

The Origin of Valentines.

A fact in natural history, to-wit, that birds in Southern Europe pair about the middle of February, is said to have inspired a custom of the ancient Romans, to which the origin of modern valentine can undoubtedly be traced.

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It will not be long before grocers will have to cut out white sugar, unless the pure food law is changed. The prospect is that the people of the United States will soon be using granulated and other sugars of a distinctly yellow hue.

La Grippe and Pneumonia

Foley's Honey and Tar cures la grippe coughs and prevents pneumonia. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package.

And now it is Pocahontas county that is to have complete rural delivery by April 1. How many years have elapsed since Pocahontas county got her very first postoffice, to which she pointed with pride?

Agriculture is now a profession and is gaining recognition as such. The land-owner is the true aristocrat; and the intelligent farmer and breeder, such as we have in this locality, is the highest type of the land-owner.

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Compromised Fee

In antebellum days Oliver Otis, a young lawyer just admitted to practice, being physically delicate, condescended to take up his residence in Louisiana, where the climate is less rigorous than in the north.

But, while Antoinette's father had no objection to Otis on account of being a northerner, he had serious objections to him on account of his poverty, for the young man on his arrival at his new home had not \$100 in the world.

"Le Grand Bouvier, who owes me this debt, is a fire eater of the worst kind. He hates a northerner as he hates snakes. He is a duelist, a dead shot, and has killed several men under the code duello.

Otis took the papers in the case and said that he would look into it. He neither spoke to Mr. Le Bert about it nor Mr. Le Bert to him till one morning a week later when the client rushed into Otis' office with a letter in his hand and threw it down before him.

My note was written without the knowledge of Mr. Le Bert, and I alone am responsible for it.

Handing it back to Le Bert, he resumed the work at which he was engaged as if nothing unusual had occurred.

"Are you aware," asked Le Bert, "what this means?" "Perfectly," replied Otis.

"Very well. If you want to get a hole in you, go ahead." That evening a gentleman with very black hair and eyes who spoke softly in the creole dialect called upon Otis with a demand for satisfaction on the part of Bouvier.

The visitor departed, and nothing more was heard of the affair for ten days, when Mr. Le Bert received a check for the full amount of his claim with interest. The payment had not been made five minutes when Mr. Bouvier's second called at Otis' office.

That afternoon Mr. Le Bert sent Otis a check for \$6,983.74, exactly half the amount of the collection. Otis returned it with a bill for legal services for \$25. Mr. Le Bert strove in vain to induce him to accept the larger amount without success.

FULL O' KNAVES

After Tom Hazeltine sold Billy Nutting a doped horse for \$100 that returned to skin and bone as soon as he failed to get his meals of arsenic Billy was trying to "get it back" on Tom.

"Don't want any parrots," said Billy impatiently. "Whose deal?" "I have a very good parrot," said the Italian. "You like him vera much?" "Don't want him," said Billy. "Get out!"

"Shut up!" shrieked the parrot. "You impudent little villain!" exclaimed Billy. This changed the interest from the game to the parrot. The Italian was called upon to get him out of his box and make him perform.

"By Jove," exclaimed Hazeltine, "he is a rare bird to have on hand for a poker party! He'd make no end o' fun. What you want for him?" "Tell the gentleman your price, Poll," said the Italian.

"Two cents," said the parrot. "No, no!" interposed the owner. "Try again. Your price—your price." "Seventy-five dollars," said Billy. "Great Scott!" exclaimed Billy. "Seventy-five dollars for a parrot!"

"Ninety-six!" cried Hazeltine. "Raise it to ninety-seven," from Nutting. "Ninety-eight!" from Hazeltine. "Ninety-nine!" from Nutting. "One hundred!" from Hazeltine.

"Sold!" cried the Italian. "You take da bird, I take da money." There was a roar of laughter in which every one present joined except the successful buyer, who, taking fright at once, looked at the company with wonder and inquiry.

Weeks passed before Hazeltine would admit that his parrot was dumb as a lamp post. He had meanwhile spent a lot of money on a parrot teacher, who failed signally to get the bird to utter a single word. Finally Hazeltine sold the bird for a dollar and, having made up his mind that a trick had been played on him, asked how it had been done, whereupon he was informed that Billy had bought the bird for a song and had hired a ventriloquist to bring it to his rooms and make it talk just like a human being.



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