

BROKE STRONG MAN'S MIND.

What to Do with Present Too Much for Puzzle Inventor.

Marshal P. Wilder related at a dinner a striking personal experience. "When I was a boy in Geneva," he said, "I was once taken through a hospital for the insane that was not far from the town. "Many strange, many terrible things I saw in this hospital, but what affected me most deeply was the sight of a young man of intelligent and refined appearance who sat with his head in his hands mulling over and over and over from morning till night. "I can't strap it around my waist and it won't go in my pocket. It isn't an automobile horn, because it won't blow. It isn't a lamp, for it won't light. I can't put it on my feet and it will not go over my head. It is neither a fountain pen, a pipe nor a balloon's barometer. It looks like a golf glove but it is not a tennis racket. I ran."

"Turning away, I asked the keeper the young man's history. "Ah, sir, a sad case," the keeper said. "One year ago that young man was prosperous and renowned—the finest puzzle inventor and decipherer in the whole world. But on Christmas a young woman gave him a present made with her own hands and in trying to determine its name and its use the poor fellow became what you see."

ARE NOW ARTESIAN WELLS.

One Curious Result of the Earthquake at San Francisco.

It has just been discovered that the upheaval of April 18 did funny things to the wells in the courtyard at the rear of the San Francisco hotel, says the Chronicle of that city. For years prior to April 18 these had been ordinary, well behaved wells, yielding water plentifully when a steam pump was employed. But now they are spouting artesian wells, from which a steady stream of water flows when no pumping is done. This was discovered when the pump was taken out for repairs, the courtyard being flooded within a short time. The wells were bored many years ago, and are about 15 feet in depth. There was apparently a subterranean connection between them, for the pumping of water from one lowered the water in the other. Normally, the water was within 30 feet of the surface, and that was the condition when the pump was taken out last March. Recently, for the first time since March, the pumps were again removed, when it was discovered that the water flowed freely.

Greek and Roman Artillery.

Greek ordnance, which was adopted by the Romans without any material alteration, was almost without exception, dependent on the hand-low principle, says the Technical World Magazine. On trying to shoot a larger bullet to greater distances, the elastic arms of the bow were necessarily made so strong as to be no longer susceptible of tightening by hand. A tension which had therefore to be fitted to the bow, which shaft was tightened with levers or hand-wheels. Finally, as the power of bows together failed to insure the efficiency desired, their bending elasticity was replaced by the tensional elasticity of iron, that is, ropes made from animal sinews, woman's hair, or, in an emergency, horse-hair.

Infection.

The wife of an army officer at a western post recently had occasion to visit a small neighboring town, to do some shopping at what is called the general store. She was much entertained by the variety and antiquity of the stock of goods, and as she passed on her eyes were attracted by a pile of mottoes, elaborately lettered and ornately framed, the upper one being the scriptural passage, "Walk in love." As she paused, the clerk, a dapper young man of more affability than advantages, stepped forward with the remark, "There are the latest things in mottoes. This ton one is swell to put over a young lady's door—Walk in love."—Lippincott's Magazine.

The Pope and Cardinal Vaughan.

On the occasion of the great Marian congress in Rome, the pope summoned Father Bernard Vaughan to represent the English speaking people. The Italians were amazed to find him so un-English, as they thought, in his dramatic style. The story goes (says a writer in the New Oxford weekly paper, "Varsity Life Illustrated") that one day the pope, in the presence of one of his cardinals, mimicked the preacher's style, whereupon Rampolla exclaimed: "And he is an Englishman!" "No," replied the pope, "he was born on the top of Mount Vesuvius, and we sent him to England to cool."

An Inapt Comparison.

"He looks like a Greek god," said the girl who raves. "I shouldn't say that," replied Miss Cayenne. "Most of the Greek gods I have seen in art galleries had vacant stares and pieces chipped off their ears or noses."

How It Sounded.

Miss Thumper—That old gentleman cried when I played the nocturne. He said it reminded him of his past life. Is he a great player? Mr. Chumper—No, he used to be a piano tuner.



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The members of the Old Folks' and Orphans' Home Association desire to thank most heartily the kind friends who so generously responded to their Thanksgiving appeal. Especially are they indebted to the public schools and churches. The following is a list of donations: Manual Training High School, \$12.25; Lincoln High School, 17.20; Lincoln School, 8.25; Douglas School, 12.17; Attucks School, 12.00; Attucks School, Rosedale, 2.23; Garrison School, 8.03; Bruce School, 4.25; Allen Chapel, 6.75; St. Augustine Mission, 3.20; Central Christian Church, 1.00; Vine St. Baptist Church, 3.01; Centennial Church, 1.40. Total, \$92.59. Provisions were sent by Manual Training High, Lincoln High, Attucks, Attucks, Rosedale, Bruce, Penn and Thatcher Schools. St. Augustine Mission and Second Baptist Church, Messrs Robert Schells, and Rosenbloom; Mesdames Betty Scott, A. Jones and Caille Edwards each has donated a ton of coal this autumn. The Association also desires to thank the public for the splendid patronage given to the Bazaar recently held at the Vine St. Auditorium. A full report of the affair will be given at an early date. Encouraged by the universal liberality of the community, it is the intention of the Association to erect in the spring a new Home which will be a credit to the Negro population of Kansas City. As the benefit request which has been reserved for that purpose is wholly inadequate for the erection of such a building, it is hoped that the public will continue to contribute to the Home that the request may be kept intact and also largely augmented by generous subscriptions.

MRS. C. E. CUMMINGS, Pres. VICTORIA E. OVERALL, Sec'y.

A continual stretch of politics to November, 1908. Well, the politicians are awakening from their slumbers. Where are ye Negro political orators? Come forth. Roosevelt has announced that his third term decision is final. Let us close up some of these disreputable rooming houses. An election of sheriff in Jackson county is only three weeks off.

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"Oh, thank you!" exclaimed the delighted wife, as her husband handed her a large bunch of money and told her to go right down town and buy everything she liked. "Don't mention it," replied the husband. "I want you to have everything your heart desires in the way of dresses and bonnets this winter. I realize that I have not been as generous as I should have been, and I hope I may be able to make up for it now. Here, take this double handful of \$20 gold pieces, too. Look out, there! You're dropping them." But the double handful of gold 20s fell to the floor and went jingling here and there, and the husband laughed merrily until— B-r-r-r-r-r! It was the alarm clock, and she heard the voice of her husband saying: "I'll be late to work again to-day. Say, lend me half a dollar, won't you? I have not enough money for carfare and lunch this morning." It is such distressing occurrences as this that make women wish they had married the squint-eyed, freckled boy who afterwards left home and became a plutocrat.

SURF RIDING IS ROYAL SPORT.

How the Honoluluans Toboggan for Half a Mile on One Wave.

At Waikiki, near Honolulu, is a famous bathing beach. Here, winter and summer, the surf comes, or better yet, the surf boards, come dancing in on the long rollers and men become amphibious. There is no sensation quite comparable, says the Travel Magazine, to riding a surf board on a Pacific roller. It is tobogganing on a moving hillside of water, or, if you are clever enough to stand up on your board, it is taking this hillside on a single big ski. The beach runs far out before it shelves into deep water, and at high tide the breakers begin to mount almost half a mile from the shore line. You go out there with your surf board and wait for the wave. You learn to catch it at the right moment, throw your board inshore and climb upon it just as the crest of the roller mounts and catches you. Then on this crest you sail in toward the shore, to slide down at last when the wave breaks, down the foaming incline into shallow water and churning foam. It is royal sport.

Bank Books Oddly Lost.

Very few slips were made by the men in charge of the British post office savings bank system, but many curious incidents occur that cause them to be wary. It often happens that bank books are lost. One lost bank book disappeared in a storm wave, which had swept away all the effects of a coast guardman. Another went down the gullet of a circus elephant; a third had been eaten by a goat, another by a pig, while a destructive puppy had rent to pieces the record of another troubled depositor. All these losses have to be investigated and made good. An army sergeant complained that he had lost his deposit book "while in the act of measuring a recruit for the army."

One Dimension Didn't Suit.

Everybody in Biddeford, Me., knows Alderman Walter Lane, of ward Eight. One of York county's venerable attorneys went into his barber shop not long ago to get his head measured for a wig. On taking the dimensions of the lawyer's head the barber exclaimed: "Why, how long your head is, sir?" "Yes," replied the legal gentleman, "we lawyers must have long heads." The barber proceeded with his vocation, but at length exclaimed: "Why, sir, your head is as thick as it is long?" The disciple of Blackstone looked so black that the barber told the boy to "light those other chandeliers."

What Red Coral Is.

The red coral that is used for necklaces is a horny axis which supports a number of soft bodied, coral like animals, or polyps, the entire structure bearing a strong resemblance to a small shrub. The fishermen, after they have brought this shrub like colony to the surface, clean the soft animal matter away, preserving the red core, or axis, which is sold as jewelry. Although red coral contains some lime it is largely composed of a substance akin to horn, and, like horn, it takes a fine polish. Horn, wool, and other animal substances of this nature almost invariably change their color when brought into intense heat.—St. Nicholas Magazine.

Change of Method.

"Investigations don't seem to be held in the spirit of courtesy and forbearance that once prevailed," remarked the old-time statesman. "No," answered Senator Sorghum; "the situation is becoming rather difficult. People now hold investigations because they really want to find something out, instead of merely for the sake of soothing their minds."

The Knowing and the Unknowing.

"When it was reported to the directors that the cashier was looting the bank, they all resigned in a body." "Why do you suppose they did that?" "I can't say, unless it was they had curiosity to know something about the matter."—Puck.

We most sincerely thank the parents for those letters received at our office.

The Palace Clothing Company has a large addition to their already large supply of goods. The colored people must go where they receive good treatment. Mr. Lacy and the rest of the gentlemen at the Palace have always endeavored to be fair with the negroes. Go to the Palace for your Christmas goods.

We wish to explain to the public concerning the article on the young High school boys and girls. In the first place we do not hold the teachers to blame in the least. Their duty stops when they have imparted knowledge to them each day. The moment the children leave the building their parents are responsible for their actions. We wish to say in connection with this comment that the High school has a collection of teachers, the best that could be found in any part of the United States, for the colored people. Prof. G. N. Grisham and his corps of teachers are very superior in their various lines at the school. So let no one construe that the article was intended as a slam at any of the teachers.

MARYLAND.

And District of Columbia Return to the Fold.

Campaign of Education Inaugurated by Supreme Chancellor Starks Adds Over Two Thousand Members to Mother Organization.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 16.—A happier set of Pythians than those in Baltimore and the State of Maryland cannot be found in the broad jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge of N. A. S. A. E. A. A. & A. This happiness is caused by the consummation of the long pending negotiations to unite with the mother jurisdiction. No subject relating to Pythianism has been watched more closely and no question has created such universal interest as that of union. For years Supreme Chancellor S. W. Starks has worked patiently and faithfully to bring about the desired end. It required a campaign of education and this was made. When the Pythians of this jurisdiction were enlightened and shown the truth situation the work was done.

Grand Chancellor Geo. A. Watty issued a call for an extra session of the Grand Lodge to meet in the city of Baltimore on October 31 to decide whether or not they would unite with the mother organization. Every lodge in the jurisdiction, including those in the District of Columbia, was represented and in addition to the duly accredited representatives there were more than five hundred interested Pythians present. Grand Chancellor Watty called the Grand Lodge to order and stated the object of the meeting to be whether or not we shall unite with the Pythians of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. Dr. Chas. H. Fowler, who is the Grand Medical Director of the Grand Lodge, presented a resolution to unite and moved its adoption. Without one word of discussion the vote was taken and the vote for union was unanimous. Supreme Chancellor Starks was at once notified and it was arranged to make the transfer on November 14.

According to agreement the Supreme Chancellor arrived here on the morning of the 14th and was quartered at the Myrtle Hotel, of which Col. Geo. H. Carter is owner and proprietor. At 8 o'clock Thursday evening he met Grand Chancellor Watty and his cabinet, which consists of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and the final transfer was made and it was proclaimed that from that time henceforth and forevermore the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia would be subordinate to the Supreme Lodge of N. A. S. A. E. A. A. & A. All matters pertaining to the working of the order were gone over carefully in order that a thorough understanding would be had? As a fitting close to the long drawn out campaign for union, Col. Geo. H. Carter tendered the Supreme Chancellor, Grand Chancellor Watty and his cabinet a banquet at his hotel. It was past one o'clock a. m. when the party reached the beautiful dining room of the Myrtle. This table was laden with all the luxuries afforded by Baltimore's splendid market. Mrs. Carter, who seems as much interested in Pythianism as the Colonel himself, assisted in making it pleasant for the guests. Those present at the banquet table were Supreme Chancellor S. W. Starks, of Charleston, W. Va., Grand Chancellor Geo. A. Watty, Grand Chancellor Truly Hatchett, Grand Prelate Thaddeus Copeland, Grand Post Chancellor Lewis E. Williams, Grand Medical Register Chas. A. Fowler, Supreme Representatives Josiah Diggs, Grand Ouster Guard Jno. C. Green, Mrs. Jos. S. Blackwell, John H. Henderson, Wm. Layton, Jno. H. Hawkins, Jno. H. Booth and Col. Geo. H. Carter, Chief of Staff. It is safe to say that a happier set of men never surrounded a banquet table.

Supreme Chancellor Starks was particularly gratified over the result. He said this means the addition of three Grand Lodges to the roster of Grand Lodges before the next session of the Supreme Lodge. They will be as follows: Maryland, Connecticut and District of Columbia.

The lodges at Hartford and Bridgeport, Conn., have united with us which gives us enough lodges for a Grand Lodge in that State. The three lodges which come to us in the District of Columbia with the five we have there make enough for a Grand Lodge there. He was outspoken in his praise of the good work done for union by Col. Geo. H. Carter, Grand Chancellor Watty, Past Grand Chancellor Williams, Mrs. Henderson, Blackwell, Diggs, Strange and others.

When here the Supreme Chancellor had a conference with Mrs. Lillie Jones, Grand Worthy Counselor of the Grand Court, and Mrs. Rosie Richardson, Past Grand Worthy Counselor relative to the transfer of that department. An extra session of the Grand Court has been called to meet on the 29th of November, and the same action taken by the Grand Lodge will be taken by the Grand Court.

Anybody could get money if having it was really the root of all evil.

Mrs. Emma McFay and Mrs. Adrian Smith gave an afternoon luncheon after matinee at the Baltimore Cafe, 1225 Baltimore avenue.

Unwritten Law.

"You are charged with the theft of a horse. Anything to say?" "Your honor," responded the man at bar, "I claim justification under the unwritten law." "Unwritten law?" "I made it a law of conduct to steal anything in sight, and did this while still too young to write." "Necessarily the court took the case under advisement."

DEMAND HAS RAISED PRICE.

Largely Increased Returns for the Breeders of Ostriches.

"Undyed and uncurled ostrich feathers—feathers in the natural state—will be a good deal worn from now on," said the salesman. "In consequence the price has gone up. "It has gone up all along the line. The eggs, the chicks, the birds, the feathers, all have risen. "The crop plucked from one bird was worth \$75 last year, but it is now worth \$110. "Eggs that used to sell for two dollars apiece bring three dollars to-day—and by the way, in buying ostrich eggs which them with a key and see that they give forth a clear, ringing sound, for if the sound is dull they are those papier mache eggs that have fooled so many of us lately. "Chicks and mature birds, if the demand keeps up, will nearly go back to their old-time prices. In the old days a good pair of adults was worth \$5,000, and chicks brought \$600 apiece. The price dropped to \$150 a pair for adults and \$20 a pair for chicks. Now, though it has risen 20 per cent. "I have seen wild ostriches in that cinnamon-colored waste of sand and stones that is called the Sahara desert—a cinnamon-colored waste uncurled by flame-red mountains—and I have chased them many a time on a fleet Arab. But what is a fleet Arab beside an ostrich? It is a mule cart beside a 98 horse-power racer. A woman was in a millinery store to-day looking for a new hat. Her hair looked like a load of hay, but she kept saying: "All I want is something becoming; I don't care what it costs."

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