



Storyettes.

It is said that Ruth Bryan, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, started to school one morning, not long ago, and, after a desperate run for a street car, finally succeeded in catching it. As she took her seat she gasped: "Well, I'm glad one of the family can run for something and get it."

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison, one of the ablest men who have figured in our public life, has always been handicapped by his unresponsive, cold manner. When he was in the Senate, at Washington, D. C., in the early 80's he always brought his luncheon to the committee room. He carried it in his coat pocket, and would eat it while he went on with his work. One day when he got it out as usual from his pocket, he looked at it all over carefully. He finally remarked to those near by that he guessed he must have sat on it accidentally. One of his colleagues—one who had recently been ignored by Harrison—spoke up impulsively: "Well, by Jove, Harrison, if you've sat on it, I'll bet a sixpence it is frozen solid," and of course a shout went up from the whole committee. Harrison took the joke kindly, and joined in the laugh.

After making out a list of its awards of medals and prizes, one of the juries of the Paris exposition decided to celebrate the completion of its labors by giving an informal little dinner at which the members of the jury, representing many nationalities, could meet more agreeably as private individuals. Hence, it was decidedly unexpected when, after they had reached the stage of coffee and cigars, the British member of the jury rose with great solemnity and said: "Gentlemen, I propose the health of her Majesty, the Queen." This staggered everybody for a moment; but, innate courtesy overcoming national prejudice, they quickly pulled themselves together and drank the toast with all the honors. No sooner, however, had this been accomplished than the American member rose, and, posing his glass in the air, said simply: "And other ladies." Needless to say this equally unexpected toast was received with enthusiasm by all.

Costliest Of Log Houses.

The costliest log house ever built in Maine, and probably in the world, is being constructed on Warren's island, Gilkey's harbor. It was begun by the late W. H. Forwell, of Philadelphia, and is being completed by his son, Nathan P. Forwell, to whom the property was willed with the provision that it should be finished according to the plans adopted. It will cost nearly \$75,000. The log hut, as some of the neighbors call it, is 100x105 feet, and is built of unpeeled spruce timber cut upon the island. Fred Hunter, an expert log cabin builder from Virginia, is superintending the erection of the building, and is carrying the style that prevailed in Virginia a century or more ago.

The house will contain 22 sleeping rooms, a living hall 30x40 feet, a dining room 20x30 feet, a kitchen 20x25 feet, a laundry 20x25 feet, and a store room 15x20 feet. There will be six bay windows and 100 of the ordinary kind. Many of the windows will be fitted with panes of glass 4x5 feet. The roof is gabled. The large living hall is finished with gilt moulding, and from the windows one can look across upon the Camden mountains, famous for their beauty. This view caused Mr. Forwell to have placed above the immense open fireplace a large marble tablet with the inscription, "How beautiful are the mountains," from Isaiah. Work on the house was begun more than a year ago, and it will require four months to finish it.

STORIES OF THE STAGE.

Coming Attractions, Gossip In the Lobby and Boxes.

"THE ROYAL BOX" TO-NIGHT. Our theater-goers are to be favored with one of the biggest attractions that is being sent out of New York this season. Those who saw "The Royal Box" in New York three years ago, and those who have followed its career since that time will be pleased to know that it is to be seen at the Grand to-night.

The play has been rated by the critics of the principal newspapers of America as one of the greatest of its kind ever seen on this continent. It is a play dealing with stage life, and dramas of this character and of any note are comparatively few in number. "David Garrick" has long been popular. "The Railway of the Wells" is one of the most recent successes of this character. Plays within plays have been fairly numerous since Shakespeare wrote "Hamlet" and therein introduced the idea. Both of these devices were made use of by Alexander Dumas in "The Royal Box" and were forcibly brought out by Mr. Coghlan with daring originality. The real audience will impersonate the supposed audience of the play within the play. The Prince of Wales and his friends occupy one of the real boxes, which decorated with the Royal Coat of Arms, is supposed to be the Royal Box at Drury Lane Theatre, London, 1810. The Drury Lane manager comes before the real curtain, and announces that although the leading character is indisposed he will, nevertheless, endeavor to please his audience. The curtain rises on the balcony scene in "Romeo and Juliet." The Romeo addresses Juliet but thinks of the occupants of the Royal Box—the countess whom he loves, and the Prince of whom he is jealous. Ultimately he casts aside the role of Romeo, and in his own person denounces the royal prodigal to the public, bringing the curtain down in confusion. Mr. Andrew Robson who plays the part of the actor, although a young man, has already appeared in two hundred different roles. He was with Mr. Coghlan and succeeded that famous actor in the great part. A company of all round excellence has been chosen to support him and the piece will be given all the careful attention to detail which has characterized it from the time Mr. Coghlan first presented it.

Miss Lavinia Shannon, the leading lady with the Woodard Stock Co., at Kansas City, and who is well known in this city, in the character of Nell Gwynne wears a hat nearly a yard wide, which has in its making four yards of silk velvet, two large bunches and twelve ostrich plumes, each one twenty inches long. It is an exact reproduction of those worn at the period of Charles the Second. Miss Shannon's great-grand-uncle was the earl of Carlisle, which title is now one of the numerous titles of King Edward VII. Miss Shannon's godfather was Father Ryan, the poet priest of the South, who entertained her upon one of her visits to this city several years ago.

Clay Clement has written a new comedy, "Upon My Honor," dealing with life in Kentucky, that he means to produce in Chicago in the Spring.

Miss Carolyn Clawson, who recently played the role of the hostess in the "At the White Horse Tavern" Co., in this city, died at Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday night.

Steve Brodie, the first man to jump from the Brooklyn Bridge and live, and who claimed to have gone over Niagara Falls in a rubber suit, died Thursday, of consumption in Texas.

Lived Up To Her Name.

Mrs. Getteman recently married in Falmouth. She got one.

The Pope's Good Chances of Living to Be a Hundred.

PROF. MAZZONI, the surgeon who attended the Pope during the operation he underwent some time ago, has expressed his opinion of the pope's health. He is very well, and I believe will live to be 100. His heart is like that of a boy, and his lungs are like steel. His mind is more lucid than can be imagined. One day when his Holiness was conversing with me, we happened to speak of surgery and surgical operations. All at once he showed me one of his fingers, saying, "Look at this little scar, Professor. It is the scar of a small wound I brought up myself seventy-five years ago. I was then a seminarist, and during recreation hours we were allowed to play bocce in the garden of the Palazzo Colonna. While I was playing I was struck by a ball on my hand, and rather badly hurt. I was taken to have my hand bound to Roll's shop in the Piazza S. Marcellino."

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Professor Gates is no mere dreamer of visions, and his standing in the scientific world entitles his theories and opinions to respect. He lives at Chevy Chase, a suburb of Washington, where he has a residence opposite that of Secretary Gage. There he has a big laboratory and intends to establish a college in which he will teach the science of electricity. The professor has made a number of valuable discoveries and inventions in that field of both scientific and commercial importance. Among his recent inventions is that of a hydromagnetic separator, which will prove of great benefit in gold mining. Its purpose is to separate from the gold



From a recent photo. PROFESSOR ELMER GATES.

bearing sand or crushed quartz the magnetite or iron ore, whose separation has been one of the most vexed problems to the seekers for gold. Professor Gates' separator accomplishes this result in a simple, expeditious manner and will greatly increase the output of the precious metal.

Another invention of Professor Gates, made some years ago, is a remarkably ingenious and incredibly powerful microscope possessing the power of magnifying some millions of times. It is, however, very expensive, costing, according to its inventor, about \$12,000 to construct it.

Professor Gates believes that within ten years we shall see an enormous advance in electrical science. The inventions already produced, according to him, merely touch the great possibilities of the magic fluid. He believes that wireless telegraphy, telephony and telephony will be so perfected that they shall not only be able to speak to persons in distant lands, but that they shall see them at the same time. The professor holds that the X rays are capable of indefinite improvement, and we shall soon be able to arrange a device enabling one to see through an entire

house and observe the inmates as skeletons, walking or sitting or lying around.

The newspaper of the future, according to Professor Gates, will be printed without ink. With electric pens we will write on chemically prepared paper without ink or leads. The future editor of the daily paper will be able to write an editorial or an item of news as if writing on an ordinary typewriter, and when his article is finished it will have made a million or more copies precisely like the original. Other equally startling advances in every branch of human endeavor will be made. To those who venture to doubt the possibility of the realization of some of Professor Gates' sanguine dreams of the future he replies that our present inventions and advances were undreamed of and would have been ridiculed half a century ago.

Professor Gates' favorite idea is that of mind training. He holds that the brain of the average person is developed to only about 2 per cent of its possible capacity and that the future will see a tremendous increase in the thinking power of the human race.

The Porter's Lucky Day.

"We were traveling from El Paso to the coast," said the advance man of a theatrical combination, "and the porter had tucked us snugly in our berths, when we were awakened to the consciousness that our train was 'held up.' The robbers marched us out of the car and made us deliver. Fortunately not one of us had more than a few dollars in cash. But the man who held up the car porter gave a whole lot of delight: 'See what I've found!' 'Come back! Start the train!' 'In the careless porter's vest pocket he had discovered a roll of bills as big as the pocket would hold. It looked as if there must have been several hundred dollars. We all knew of the profitable rapaciousness of the Pullman car porter, but never dreamed that his accumulations were so large. Yet the friendly human spark of forgiveness and sympathy was in our hearts for the poor fellow losing so much at one fell swoop. We were gathered in the smoking compartment and had a consultation upon under advertisement for the darky, when he came along himself. 'Mah Lawd, dat was the luckiest sperience I done ever had,' he said, chuckling all over. 'Lucky!' 'We were astonished. A poor servant robbed of hundreds chuckling with glee! 'Deed, yes, gem'men! Dey never look but jis' in only one of my pockets!'—New York Times.

Take Your Chances.

The Buddhists believe that happiness, Nirvana, consists in self effacement, oblivion. The young Buddha began life by sitting unsupported in the air just after birth. Their mothers attained Nirvana immediately, and they, the Buddhas, reached Nirvana in various queer ways. One earnest Buddha, one of the earliest of the long line, earned the "Nirvana" as follows: A hawk was about to devour a small bird. Said the Buddha to the bird or prey: "I beseech thee, leave this little creature in peace. I will give thee its weight from my own flesh."

Down from heaven came a pair of scales, and the transaction was accomplished. The small bird sat on one side of the scales, and the Buddha began putting pieces of his body into the other side, while the bird of prey looked on with an evil eye. As the Buddha carved himself up the little bird seemed to get heavier and heavier. The beam of the scales did not move until the last particle of the saint's body was put in the scales.

The Buddhists' legends do not tell how the saint managed to carve up his last few fragments, but that is not important. Which do you think was happier, the Buddha who entered into Nirvana as the little bird flew away or the bird of prey that made a hearty meal of the saint's flesh and sailed off delighted with his bargain?—New York Journal.

Where the Danger Was.

A little beyond a certain Scotch village the main road has a marked declivity, and this added to a sharp turn at the bottom decided the authorities to erect a danger board. The job was entrusted to an old worthy, who only fixed up the warning at the foot of the hill. "What's wrang with the bottom of the brae, ye thundering idiot?" exclaimed a village dignitary angrily. "Man, there's everything wrang," came the curt reply. "Is it no there where 's' the accidents take place?"

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