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A PHILOSOPHIC PHANTASM

On Man 18, 1758, an Epicurean, a Stoic, a Skeptic and a Christian were eating together at a table in a Leipsic restaurant. Their conversation naturally turned upon comets, since, 75 years before, a distinguished scientist named Halley had predicted that on that very day a mighty comet's tail would envelop the earth and, like enough, put an end to things. "I think," said the Epicurean, "that we should in this dread hour eat, drink and be merry with extraordinary gusto. We Epicureans hold that the object in life is the pursuit of pleasure. Everything is atomic. Everything is composed of atoms endowed with gravity and mobility. Here, then, is a bowl to the gods of the Greeks! Since they, too, are atomic, we can leave the future to them as safely as to anything else. Drink to the graven images!" "Very good," said the Stoic, raising his glass of Wudbeiser, "since we cannot stop the earth or tie up the tail of Halley's comet, and have nothing to do with arranging our hereafter, let's drink!" "But," said the Skeptic, "we know nothing about anything much. Why get excited? The important particulars of the Great Scheme of Life have been kept from us. Our Christian friend's God may have made this earth and filled it with animate creations as no other planet, only to wipe it all out with a comet's meteors or its noxious gases. We don't know. Some of our greatest scientists say it is possible. Really the death of a little planet like ours among millions of bodies of the universe is no more than the death of an individual among earth's millions of creatures. It is merely a life gone out, and we know nothing about the relative importance of that life." "Sincere Christians," replied the fourth member of the party, "look upon the coming comet with equanimity, by reason of faith. If we get out of life all there is in it, it is all little enough. True, as the Skeptic says, we know not much. But it may be fairly asserted that we know two things. These are that death is certain, and that it is the mission and command of all animate things to procreate. It follows that the purpose of producing life is death. Hence, death is not all an evil. Moreover, why all the giving of life and death on this earth, if this is all there is to it? How utterly foolish the scheme which gives life for a moment only to kill for eternity! Our faith makes us feel that if the comet kills us by collision or its noxious gases, we will live in—"

At this moment the sun was hidden as if with a blanket. The stars came out. The prayers and shrieks of people in the streets could be heard. A waiter came in with a steaming platter of wieners and sauerkraut for a guest from Holland.

"The gases! The gases!" cried the Epicurean, the Skeptic and the Stoic, and they hid under the table.

The Christian, with pale but radiant face and eyes raised prayerfully, rose, went to the window, and for two hours saw the finest meteoric display of his age.

The Little Rector and His Little Book

The rector of Barton-Seagrave has attracted some attention by his neat but not gaudy almanac for 1910. The rector is the spiritual shepherd of the flock of the Established Church of England, and is one of the successors in the long line of men who, beginning with the original twelve disciples, have taught the gospel of Christ to mankind.

In his almanac the rector says, under the month of January: "This month you must choose between Lloyd-George on the one hand and God and our constitution, God and the British tar, God and our Grenadiers," etc., etc.

Remembering the words of Horace Greeley, "He who has no inherent right to live somewhere, has no right to live at all," and remembering that Lloyd-George is trying to make the hunting parks of the peers into potato patches for the poor, we can see where this rector person stands.

"God and the grenadiers," indeed!

God and the big guns and the powder and the peers.

And when the gentle carpenter of Nazareth sent out his disciples—the first rectors—he bade them take neither purse nor scrip nor gold nor bread nor shoes nor two coats.

But then they were not "established."

PENCIL POINTS

A 17 year old boy and a 15 year old girl, eloping, created more excitement in southern California yesterday than a full sized war in Central America or in Africa. The fair sex begins early to create trouble.

Andrew Carnegie yesterday met the man who gave him his first job. He probably was happier to meet him than the biggest crowned head of Europe. It gave him a chance to reflect on the distance between poor little Andy Carnegie, urchin, and Andrew Carnegie, master and distributor of untold millions.

There are two Smiths on the new house committee on rules. That is about a fit representation of the Smith family, at any rate.

A faint heart, a faint salary and a faint odor of cloves on the breath never do well in the land of cupid.

Jim Hill can't understand why anyone should ever spend anything so valuable as money.

The wise doctor always prescribes a tonic for the nerves before sending in his bill.

The teeth of the gale demonstrates that cold winds bite but never bark.

By the way, have you cleaned up your back and front yards yet? Get busy.

THIS IS WHY SOME THINGS FLOAT

If a body is immersed in liquid denser than itself it will float with only a part of its volume below the surface. Archimedes, the Greek mathematician, discovered the principle that a floating body displaces a volume of liquid of the same weight as itself. When a cork is thrown into water it does not displace enough water to allow it to sink. Think what would become of the world if ice sank to the bottom! Thickness upon thickness would go to the bottom and the temperate zones at least would in a few years be frigid zones.

THEY DIDN'T OVERDO IT
 "How often, my good man," said the stranger at the way station, "do the trains stop here?"
 "The trains stop here," said the sour station agent, "only once. After that, they start."

CHUMP! It Serves Him Right, Because He Is One of Those Four Jealous Beaux. Ha! Ha!



Everybody is perfectly wild over the Four Jealous Beaux puzzle. There have been a number of attempts at solution submitted, but they are all full of flaws.

For, remember, the Four Jealous Beaux are trying to get across the Spokane river with their girls in a boat built for two so that no girl will have to cross with any fellow unless he is her beau, or remain on either side in the company of any other of the young men unless their own beau is present.

Here is one attempt at a solution by a persistent puzzler: Letting A, B, C and D represent the beaux and a, b, c and d the girls, he started them thus:

a and b rowed over, b returning. c and d rowed over, c returning. d and a rowed over, d returning. A and B rowed over—

But here it fizzles out, because if either A or B lands he would be over there with c and her beau, C, not present.

I think very, very, Oh VERY much as if 'The Press' must be relied upon to give the answer to the weird problem in Friday's issue.

Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."
 Thursday, March 31, 1910.

Now angrily and in majestic wrath
 The planets frown on the ignominious path.

On this ninetieth day Jupiter is in opposition to the sun, making evil prognostications for speculation, combinations, great financial schemes and every attempt to gain money by any except the most legitimate and generous means.

Mars, also, ascending into a position of opposition to the Moon, afflicts many persons and plans, presaging evil results to harshness, tyranny, lack of consideration for inferiors, quarrel, lawsuits and speculation.

Weapons and flame are under evil signs. Persons of passionate nature will do well to avoid argument or dispute, and if they expect to meet enemies, they should determine to exercise patience and calmness.

In business or social disputes today, they will fare best who adhere to the rules of honor and generosity, even though it may seem to their temporary disadvantage.

For persons of calm temperaments, especially if they are philosophical, the atmospheric and etheric conditions are likely to be entirely harmonious.

In directing others, it will be necessary to be precise and very clear in statement and explanation to avoid mistakes. A little diplomacy today will be well applied in cases of dispute. Generally this aspect is conducive toward tact and enables a ready intelligence to smooth over what otherwise will become a source of unpleasant difficulties.

Herbal astrology selects today as good for walnut, vine, almond, olive, pimpernel, rosemary, saffron, rice, St. John's wort, camomile, peony, trefoil and marigold under the sun.

This day is marked as auspicious for hiring women and men for any service, manual or mental, office, shop or home.

Persons with this birthdate are under planets that generally incline their subjects to work and aims which require keen nervous energy and muscular tone. They can concentrate and work hard, but they must keep themselves in form by constant exercise in the open air.

Children born today are likely to be independent, commanding and powerful to lead, but they must be trained to exercise reason and generosity, lest they become stupidly domineering.

L'ESPRIT DE L'AGE.
 "Johnny, what are you going to do when you grow up?"
 "I'm goin' ter run away an' be a pirate."
 "Like Captain Kidd?"
 "Shucks, naw! I'm going ter play wit' Pittsburgh."
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THE STORIES OF THE DAYS OF A WEEK
 SUNDAY was anciently dedicated to the worship of the sun.
 MONDAY means literally the day of the moon.
 TUESDAY was dedicated to Tuiseo, the god of war of our Saxon ancestors.
 WEDNESDAY is named after Wodin, the ancient deity of the northern nations of Europe.
 THURSDAY was called so after Thor, the old Teutonic god of thunder.
 FRIDAY is from Frea or Frign, a goddess of Saxon mythology.
 SATURDAY means the day of Saturn, being named after the deity of that name, not the planet.



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'MOST ANYTHING

Fun Facts Fiction Froth Fads Folly
 Josh Wise Says:
 "Th' forst thing about a lovesick swain is that he makes everybody else sick."

A village physician had a decrepit old man for a patient who was able to sit up and that's all. He was looked after by his daughter, who somewhat neglected him. The doctor vainly urged her to wash the old man oftener. At last he complained to the girl's brother, who addressed her thus: "Look here Lizzie, you've got to do one of two things—you've either got to wash dad good or brush him over with gold paint, for now he ain't no color at all."
 She took the hint.

In London they are selling coke by the penny's worth. It comes done up in paper bags.

In a mixed gang of railroad construction men an argument arose between two of the workmen. "If there'd be fewer dagoes and Hungarians in this country there'd be more work and better wages," said one. This was challenged by another man, and a fight started. During a breathing spell, one of the combatants said, "I'd be a chump to be fighting over this subject, for it's Irish I am."
 "Are you?" cried his adversary.

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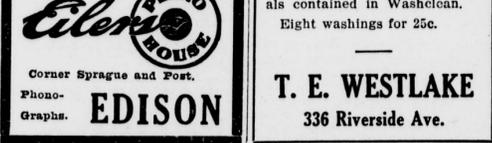
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A WORD TO THOSE IN ILL HEALTH

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Hans and Fritz's Dream

Through the evil influence of their Oriental assistant, they have again been dabbling with the fumes of the poppy and the flames of the peanut oil. This time the "brain storm" takes the usual form of the hop user and they are seeing vast sums of money now and in the future. Ten million dollars come as easy as cents come to the ordinary mortal. This form of monomania is very common to this class, as all fakers think of their profession in a medium of dollars and cents. Now we are not getting rich in one year, neither are we having loving friends throw wads of money over the transom to us, but we are giving the people of this city the best dentistry they ever got at any prices for these prices:
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