

CHANGES IN WORDS.

STRANGE DEPARTURES MADE FROM ORIGINAL MEANINGS.

Many Words Which Today Mean Almost the Opposite of That Which They Stood for Many Years Ago—Here Are a Few Examples of Changes of Meaning.

The word Bible furnishes a striking instance of a word's rise from very low to high estate. To the bulk of English speaking folk it now means the Book of Books. In Chaucer's day it meant any book whatever, or scroll. Tracing the word Bible straight home to find it another name for the papyrus reed of Egypt. Cancellarius is another word which has risen from humble origin to high rank. Under the early Roman emperors it meant simply doorkeeper, but which taken Gibbon speaks of the wrath of the people of Rome when the worthless Emperor Carinus set his low born cancellarius to rule over them.

THE HOMELESS THOUGHTS.

Under the wild November sky Blackbirds in eddying circles fly. The woods their glittering robes throw by And plain to heaven incessantly.

Dark to the hilltop stoops the cloud; Bold is the blast that shakes the proud; Now low, now low, now low, now low, The wanderers' call comes down to me. Like these wild squadrons tossed on high. Scattered, confused, they know not why. My thoughts—a homeless myriad—fly And beat the winds continually.

All that of nature's stamp she wore Whose bosom housed their wings of yore. Rotting in earth, is mine no more; My heaven restores her soul to me! —Irene Reed Goodale in 'Lippincott's.'

Five Female Musical Composers.

The reason why women have done so little good work in the field of musical composition is found in their lack of mental discipline. Such work requires thinking powers of no ordinary degree. It presumes an amount of intellectual discipline which men in general have always had, but which women were deprived of until lately.

Yet in spite of hereditary impediments and social prejudices the amount of work done by women in the field of musical composition has been considerable. What it will be when a sound intellectual training and other indispensable conditions will enable her to compete with man qualitatively the future will show. —A. Ende in Belford's Magazine.

Good Horse and Poultry Rider.

The greatest feat in riding ever performed by a woman has recently been accomplished by an English girl, Miss Thomasson, who rode on an untrained horse over 251 miles in 62 1/2 hours. On the first day she went from Innsbruck over the Brenner pass to Bozen, 77 1/2 miles; on the second, from Bozen, by Meran, Vinschgau and the Malser Hohe, to St. Valentin, fifty-six miles; on the third, by Hochstamm and Landeck, back to Innsbruck, this being eighty-eight miles. Rider and horse are in perfect health, though the tour was a novel experience to both. —Chicago Tribune.

In the Pursuit of Pleasure.

Mrs. Langtry is now forty years old, but her energy in the pursuit of pleasure is still unflagging. Last season her whim was for racing and race horses, and having made a success on the turf, as she usually does in all her business enterprises, she is going in for yachting, and has purchased the steam yacht Lady Mabel at the modest figure of \$125,000 for an extended cruise through the south seas. —Exchange.

The Demand for Woman Suffrage.

We used to ask for suffrage because women needed it as the means to larger opportunities. But the aspect of the woman question has changed. Women are now standing as in the days of the war, "the country needs us." Women have to stand by the public schools as they stood by a nation—without much fighting or brawling, quietly, but efficiently. —Mary A. Livermore.

Last of the Seine Swimming Bathers.

The great floating baths which from their large number form so conspicuous a feature of the Seine in Paris will be forever very long ceased to exist. Under an order of the prefect, dated some years ago, they are gradually disappearing. No new ones are allowed to be built, and the old ones must not have any substantial repairs done to them, but must be broken up when no longer, if the term may be permitted, seaworthy. The largest of all is called "La Samaritaine," and as this does not seriously impede river traffic, and it is owned by a number of small shareholders, gradually interested in it is being gradually extinguished, the new rule about repairs is less rigidly enforced than in some other cases. La Samaritaine is, moreover, considered as in some sort a public establishment, inasmuch as it grants tickets at greatly reduced rates to children in public schools and to the poor of Paris. —London News.

A "Close" Minister.

The Rev. Mr. Jones, of Blewbury, with a net egg of £200 and a stipend amounting to £50 per annum, left at death the sum of £10,000. He had been rector of his parish for forty years, and during all that time only one person had been known to sit at his house, no fire was ever lighted in his house, nor was a servant kept. In winter he would visit his parishioners to keep himself from starving of cold rather than light a fire at the rectory. —Casell's Journal.

Woman as an Animal.

Professor (to boy in natural history class)—Are animals known to possess the sentiment of affection? Boy—They are, sir. Professor—What animal has the greatest natural fondness for man? Boy—Woman. —Exchange.

A mandolin orchestra composed entirely of ladies has recently been organized in New York. The orchestra is made up of first and second mandolins, guitars and mandolas.

The queen never drinks more than two glasses of either champagne or claret, and after dinner her majesty is accustomed to take a small glass of tokay.

Rosa Bonheur is still a busy worker notwithstanding her advanced age. She has just completed three small pictures, studies of animals.

The western Michigan diocese has decided that hereafter at all vestry meetings women may vote for vestrymen.

If the sun gave forth sounds loud enough to reach the earth, such sounds, instead of reaching us in the space of about eight minutes, as light does, would only arrive after a period of nearly fourteen years.

A New England college numbers among its students scholars from Kio, Japan, Thessalonica, European Turkey and Iceland.

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