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The Frenchman Looked Innocent.

Some time since, in a Tremont street store in Boston, a nervous little Frenchman brushed against a pretty trifle of vase were valued at about \$14 and succeeded in getting several more pieces out of it than had gone into its making. The floorwalker led the abashed Parisian aside and politely explained that the broken vase must be paid for. Monsieur fetched a handful of small silver and copper, mostly foreign, from his pocket when he was told the value of the trifle.

"Mon Dieu," cried the Parisian, "70 francs!" At this he took out his bill book and discovered a fifty dollar express draft, which the floorwalker instantly seized upon, to the unspeakable horror of its owner.

After deducting the value of the vase the former handed the man his change and dismissed him with a floorwalker's blessing. The express draft roared the bank in due time, with four others as fraudulent, but the volatile little Frenchman had departed southward with the swallows.—Bohemian Magazine.

Followed Suit.

On the day of the admission of M. Rostand to the French academy the author of "Cyrano" and "L'Alceste" gave a breakfast to a few of his friends, the guest of honor being Mme. Bernhardt. The actress was dressed in a handsome gown, which had been made expressly for the occasion. At the end of the breakfast she arose and in an impressive manner took a glass, held it high and said, "I drink to the greatest of French dramatists, M. Rostand, and I drink after the Greek manner!" She then poured the contents of her glass over her head and gown.

Two of Rostand's small sons were sitting at a side table wearing new velvet suits, also made for the occasion. In the silence which followed Bernhardt's dramatic tribute the elder of the boys arose and, imitating her manner, said, "I drink to the greatest of poets, my papa, and I also drink in the Greek fashion!" and straightway deluged himself and his small brother with the contents of his glass.

A Scene Not in a Play.

An extraordinary scene took place in the Princess' theater, London, on the night of the first production of Charles Reade's great play, "Never Too Late to Mend," Oct. 4, 1865. During the prison scene a large quantity of water was thrown over Miss Moore, who took the part of Josephs, the character done to death by the warders. One of the critics, Mr. Tomlin of the Morning Advertiser, rose from his seat and publicly protested against the unnecessary cruelty. This aroused almost a riot among the audience, and the action of the play was stopped for some considerable time. Fuel was added to the fire by George Vining, the lessee of the theater, who was playing the part of Tom Robinson and who made a most imprudent speech, in which he practically insulted every critic present, with the result that the theater was left severely alone by the press for many months. The play, however, turned out to be a popular success and had, for those days, the phenomenal run of 140 performances.

Reading in Bed.

"Boys and girls under eighteen should be strictly forbidden to read in bed," says the Lancet, on the authority of Dr. Hugo Felchenfeld of Berlin, who declares that in the case of young persons whose eyes are not fully developed the practice is likely to induce myopia. While young people run the greatest risk, the Lancet thinks that reading in bed is undesirable for persons of any age and states that "in the case of aged, anxious, worried and bedridden people, to whom it would seem cruelty to deny what may perhaps be almost their only luxury, for fear of inducing some slight error of refraction, care should be taken that the light is sufficiently brilliant, the eyes being shaded from it, and that the patient lies on his back with head and shoulders raised."

Wellington's Tact.

There was an army of generals assembled at Paris in 1814, and when the various Austrian and Prussian generals who had been beaten by Napoleon came crowding round the Duke of Wellington and expressing lots of compliments to him for having never been beaten by the French the duke pleased them immensely by saying, "Ah, but you know I never met Bonaparte, and I have always looked on him as being as good as 40,000 men."

How Indians Catch Monkeys.

In South America the Indians take a coconut and cut a hole in each end just large enough for the monkey's paws. Then they fill the middle of the nut with sugar. When a monkey comes across the shell he thrusts in one paw and, finding sugar, he pushes in the other. He closes both paws on the sugar and then will not remove either for fear he shall lose the sugar. Then, while he cannot use either paw, he is easily caught.

A Chinese Story.

A Chinese barber while shaving a customer's head drew blood and put one of his fingers on the place. Again he made a cut and put down another finger, and so on until he had no more fingers free. "Ah," said he as he paused in his work, "a barber's trade is difficult. We ought to have a thousand fingers!"—Scrap Book.

Apt Pupil.

"Didn't I see the grocer's boy kiss you this morning, Martha?"
"Yes'm. But he ain't to blame, ma'am. 'Twas the leeman set him the bad example."

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