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The Slang Shocked Him.

A dignified bishop of the Methodist Episcopal denomination came to this city from a western state a few days ago and put up at a hotel near Madison square. After he had eaten breakfast on the morning after his arrival he went to the office of the hotel and asked to be directed to the Young Men's Christian association building at Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue. The clerk told him that the green cars going down Broadway and through Twenty-third street would take him right there. The bishop, however, said that he wanted to walk, and he had been informed that the Christian association building was "just across the park."

"Yes, that is so," answered the clerk, briskly. "You cross the park diagonally, and any of the sparrows over there will point out the building to you."

"The what?" asked the bishop. "The sparrows, the sparrows," repeated the clerk.

"Do you mean to say that they have trained birds over there?" said the bishop, in an incredulous tone.

It took the hotel clerk five minutes to convince the dignified bishop that the term "sparrow" was commonly applied to a park policeman, and it took another five minutes to explain to the good man that the vulgar New York gamins had originated the appellation to express their conviction that the park policeman's chief occupation was the chasing of sparrows.—New York Times.

Solitaries.

To his already large collection of zoological specimens a young Maine naturalist every summer adds several valuable species from the hills of Oxford county, his trips usually extending into the White mountains of New Hampshire.

One day he came home with a pair of reptiles he had long coveted. Now he had a compartment especially fitted to hold his collection, but those species hardest to obtain and consequently most prized were kept in his sleeping room, and his lately acquired treasures were too precious to be trusted out of sight.

The next morning he casually remarked, "Had quite an adventure with my reptiles last night."

"Yes, what was it?" inquired the mother, who felt like an old hen with a duckling in charge.

"I was waked up with a terrible pain in my side, and putting my hand up touched one of my new reptiles, who evidently preferred warmer quarters."

In reply to the question, "Were you not frightened?" he answered, "Yes; for a moment I almost held my breath for fear I had hurt my reptile."

His mother has now no doubt as to his call to be a naturalist, although she may sympathize with Mrs. Agassiz, who thought it rather too much of a good thing when she found tiny red snakes in her slipper.—Lewiston Journal.

Reading the Journal.

One morning in the Kentucky house of representatives, the usual motion was made to "dispense with the reading of the journal." It had been observed that every morning when this motion was made a certain member from one of the mountain counties, who was very fond of reading George D. Prentice's pungent paragraphs, and who bought a copy of the journal every day, would lay down his paper unread. On this particular morning the mountain member could contain himself no longer.

"Mr. Speaker," he said, "I've sat here for more'n a week and submitted to the tyranny of this house, but I can't stand it any longer without a solemn protest, sir. Somebody, sir, has moved every morning to dispense with the reading of the Journal, and I've lost every paper I've bought for a week by it. Nobody has ever moved to dispense with the reading of the Democrat or the Courier, sir, ain't fair play, Mr. Speaker, it ain't just and—"

The remainder of the gentleman's protest for fair play to the Journal was lost in a general burst of laughter such as rarely lightens the gravity of a border state legislator in those troublous days.—Youth's Companion.

Unprofitable Neckties.

"How much?" I asked, taking the white dress necktie that the clerk had carefully put in a little box. "Twenty-five cents."

"You must make money in that line."

"On the contrary, we lose money, although the articles are sold for five times their worth."

"Then how can you lose?"

"By so many ties becoming soiled and spoiled from the handling of customers. We lose so many that way that it takes all the profit off. It is not the wearing of a necktie that soils it, but the putting on and taking off and banging around."—New York Herald.

Laugh.

There is more benefit in a good laugh than in all the hot water remedies, faith cures, cold water, electric and all other new fangled treatments in the world, and it does not cost anything. Laugh. If you know of nothing else to laugh at, laugh at your neighbor. He is probably improving his health by laughing at you.—Athenian Globe.

An Editor in Trouble.

A downy editor is in trouble from having published the following, "Miss Jones, who came here before the flood, is still the guest of her brother." He found it difficult to convince the lady that he meant no reference to her age.—San Francisco Call.

Love's Young Dream.

Sweet Girl—Papa, Mr. Pouchnap proposed to me last night, and I told him I would marry him if you were willing. Father—Send him about his business.

Sweet Girl—He hasn't any.—New York Weekly.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS MURAT.

Story of the Royal Couple Whose Bodies Are Buried in Florida.

In the well kept little cemetery in the quiet little city of Tallahassee, the capital of Florida, side by side beneath the shade of the trees, rests all that was mortal of a once well known prince of royal blood and his American bride, their graves turfed over and marked by plain marble shafts. One of these stones bears the following inscription: "Departed this life April 18, 1847, Charles Louis Napoleon Achille Murat, son of the king of Naples and Caroline Murat, aged forty-seven. This monument is dedicated by his wife Catherine in perpetual memory of her love."

Upon the other shaft is cut these words: "Sacred to the memory of Princess C. A. Murat, widow of Colonel Charles Louis Napoleon Achille Murat and daughter of the late Colonel Brial C. Willis, of Virginia. She departed this life on the 6th day of August, 1867, in the sixty-fourth year of her age. A kind and affectionate wife and sister. A sincere and devoted friend. None knew her but to love her. None named her but to praise. This monument is erected to her memory by her bereaved brother and sisters."

The Prince and Princess Murat resided upon their plantation in Jefferson county, east of Tallahassee, and owned numerous slaves. They lived in grand style, and pictures of their royal robes and magnificent jewels are yet fresh in the memories of old residents. When the remains of the prince were brought from Tallahassee for burial the funeral cortege presented a novel appearance. There were carriages, buggies, wagons, carts and buckboards, drawn by blooded horses, ordinary horses, shabby horses, mules, donkeys and oxen. Everybody for miles around attended, and among the mourners were 200 slaves, all in funeral black, and there yet remained upon the plantation many slaves either too old or too young to come.

Prince Murat was an eccentric character, and old citizens who knew him well delight to tell anecdotes and reminiscences of his peculiar doings. Several of his former slaves are yet living in and about Tallahassee, and they, too, are proud to have one listen to their marvelous tales of "Maus Murrat." The prince had three favorite slaves—Mingo, Jerry and William—who took part in all his hunting, fishing and exploring expeditions. The prince was a great sportsman, and he always shot his bird or beast that came within reach of his gun. He never shot anything but once that he did not eat; in fact, he was often heard to say that before he stopped he intended knowing the flavor of every animal, fish or fowl to be found in Florida.

One day he brought in a bird and delivered it to William with instructions to cook it. "Good Gawd, maussa, yuh ain't gwain tub eat dat ting, is yuh?" asked William. "I will eat zat erow, William; you cook eet!" "But, maussa, dat's uh buzzard!" "You cook eet!" The buzzard was plucked and put in the pot to parboil, but soon the atmosphere became so dense with such a peculiar effluvia that even the prince had to hunt purer air. He did not eat that bird.—Detroit Free Press.

Simple Questions That Puzzle. An exceedingly wise man has sometimes been caught by a very simple question of this sort. The following for example:

How many days would it take to cut up a piece of cloth fifty yards long, one yard being cut off every day?

Or this: A snail climbing up a post twenty feet high ascends five feet every day and slips down four feet every night. How long will it take the snail to reach the top of the post?

These are simple questions in arithmetic, and yet how many persons would answer fifty days, instead of forty-nine to the first one and twenty instead of sixteen to the last one. It is perhaps scarcely necessary to point out that the snail would gain one foot a day for fifteen days, and on the sixteenth day reach the top of the pole, and there, of course, remain.—New York Tribune.

Exercise as Well as Diet. By judicious dieting alone a corpulent person may reduce himself in weight, but the loss is almost always very slow indeed after the first two or three weeks, and ere long a point is reached when further reduction is impossible by this means unless he "half starves himself." If, however, he exercises freely as well as diets, he can pull himself down as much as he wishes; and this fact supports the theory advanced—that corpulent people owe their overweight to a choking up of the system—for exercise is the one grand eliminator of waste, and does what dieting alone cannot do.—Boston Herald.

Zit for Tat. Mr. Jinks—Who has been fooling with this gun?

Mrs. Jinks—The new girl got hold of it this morning and discharged it.

"My gracious! What did you do?" "I discharged her."—Good News.

Zeno's Paradox. Many persons will recall the famous paradox of Zeno, by which he sought to prove that all motion is impossible.

"A body," he argued, "must move either in a place where it is or in a place where it is not. Now, a body in the place where it is stationary and cannot be in motion, nor, obviously, can it be in motion in the place where it is not. Therefore it cannot move at all."

Bodies do move, however, and that is a sufficient answer to the ingenious philosopher.—New York Tribune.

Orthological. "They say a sparrow has been known to hatch out a king bird's eggs."

"Yes; but what of that? I've known many an eagle to father a lark."—Puck.

Investigations recently undertaken

by direction of the Pope are said at the Vatican to show that mixed marriage between Catholics and Protestants usually have a bad effect on both faiths. Several Bishops have expressed the opinion to the Holy See that such mixed marriages should be made more difficult. It is not yet known what decision the holy office will take on this subject. In any case the question has been opened and will probably soon be determined one way or the other.

At the electrical exhibition which has been opened at Frankfort on the Main, the electricity which furnishes both the motive power for the running of the machinery, and also the illumination of the building at night, is transmitted from the generating center at the Lauffen Falls of the river Neckar, over 100 miles distant from the city of Frankfort. The success of the experiment marks another stage of that revolution in the arts of production which electricity is bringing about.—New York Tribune.

Liberia is an African republic, largely settled by negroes from the United States; but it does not seem to amount to much, if one is to accept the statement from the St. Joe Herald that the government of Liberia is anything but dignified and important. For instance, the auditor of state there was the butler in the house of our last minister at \$8 per month, and there is actually now on file in Washington a letter from the president of that country asking permission to resign and accept a \$50 a month clerkship under our minister.—Las Vegas Optic.

The price of fine silver has declined abroad, and will follow suit in the United States. This was to have been expected. The attitude of President Harrison and the Mugwump press has thoroughly convinced foreigners that we are as far as ever from free coinage, and the white metal suffers in consequence. A positive movement in the direction of free coinage would send up the price to the neighborhood of \$1.29 an ounce. Now it is not improbable that it will sag back to the point from which it started when bimetallicity believed the United States was going to remedy the outrage of 1873. And with it the prices of commodities will be sure to decline also.—S. F. Chronicle.

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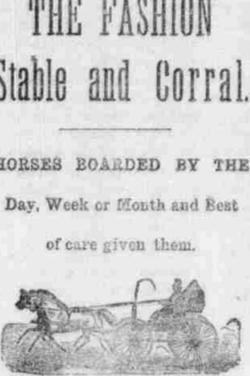
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