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His Purpose Attained.

This is the story told by one of a party of friends who were engaged in the exchange of yarns on a downtown street corner yesterday: "Up in Dallas I boarded for several years at the Oriental. I used to patronize the bar once in a while and nearly every morning that I went there I saw a Chinaman. He would stand around for awhile and then walk up to the individual who wore the apron and say 'Dimme dlink.' The bartender always complied. The Mongolian would hang around awhile and then pipe out again: 'Dimme dlink. And again he would get his nip. After this had been repeated two or three times each morning he of laundry fame would dash for the door without another word.

"One afternoon the bartender told me to be sure to come around the next day, as he was going to 'dope' the Chink. I was there on time. In came the wearer of the pigtail. As usual, he delayed his request, but it wasn't very long before he ambled up with his 'Dimme dlink.' 'Sure,' said the mixologist, and I saw him dousing around a bit, but didn't know what he was doing. The Chink swallowed it all, stopped for a minute or two and moved hastily toward the door. 'Hold on,' cried the barkeep, 'don't you want another drink?' 'No,' replied the Chinaman in a tone that indicated his purpose was accomplished. 'dlink already.'—Galveston News.

Origin of "Sub Rosa."

Everyone knows the meaning of "sub rosa," whether acquainted with Latin or not, but how many are familiar with the origin of the phrase? says Victor Smith in the New York Press. I learn from an interior decorator who is employed by some of the heavy swells along the Highland of fifth avenue, that it is now the custom to paint or sculpture roses on the ceiling above dining tables in rooms where little or big confidences are exchanged. This is a return to the ancient usage. The rose is the emblem of silence. Cupid gave the flower to Harpocrates, the god of silence, to bribe him not to betray the amours of Venus. In the Middle Ages a live rose was suspended from the chandelier when friends talked over secret matters, and sometimes was placed over the door, as a sign that whatever was said must be kept sacred. The banquet room ceiling of Haddon Hall, of which we have heard a great deal, is decorated with roses.

Engaged people are happy because they forget how to think straight until they are married.

Pat's Answer.

Once upon a time an Irishman was traveling through the West Virginia hills, and spied a cemetery, and going in he read the inscription and epitaph on them, and found one bearing the following:

"As you are now
So once was I.
As I am now
You soon must be
Prepare for death
And follow—

"Faith and begorro," says Pat, "I'll farm him how to beg me to follow him just because he is in the lake that burns with far an' broom corn. That's no sign he should want me to go."

Then Pat took his pencil and wrote under the inscription.

"Where you are now
I wish you well,
If up in heaven,
Or down in hell.
But to follow you
I'll not consent
Unless I know
Which way you went."

Then he walked away as if his burden had been taken off him and he had accomplished his work in that place.

Jas. R. Keene Was a Good Loser.

"James R. Keene, the great California millionaire, is coming East in a palace car!" said somebody to Jay Gould, one Summer morning in 1877. The master of financial tricks replied; "Let him come; I'll send him back in a box car."

The threat seemed likely to be carried out when Keene tried, a few years later, to corner wheat. Gould and Cammack attacked him; he was sold out by men who ought to have stood by him, and he saw his fortune literally melt away. But he never lost his nerve, and calmly said: "I will walk this street in victory when those who have betrayed me to-day are dead or paupers,"—a prediction which has been fulfilled to a large extent. —"Success Magazine."

A nice thing about having a bald head is you don't have to worry when your hair turns gray.

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