.

Horseback Riding for Dyspepsia.

Horseback riding will be more popular than ever in New York. The fashion is without doubt an outgrowth of Angliomania, but is commended by physicians as the best cure for a common trouble in New York—dyspepsia.—Harper's Bazar.

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