

TRAVELERS' TALES.

The Blunders in Books That Describe Foreign Countries.

A lively article on the amusing mistakes to be found in books appears in the London Academy. The author in referring to the blunders often made in books that describe foreign countries notes that a traveler's ignorance of the manners and customs of strange peoples or deliberate imposition by his informants are both supposed to have given a somewhat fabulous character to some parts of the writings of Herodotus. He quotes these lines, which he found written on his desk when he was attending lectures at Oxford:

Herodotus, Herodotus. You could not spell, you ancient cuss. The priests in Egypt gammoned you. It was not very hard to do. But don't you think you'll gammon us, Herodotus, Herodotus.

The author adds: "The second line is presumably a reference to the spelling of Ionic Greek. What follows alludes to the story of the Nile issuing from between the mountains Crophi and Mophi, which certainly sounds like a nursery tale. In justice, however, to the historian we must remember that recent investigations have discovered that many of his narratives once regarded as mythical have been found to have some foundation in fact.

"This is more than can be said of most medieval travelers' tales. Some, however, admit of explanation, as, for instance, Oribello's account of men whose heads do grow beneath their shoulders." Raleigh is convinced that the wonder is true, because every child in the provinces of Arramain and Canudi admits the same. The origin of the belief in such prodigies has been found in the account given by Olearius of the Samojeds of northern Muscovy, whose garments are made like those that are called cosques, open only at the necks. When the cold is extraordinary they put their cosques over their heads and let the sleeves hang down, their faces being not to be seen but at the cleft which is at the neck. Whence some have taken occasion to write that in these northern countries there are people without heads, having their faces in their breasts."

FREAK CATALOGUING.

British Museum Has a System That Few Can Fathom.

It may seem ungrateful to an old reader who has reaped so many benefits from the great library in Bloomsbury to find fault with the arrangements, and if I stood alone in this complaint I would retain my isolation, but the grievance is ventilated by many.

In the first place, I and J are treated as the same letter, as U and V are. That was all right when the catalogue was begun and was in manuscript, but now that printing has superseded handwriting the obsolete fashion of cataloguing Jones and Ives under the same letter or Vale and Unwin as having the same initial might be discontinued and the modern usage adopted.

In the second place, anonymous works are catalogued according to a bewildering system, the object of which seems to be to hide the identity of the work.

Take the case of the valuable little book with the following title: "An Account of the Origin of Steamboats, in Spain, Great Britain and America and of Their Introduction and Employment Upon the River Thames Between London and Gravesend to the Present Time"—i. e., 1831. One would think that it would be catalogued under "Steamboats," that being the main subject, but no—it is catalogued under "Spain." I am told the rule is to take the first proper name.

That rule, however, is not applied in the next case. A well written little book published in 1907 is entitled "Devon, the Shire of the Sea Kings." "Devon" would seem to be the natural heading, but no—in the catalogue it will be found under "Great Western Railway."—London Notes and Queries.

Broke the Combination.

The father of Judge W. H. Wadhams had a chicken coop and a dog and a stable hand. It began to look to Mr. Wadhams as though some one had discovered the combination. So he kept the coop and the stable hand, but he got a new dog. Next day the best old negro who groomed the Wadhams horses came to him.

"You los' you affection foh me, boss?" he asked.

"No, Scipio," said Mr. Wadhams. "I like you as well as ever."

"Then," asked Scipio peevishly, "w'yn't you tie old Rover in de chicken coop sid of dat new dog?"—Argonaut.

Psalms Not Barred.

The other evening Miss Y., a maiden lady of uncertain years, suspecting the cook was entertaining her beau downstairs, called Martha and inquired whether she did not hear some one talking with her.

"Oh, no, ma'am!" cried the quick witted Martha. "It was only me singing a psalm."

"Very good," returned Miss Y. significantly. "You may amuse yourself with psalms, but let's have no hims."

The Bland One.

Lady—What! You've just come out of prison! I wonder you are not ashamed to own it! Ne'er-do-well—I don't own it, lady—wish I did. I was only a lodger.—New York Journal.

Lively Lazaruses.

Startled Visitor—Gracious! What's that? Must be an earthquake! The plaster is falling too! Mild Muter—Oh, no! It's just the boys. Two of them are sick in bed today.—Puck.

HIS OWN MEDICINE.

The Dosa That Was Handed to the Persistent Agent.

He was a sewing machine agent of the most aggressive type. For twenty minutes the lady of the house had been awaiting an opportunity to say that she already possessed one.

At last he paused, only long enough, however, to thrust a card into the lady's hand.

The bit of pasteboard was certainly a novelty. "My name is Sellem," it read, "of the firm of Blank & Co., sewing machine manufacturers, and I intend to prove to you that it is madness to defer purchasing one of our unequalled machines."

After a long description of the machine came the following: "You may plead that you are unable to work a machine. I will remove that objection in fifteen minutes or in three lessons. Will call next Wednesday."

When the agent called again a six foot man opened the door and blandly remarked: "You're the sewing machine man, I suppose?"

"Yes; I called last week, and"— "Yes, I know," interrupted the big man. "You don't know me, I suppose. My name's Bury of Bury & Keepem, undertakers, and I intend to prove to you that it is madness to defer purchasing one of our unequalled coffins."

The agent began to edge away. "You may plead that you are scarcely qualified for a coffin," the big man went on. "I will remove that objection in ten seconds."

But the agent simply tore from the house.—London Tit-Bits.

WHAT TO DO.

Hints on First Aid to Everybody on All Occasions.

When a man rushes into your office hurriedly and says:

"By jingo, Dawson, I hate to speak of it, but I need \$500 like the very old dickens today!"

Answer.—"What a singular coincidence, Binks! I do too!"

When the lovely young maiden at the seaside to whom you have been paying court all summer shakes her head violently and says:

"No, Mr. Blithers; I cannot imagine any circumstances under which I could be induced to marry you."

Answer.—"Thanks, Miss Jones. This is a great relief. I was afraid you had misconstrued my attentions and, of course, desired to live up to my implied obligations."

When you run face to face with your tailor upon the street and he turns a cold, beady eye upon you and says:

"Excuse me, Mr. Bump, but what have you to say about my little bill?"

Answer.—"I don't think I have met your little Bill, Mr. Snipperton. Indeed, I didn't know you had any children at all."

While he is recovering from this jump into a taxi and proceed to break the speed laws.—Carlyle Smith in Harper's Weekly.

Relative Strength of Arms.

As a result of some very interesting experiments made at Washington with a view to determine the relative strength of right and left limbs it has been ascertained that over 50 per cent of the men examined had the right arm stronger than the left, 16.40 per cent had the arms of equal length and strength, and 32.70 per cent had the left arm stronger than the right. Of women 46.90 per cent had the right arm stronger than the left, and 24.50 per cent had the left stronger than the right. In order to arrive at the average length of limbs fifty skeletons were measured, twenty-five of each sex. Of these twenty-three had the right arm and left leg longer, six the left arm and right leg, while in seventeen cases all the members were more or less equal in length.—Exchange.

Disadvantages of Poverty.

"We're goin' to move again in a month or two," said the little girl on the back porch. "We move into a new house every year."

"We don't," said the little girl in the adjoining yard. "My papa owns this house."

"And you don't never move into any other one?"

"No."

"My, my! It must be awful to be as poor as that!"—Chicago Tribune.

A Reliable Plan.

"Whenever I don't like a man very well," remarked the cynical person. "I give him a tip on the races. I don't care how much it loses for him."

"But suppose it wins?"

"Then he's unhappy because he didn't bet more."

"And if he doesn't bet at all?"

"I keep on giving tips until one does win, and then he feels as if he had missed the chance of his life."—Washington Star.

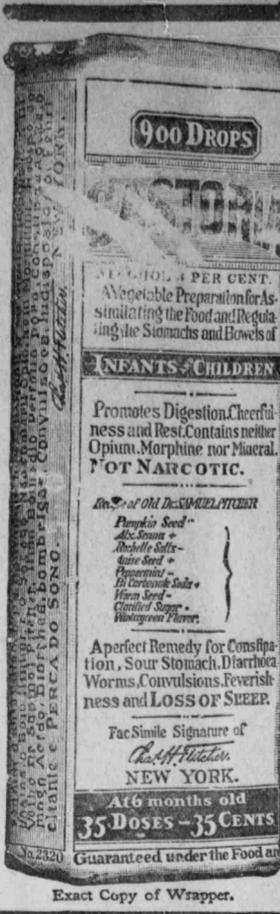
A Rialto View.

"Do you think a little Shakespeare would go as a vaudeville act?" inquired Hamlett Fatt.

"Why not?" responded Yorick Hamm. "Everybody feels that he has got to stand for it if it comes along. No man is going to admit that Shakespeare is over his head."—Washington Herald.

His Little Joke.

Percy—I—aw—wrestled foh an hour with me scarf this morning. Algernon—Which won the victory, dear boy, you or the scarf? Percy—Neither, Jawn't you see the match resulted in a tie? Haw, haw!—Chicago News.



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