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Yankee Doodle.

Humorous and Characteristic Passages Older than the Nation.

I will point out that one of its most humorous and seemingly characteristic passages is of a date much older not only than of our war of independence; but than our colonial existence; indeed, if it could be traced, its origin, like that of most good things, would be found to be hidden in the darkness of remote ages. I refer to this stanza:

"Yankee Doodle come to town And wore his striped trousers: Said he couldn't see the town, There were so many houses."

In the "Contes du Sieur Gailliard," by Tarbourot d'Accords, is the following passage: "Chas-cum me disoit que je verrois une si grande et belle ville; mais on ne la peut voir a cause de la multitude des maisons qui empechent la vue." That is, "Every one told me that I should see such a large and handsome town; but they mocked me; for one could not see it because of the multitude of houses that hid the view."

The Sieur Gailliard here is, as his name indicates, a roystering blade, rather rustic withal. On another passage in this silly so-called "national song," I shall venture to remark in passing, because I have found that many people did not understand it,

"Yankee Doodle came to town Upon his little pony; Stuck a feather in his cap, And called him Macaroni."

So, in "The School for Scandal," Sir Benjamin Backbite's epigram, "Done in the smack of a whip," is,

"Sure never were seen two such beautiful ponies. Other horses are clowns, but these macaronis, To give them this title I'm sure can't be wrong. Their legs are so slim and their tails are so long."

A hundred years ago the slang name for a certain sort of fop was "macaroni." He was distinguished chiefly by the strange way in which he dressed his head; one part of his coiffure being an enormous club, braid or tail of hair that hung down his back; and he wore feathers and other fantastical things in his hat, and was generally a very pitiful and ridiculous creature, and, Sheridan hints, weak in body as well as in mind.—Richard Grant White in Galaxy.

A Frenchman, who attempted to solve the problem of life, gave it up thus: When I lost my wife every family in the town offered me another; but when I lost my horse no one offered to make him good.

The Green eyed Monster.

Frank Schmidt and another man love the same little German widow, who has—

"Two eyes of blue dot dance around, And lips like so much honey; And she owns a house on Hastings street, And in der pank has money."

The little widow has made no choice between them, and it has happened that both have called on her at the same time. There was jealousy, of course, but it did not break out in a row until Friday night. Then both lovers met at the gate as they came to pay her a call. They glared at each other a moment, and then sailed in and hammered each other, and nearly tore down all the fence, Schmidt was caught, while the other escaped.

"Oh, jealousy, where is thy sting!" exclaimed his Honor as he heard the story.

"I dinks he lif up on Cadarine street," gloomily replied the prisoner as he felt of his mutilated ear.

"Do you love that little widow?" asked the court.

"Vell, I likes dot cottaga house and dot money in der savings bank," replied Schmidt.

"Does she seem to love you?"

"I gan't dell. Somedimes she smiles at me, like dis, but I doan' know yet."

"Have you ever asked her to marry you?"

"Not quide. One time I say I likes her more as dunder."

"Well, jealousy is not a crime, and I think I will let you go. Why don't you go up there this morning and ask her to be your wife?"

"I vhill. I shall dell her dot is the sentence of dis shury."

"Yes, you may tell her that. You can go now."

The prisoner turned, and happening to look out of the window he saw a sight to freeze his blood. In the alley stood his hated rival, and beside him was the little widow, both smiling and chuckling over Schmidt's downfall.

"Crate Hevens, but look on dot!" gasped the prisoner as he pointed to the alley.

"Given dead away!" whispered the Judge, as he looked and sank back.

"I shall shump into der rifer right off queek!" exclaimed Schmidt, and he hurried out and down the street.

The Turkish method of reckoning the days is a constant pitfall to European editors who are not well versed in the matter. In Turkey they begin each day with the night before it. Thus Thursday begins with the sunset of Wednesday, and Thursday night is what we call Wednesday night. Those who quote the Turks *verbatim* with regard to any night are apt to get tangled up in their chronology.

Bob Ingersoll says that cooking is one of the fine arts; that it takes far more sense to be an excellent cook than a tolerable lawyer; and that he is a good cook himself and has no other accomplishment of which he is so proud. And he adds: "There ought to be a law passed making it a crime punishable with imprisonment in the penitentiary to fry beefsteak."

Rattlebone's youngest boy is a genius. This other day he learned how to whistle, and in the evening just before tumbling into bed, he puckered up his mouth and began to whistle in a slow measured manner. "Why, my little son, what are you doing?" "Why, ma, I'm whistling my prayers!"

Not Much Ahead.

A man with the most lonesome expression an artist ever conjured up for canvas halted at an eating stand on the Central Market yesterday and said:

"My good woman, I have been robbed of eight thousand dollars in this city."

"Poor man!" she promptly sighed.

"Yes, robbed of eight thousand dollars, and I am a hundred miles from home, and hungry and penniless."

"And you want something to eat?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"You shall have it. Sit right down here."

He sat down and she gave him some coffee, a piece of meat and a biscuit. When he had finished eating he said:

"Madam, did you really believe my story?"

"No, sir," she answered.

"You thought I lied, did you?"

"I knew you did."

"But you gave me food."

"So I did. My boy found a dog yesterday and gave him more than he could eat. I simply gave you what was left to save filling up the stop-pall."

"Madam," began the man as his mouth commenced to draw around, "Madam, I—I don't see whether I'm ahead of the dog or the dog ahead of me on this thing, but I know you're ahead of both, and I feel sick. You played it well, and if there's any dying declaration in my case I won't mix you in. Bye-bye, old gal—I'm falling fast."

When Prince Gortschakoff heard of Thiers' death he is said to have exclaimed: "Another light put out—and Europe did not see any too clearly before!"

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