

### A SMILING FACE.

'Tis nice to wear a smiling face  
And laugh our troubles down.  
For all our little trials wait  
Our laughter or our frown.  
Beneath the magic of a smile  
Our doubts will fade away  
As melts the snow in early spring  
Beneath the sunny ray.  
'Tis nice to make a worthy cause  
By helping it our own:  
To give the current of our lives  
A true and noble tone.  
'Tis nice to comfort heavy hearts  
Oppressed with dull despair  
And leave in sorrow darkened lives  
A gleam of brightness there.  
'Tis nice to give a helping hand  
To eager, earnest youth;  
To watch, with all their waywardness,  
Their courage and their truth;  
To strive, with sympathy and love,  
Their confidence to win;  
'Tis nice to open wide the heart  
And "let the sunshine in."  
—London Tit-Bits.

### PUGNACIOUS BISMARCK.

How He Almost Precipitated a Second  
Conflict With France.

The rapidity with which France was repairing the disasters of the war and the ease with which she met the financial obligations it imposed on her astonished Europe and perturbed the statesmen at Berlin. Her military force was being judiciously reconstructed, and it seemed also as if the calculation of Prince Bismarck as regards the constitution of her internal government might be falsified. The German chancellor desired to see established what a Russian diplomatist happily described as a republic dissolvant.

Notwithstanding his efforts to bring this result about and the impracticable character of the Comte de Chambord, which rendered the restoration of monarchy for a time impossible, there were indications that a stable system of government would be founded which would enable France to recover a strong position in the community of nations. Prince Bismarck was resolved this should not be, and suddenly, in May, 1875, Prince Hohenlohe, the present chancellor of the German empire, who was then ambassador in Paris, appeared at the French foreign office and asked for explanations regarding the scheme for the reconstruction of the French army. The Duc de Broglie, in his interesting account of the embassy of M. de Gontaut-Biron to Berlin, describes the consternation which followed this attempt to provoke another quarrel with France. Another war seemed inevitable. England and Russia interfered to prevent it. Prince Bismarck could easily have disregarded the remonstrances of both. England would certainly not take up arms if he paid no attention to her representations, and Russia would have thought twice before incurring the hostility of Germany in view of coming events in the Balkan peninsula.

The fact, though not generally known, is that the greatest influence in preventing war was that of the Grand Duke of Baden. While the relations with France were becoming complicated the Emperor William happened to be staying at the Meinan, the seat of the Grand Duke of Baden, on the Lake of Constance. One morning the grand duchess, who was the emperor's daughter, came into her father's study and showed him a number of extracts from the press. He perceived at once that the country was drifting into war, and, after a consultation with his son-in-law, who was strongly opposed to provoking a war, which, however successful for the moment, would have been most disastrous to the name and character of Germany, the aged monarch went off to that evening to Berlin, and Prince Bismarck had to beat a retreat.—Quarterly Review.

### A Dangerous Musical Instrument.

It has been discovered that the oboe is the most dangerous instrument that is played on—dangerous to the player. A profound German medical authority says that it is doubtful if a healthy man playing any instrument in a correct method ever suffers from playing upon any reed or brass instrument, but those who have any weakness of the heart or circulation may be injured by playing any wind instrument.

As it is quite easy for a musician to inspire between the phrases of the music, but impossible for him to expire without overblowing his instrument, it follows that the instruments that require the least expenditure of breath are the more injurious for the reason that the player must hold his breath for long intervals.

This is the case with both the oboe and the flute. The charge is probably true that the curious tickling of the lips that is caused by the double reed mouthpiece of the instrument frequently causes cancer.

The eminent scientist who has discovered these things about the comparatively harmless oboe should now ascertain whether accordian and concertina playing does not superinduce muscular paralysis in an aggravated and incurable form.—New York Journal.

### Henry James.

It is said that Henry James, the novelist, maintains that single blessedness is the only condition for an artist or genius, giving as a reason that the details of domestic life exhaust fine nerves and delicate mental fiber. He confirms his theory by living in bachelor chambers in London, entertaining his friends charmingly, and in turn being entertained by them, and yet, although surrounded by bright, attractive women, his heart still holds its allegiance to self.

For many centuries the Chinese have dated all their public acts, documents and chronology from the accessions of the emperors.

There is an alchemy of quiet malice by which women can concoct a subtle poison from ordinary trifles.—Hawthorne.

Artifice is weak. It is the work of mere man, in the imbecility and self distrust of his mimic understanding.—Hare.

### PEDESTRIANS' PLEASURES.

Remarks In Behalf of the Old Original Mode of Travel.

It is to be hoped that the good old custom of pedestrianism will not fall into disuse. The bicycle rider has, perhaps, gained more than he has lost, but he has lost something, and that by no means unimportant. It is a great economic gain to minimize time and distance to so considerable an extent. The enjoyment in this way of the air and exercise and the poetry and exhilaration of easy and rapid motion is delightful, but this sensuous satisfaction is likely to be obtained at the expense of mental stimulus. The bicycle rider cannot tarry to study the tint or texture of the flowers or breathe their fragrance. He cannot listen to the songs of birds or the music of the brooks. His course is over the world's conventional tracks, and, though nature speaks in countless tongues, he hardly catches so much as the echo of any of them. The woodlands and the byways, where lurk the choicest manifestations of beauty, he cannot visit. On his nightly runs he sees only the shining road before him reflecting the light of the moon and stars, but he cannot lift his eyes to the milky way or view the still more glorious tenantry of the heavens.

It does not seem a violent hypothesis that this condition of things must tend to weaken those habits of observation upon which so much that is great in art, science and literature depends, and that this will be deplorably apparent in the next generation unless some counter interest can be developed. It is a serious question whether a White of Selborne, a Burroughs or a Thoreau could have been produced on an exclusive bicycle basis. Their natural tendencies might have overcome all obstacles of environment, but observation is a plant that starts early and grows by what it feeds upon, and amid surroundings and influences like the present they might not so easily have been inducted into those delightful and congenial labors that have so sweetened the literature of our time.

The bicycle interest has come to stay and to grow until some more potent attraction shall supplant it. But to balance it and prevent social one-sidedness and mental deterioration we need the extension and multiplication of such organizations as the Appalachian club, which will soon start upon an outing not to annihilate space, but to become acquainted with the wealth which occupies it and in acquiring health and strength; also to acquire information. It is something to know the world of men, but it is infinitely more important to know intimately the world of nature, for upon that knowledge rests all that man ever has accomplished or ever can accomplish. The fastest scorcher may get to the end of life's journey the soonest, but he will not arrive with as much baggage as the more moderate and observant wayfarer.—Boston Transcript.

### The Last of Boodle's.

Another old landmark is about to disappear. Boodle's is one of the historical clubs of London, a connecting link with the days of "dandies" and fox hunting squires. More than half a century ago Praed wrote:

In parliament I fill my seat  
Along with other noodies;  
In Jermyn street I lay my head  
And sip my hook at Boodle's.

The proprietress of Boodle's is dead, and, as there is now no one to carry on the club, it must come to an end unless the members acquire the property. But there are only some 500 members, and this number would have to be doubled in order to run it as a members' club. But, then, Boodle's would lose its distinctive charm, which lies in the fact that in its lofty, old fashioned rooms one is really at home.

It is the only club in London where one is unobeyed by a crowd and where one is never asked to pay for anything. A member's house account is sent to him only when he asks for it. Some enterprising gentleman like Mr. Algernon Bourke may possibly reorganize the club upon the lines of White's, but it will be the old Boodle's no more. Electric light and cash payment will supersede wax candles and the convenient "slate."—Saturday Review.

### Royalty at the Camera.

When the Princess of Wales visits the photographer she usually arranges that her sitting shall take place in the morning. A special studio is set apart for the princess and other members of the royal family. It is approached by a private door, which leads to an ante-room provided with easy chairs and a plentiful supply of illustrated papers. A small chamber is fitted up as a dressing room, and here is to be found a maid from Marlborough House, who has preceded her royal mistress with a dressing case containing brushes and other toilet accessories. The princess, having discussed the position in which she is to be taken, arranges herself and the operation proceeds. It is etiquette on these occasions for the photographer to address any remark he may have to make to the lady in waiting in attendance, who in turn addresses the princess, who replies through her also, but it is needless to say that etiquette is dispensed with by the princess in many cases.—London Letter.

### Healthful Schoolrooms.

An ideal, but, we are assured, quite necessary state of cleanliness for healthful schoolrooms requires that the floors shall be dampened and swept every day, with all the windows open, the dusting to be done the next morning with a damp cloth. In addition to this cleaning, Dr. Adams, who is the president of the Orange County Medical societies, believes that at least every other day the floors should be thoroughly scrubbed with soap and water. The various women's clubs throughout the country whose members are interested in the work of the public schools will do well to find out how near the schoolrooms where their children spend the greater part of their waking hours approach this state.—New York Post.

### DELICACIES OF GREENLAND.

Whaleskin Is Considered a Great Gastro-nomic Luxury.

Greenlanders have no regular meal-times, but eat when they are hungry. They seem able to go without food for a remarkably long period and also to eat at a sitting the most astonishing quantity. Among their principal dainties is the skin of different kinds of whales. They call it matak, and look upon it as the acme of deliciousness. It is taken off with the layer of blubber next to it and is eaten raw without ceremony. An arctic explorer, in his recent work, declares that he must offer the Eskimo his sincerest congratulations on the invention of the dish.

"I can assure you—the reader—that now, as I write of it my mouth waters at the very thought of matak, with its indescribably delicate taste of nuts and oysters mingled. And then it has this advantage over oysters, that the skin is as tough as india rubber to masticate, so that the enjoyment can be protracted to any extent."

"Of vegetable food the primitive Greenlander used several sorts. I may mention angelica, dandelions, sorrel, crowberries, bilberries and different kinds of seaweed.

"One of the greatest delicacies is the contents of a reindeer's stomach. If a Greenlander kills a reindeer, and is unable to convey much of it home with him, he will, I believe, secure the stomach first of all, and the last thing an Eskimo lady enjoins upon her lover when he sets off reindeer hunting is that he must reserve for her the stomach of his prey.

"It is no doubt because they stand in need of vegetable food that they prize this so highly and also because it is in reality a very choice collection of the finest moss and grasses which that gourmand, the reindeer, has picked out for himself. It has undergone a sort of stewing in the process of semidigestion, while the gastric juice provides a somewhat sharp and aromatic sauce.

"Many will no doubt make a wry face at the thought of this dish, but they really need not do so. I have tasted it and found it not unpalatable, though somewhat sour, like fermented milk. As a dish for special occasions it is served up with pieces of blubber and crowberries."

### AN HOUR'S WALK.

You Would Hardly Think That That Meant Traveling 85,253 Miles.

Have you ever thought of the distance you travel while you are out on an hour's stroll? Possibly you walk three miles within the hour, but that does not by any means represent the distance you travel. The earth turns on its axis every 24 hours. For the sake of round figures we will call the earth's circumference 24,000 miles, and so you must have traveled during the hour's stroll 1,000 miles in the axial inn of the earth.

But this is not all. The earth makes a journey around the sun every year, and a long but rapid trip it is. The distance of our planet from the sun we will put at 92,000,000 miles. This is the radius of the earth's orbit—half the diameter of the circle, as we call it. The whole diameter is therefore 184,000,000 miles, and the circumference, being the diameter multiplied by 3.1416, is about 578,000,000.

This amazing distance the earth travels in its yearly journey, and dividing it by 365 we find the daily speed about 1,586,000. Then, to get the distance you rode around the sun during your hour's walk, divide again by 24, and the result is about 66,000 miles. But this is not the end of your hour's trip. The sun, with its entire brood of planets, is moving in space at the rate of 160,000,000 miles in a year. This is at the rate of a little more than 438,000 miles a day, or 18,250 miles an hour.

So, adding your three miles of leg travel to the hour's axial movement of the earth, this to the earth's orbital journey, and that again to the earth's excursion with the sun, and you find you have traveled in the hour 85,253 miles.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### What the Vatican Contains.

On the whole, the Vatican may be divided into seven portions. These are the pontifical residence, the Sistine and Pauline chapels, the picture galleries the library, the museums of sculpture and archaeology, the outbuildings, including the barracks of the Swiss guards, and, lastly, the gardens with the pope's casino. Of these the Sistine chapel, the galleries and museums and the library are incomparably the most important.

The name Sistine is derived from Sixtus IV. The library was founded by Nicholas V, whose love of books was almost equal to his passion for building. The galleries are representative of Raphael's work, which predominates to such an extent that the paintings of almost all other artists are of secondary importance, precisely as Michael Angelo filled the Sistine chapel with himself. As for the museums, the objects they contain have been accumulated by many popes, but their existence ought perhaps to be chiefly attributed to Julius II and Leo X, the principal representatives of the Rovere and Medici families.—F. Marion Crawford in Century.

### Bank of England Clerks.

The patronage of the Bank of England belongs entirely to the directors, a clerk being appointed by each director in rotation until the vacancies are filled, with the exception of one clerkship in every seven, which is given to a son of one of the clerks of the establishment who has discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the directors.

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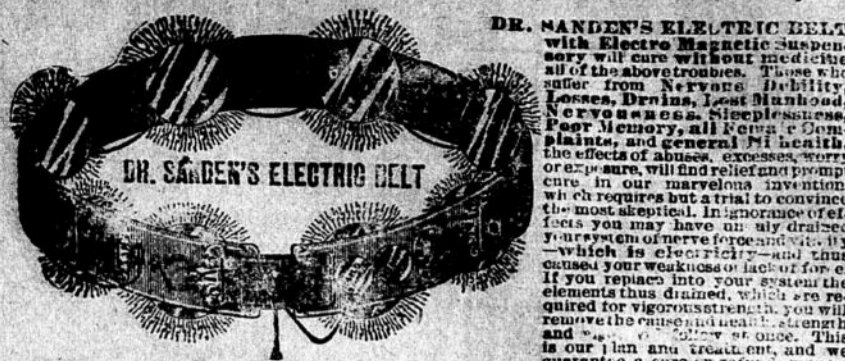
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