

THE PARISIAN NEWSPAPERS.

The Newsboy Unknown on the Streets of the French Capital.

One of the most characteristic street scenes of London and of New York is never heard in Paris, nor is one of the most picturesque figures in the streets of London and of New York ever seen in the streets of Paris...

This difference of attitude between the hurrying American, who has to have his newspaper brought to him in haste hot from the press, and the leisurely Frenchman, who is content to pick up his paper when he goes abroad—this difference is far more than external...

The aim and ideal of the best French editors is to present not so much the minor details of a fact, but the best possible opinion on the fact. Of mere brute news, minute particulars of scandals, crimes and horrors, such as we here in America have dumped upon our breakfast table every morning...

It is not that some Parisian papers do not print trivial trash and trash worse than trivial; the difference is rather in aim, the French editor thinking first of criticism and the American editor only too often thinking of mere news—first, last and all the time. Yet the leading principle which should govern even in news gathering is better understood in Paris than in London or New York...

Wife of the Heir Apparent. None of the girls met with Germany's crown prince. He traveled with his wife and sister through the Tyrol, stopping at the ordinary inns, but riding in his own car or carriage. The two women with him started our girls by the plainness of their attire. Fancy the wife of the heir apparent of Prussia in a chip jacket hat, with a bit of ribbon and a guinea hen's feather in front, and clad in a suit of brown lady's cloth, with a little braiding on the basque and just the plainest of overskirts, without a half yard to spare!

Working in His Sleep. A young Australian near Bochara, after an unusually hard day's work sheepshearing, went to sleep on the sitting room couch after supper. Soon he awoke, walked out into the darkness, went through four gates, which he carefully closed, to the woodshed, and then hung up his coat and took down his sheep shears and sharpened them. Then he caught a sheep and had just finished shearing it, when some of the household came with a lantern. Then it turned out that he had been asleep all the time, and the light of the lantern awakened him. The sheep was sheared as well as though it had been done in broad daylight.

Born to the Title. The vocabulary of French Christian names for girls was severely strained in the selection made by the Duchess d'Auxy for her infant, who is perhaps the only countess ever born to the title in the United States. The duchess before her marriage was Miss Charlotte Antoinette de Cazaune Lamar, a niece of Secretary Lamar, who is the countess's godfather. The baby is launched into life under the burden of this appellation: Countess Marie Felicite Lucille Bolynda Marie Rose Ange.—Cleveland Leader.

Church music in New York city employs not far from 2,000 organists and vocalists, whose annual salaries amount to at least \$250,000.

The Sharpshooter's Last Shot.

Once during the war, a skirmish line composed mainly of the Forty-eighth Illinois, was thrown out in advance of our army, lying near Jackson, Miss., confronting Gen. Joseph Johnston. The men had constructed a few temporary shelters by standing rails upright, leaning against each other, the tops being bound together. Behind one of these little fortresses, though in a rather exposed position, Capt. F. D. Stephenson, of the Forty-eighth, was sitting on a turned up bucket, taking his morning coffee. As he threw back his head in drinking, a whiz was heard, and a ball sped by within an inch of his face, directly across the eyes, taking effect in a little dogwood tree beside him. The captain rose quietly, and, taking a ramrod, stuck it in the ground so that its top would be in the space lately occupied by his nose; he then went behind the tree and sighted from the ball in its flight. Directly in this line rose the top of a large oak, with great sheets and streamers of southern moss hanging dependent from its boughs.

"Boys," said Stephenson, evenly, "our man is among the cranches of that tree yonder. Now," taking a soldier's cap and placing it on the end of a knotted stick, "you all load up, and lay low. When I shove this hat into view he will fire again. There's your chance, let drive." When all was ready, he slowly elevated the cap until just in sight from the tree. A puff of white smoke burst from its leaves, and the cap turned round on its stick support, letting the daylight through a large jagged hole in its crown. A moment later, six Springfield rifles spoke from the rail pile, and a man dropped from the oak tree, clutching wildly at moss and branches as he fell. His last shot was fired.—The Argonaut.

Cotton Gins for China. On a visit a few days ago to Ningpo, I was informed that if the Americans would make a hand cotton gin for the Chinese it would meet with a ready and profitable sale. There is a Japanese gin of this kind worked by foot, but it does not pick the seed well and is but partially adapted for its purpose. If the inventive genius of our mechanics could be directed to this they would soon make a suitable gin. The Chinese cotton is coarse and very short staple. The seed is also small. The machinery would have to be adapted to these conditions. An American gin, such as is now used in the south, with a crank to turn by hand, could be easily suited to this work. Anything not operated by manual labor would not be taken by the Chinese, whose conservatism is against innovations of too pronounced a type; besides, their cotton planting is done in small areas by small farmers, and they are not accustomed to other than the simplest machinery. If any gin maker wishes the idea elaborated, I could get the details for him.—Consul General Kennedy's report.

The Cause of His Triumph. "It seems that young Hurley is quite a lion in society now?" "The adored of all adorners." "What's the cause of it? I see nothing particularly attractive about him." "He struck a vein of coal on his farm the other day."—Lincoln Journal.

A Dakota editor got mad at the postmaster for calling his paper "second class matter."



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