

Observations
...at Random

L. G. Mercer, a theatrical manager, at present with "Quo Vadis," told a story at the Grand the other day of a hotel experience which he had some years ago at Streator, Ill., says the New York Times.

"There was only one hotel in the town, and I either had to stop there or camp out. It was night when I registered. In assigning me a room the proprietor warned me that his service was not good. I discovered that he was truthful.

"My room was a double one on the top floor. Tired, I soon was fast asleep.

"About 10 o'clock I was awakened by rain falling on my face. Thinking it might be only a small leak, I moved to the other side of the bed. It, too, was wet. I rang for the porter and asked for a dry room. He said it was no use, that all leaked.

"Try the other bed," he added, "if that, too, is wet, ring and I'll bring you an umbrella."

"The other day I was fairly stumped," says a bookseller to a New York Times man, "when a party came in and asked me if I had 'Wait a Minute.'"

"Never heard of it," said I.

"That is funny," he answered, "it is being talked about, and I am anxious to read it."

"I looked all over my book lists and satisfied myself that there was no such book in existence, and he went away disappointed, and with an impression, I fear, that I was not keeping what I take pride in—a first class book store.

"The day following, however, he came back smiling and asked for 'Tarry Thou 'Till I Come.' He has taken the precaution this time to write the title down."

Sometimes the modest, diffident man appears to disadvantage, and wishes he had been more inquisitive. An instance was noted the other day in a local establishment. A well dressed man entered and inquired of the young lady who advanced to learn his business "Is the manager in?"

"No," she replied, "he is not in. Is there something I can do for you?"

He informed her in a manner indicating that he would disdain to transact business with a personage of less importance than the manager, that there was nothing she could do for him, so she proceeded to ignore him, and he took a seat near the stove.

After he had been there about an hour, he arose, and looking at the young lady, who was busy at her desk, asked, "Can you tell me when the manager will be in?"

"Yes sir," she replied, "he will probably be in some time tomorrow afternoon. He is out of the city today."

The man departed in anything but a pleasant frame of mind, and will doubtless ask more questions next time.

The Meropolis Herald thus pokes fun at a new contemporary:

"Golconda has a new paper. The old world will probably stop and take a couple of hitches at its suspenders when this startling information is heralded abroad. It isn't the first time Golconda has had a new journalistic career break in on its otherwise peaceful preserves. Golconda is used to such. But this new paper is different. That is I reckon it is. I have never seen anything like it.

"G. A. Rose, the managing editor, was formerly editor of the new paper's predecessor, *Battie's Bugle*, which bugled itself out of existence about 'steep weeks ago. He very gravely announces: 'I expect to do as I done before.' Who will dare dispute it? But not content with 'doing as he done before,' this seer of the pencil has taken another, a man hitherto unacquainted with the mysteries of the noble profession. This gentleman is frank, and in his introductory gets right to the point. He says: 'I will add it is my intention to embrace every opportunity to make the News the best independent, non-political, general, current and inspiring newspaper in Southern Illinois.'

"Say, don't that sound good? And I'll bet he does it, too. Liv me; when you want a paper that'll astonish the natives and make the Czar of Russia catch his breath in short jerks, you want to get some fellow in charge of the editorial department who never knew anything about newspaper doin'."

"Then listen to this final climax of

the whole affair: 'We merely want to state our motto is 'live and let live,' and our office is over Pjerce's Sons' store.'

"Notice how perfectly those two thoughts blend together! Isn't it just too sweet?"

"Rah for Golconda."

A peculiar occurrence was witnessed at Dave Martin's barber shop, on Broadway, yesterday. A rat that had ventured too far from headquarters found that it was discovered, and made a leap for a hole some little distance away. A string chanced to be stretched across the hole, and the rodent, in some inexplicable manner, struck it in such a way that the string closed around its neck in as neat a noose as human hands could have devised, and the unfortunate creature hanged by its own act, helplessly dangled and kicked until life was extinct. Some of the witnesses think it was a case of suicide, but others consider it only one of those peculiar accidents heard of only occasionally.

MEDICAL EXPERTS TESTIFY.
Washington, Dec. 12.—Three medical experts gave testimony yesterday at the trial of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine, charged with killing Census Clerk Ayres, attempting to show the close range at which the fatal shots were fired. Dr. Sterling Ruffin testified that the chest wound inflicted on Ayres must have been from a shot fired when the pistol was from five to eight inches distant from the body. Drs. Carr and Bovere also gave testimony along the same lines, showing the results of experiments designed to prove the close range at which the fatal shots must have been fired.

At the afternoon session the defense announced its side closed. The case probably will go to the jury Thursday evening or Friday morning.

KILLING AT CAIRO.
Cairo, Ill., Dec. 12.—Harrassed by parties who had been annoying him many nights, William Hicks blazed away last night with a shotgun and instantly killed James Turner. Both men are colored. Hicks was watchman at the lumber yards of the C. C. Mengel, Jr., and Bros. Lumber company. The yards are located east of Syracuse street above Fortieth street. When the affair was over, Hicks stepped to the telephone and notified the police of what he had done. Officers Hoagland and Cowell went up and arrested him and brought him down to the city jail. They found Turner with his left breast almost torn away by the charge. The affair occurred about 8 o'clock.

NEW KENTUCKY CORPORATIONS.
Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 12.—Incorporation articles have been filed in the office of the secretary of state as follows: The Seelbach Hotel company, of Jefferson county, with \$200,000 capital stock, and Louis, Otto and Charles Seelbach as incorporators.

The Danville Electric Power and Railway company of Boyle county, with \$10,000 capital stock and Geo. Anderson, C. R. McDowell and H. W. Wiseman at its head.

The Russell County Oil and Gas company, with \$2,500 capital stock.

The Merit Pants company of Graves county, increases the amount of its capital stock from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.
The Retail Grocers' association entertained with a "smoker" about 100 people last night at Odd Fellows' hall and the occasion was a most enjoyable one. Mr. S. A. Fowler was toastmaster, and an address was made by Mr. W. H. Farley, explaining the purposes of the organization. Mr. Young Taylor responded on behalf of the guests. Refreshments were served in the ante room after the speaking.

The Onion Tombstone.
In a cemetery near Evansville, Ind., is a stone known as the "Onion Tombstone." Drooping gracefully over one corner of the slab as if just pulled and laid there, is the marble semblance of a bunch of young onions. Beneath is the date of the birth and death of the woman who sleeps in this peculiarly marked grave. The only explanation the sexton has to offer is that Aunt Betsy liked onions to eat better than anything else and often said that she did not want flowers or verses on her tombstone, but just a bunch of onions.

No Tax Logics.
In the matter of taxation the Isle of Man is unique. There is no income tax, no succession duties chargeable against the estates of deceased persons, no highway or turnpike tolls. Roads are maintained by the revenue from two sources: A small tax upon every wheel and shod hoof, and a levy upon every male inhabitant, who must give a day's work on the road or its equivalent in cash. There are no stamp duties on receipts, checks, promissory notes, etc.; in fact, stamps are only used for postage.

LOWLY ORIGIN OF NOBLE QUOTATIONS.

Nothing in the curiosities of literature is so interesting as the "evolution" of popular quotations. Many of the finest and most beautiful aphorisms and sayings spring from mean and obscure literary parentage. Some are the result of ridiculous perversion of the intended signification, and a larger number are due to deliberate or unconscious misrepresentation. To accident, chance remarks of inferior writers or orators, we owe not a few of our grandest proverbial expressions.

This general fact is emphasized and abundantly illustrated by Prof. J. Churton Collins, the well known English critic and severe censor of contemporary book reviewers, in an article on "Popular Quotations" in the New Liberal Review. He begins with some instances of perversion:

"We all know the famous line in Shakespeare,

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin,"

and a most beautiful truth it seems, worthy to stand beside Terrence's equally beautiful expression of catholic sentiment, 'Homo sum: humani nihil a me alienum puto'—'I am a man, and think nothing that concerns man indifferent to me.' But misconception and the suppression of the context have given its beauty to it, for nothing could have been further from Shakespeare's intention than the meaning which has been attached to it. The line occurs in 'Troilus and Cressida,' and simply means that all mankind have this in common, that they delight in novelty.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin,

That all with one consent praise newborn gawds."

"Again, we all know the proverb, 'As the tree falls, there shall it lie,' supposing it to mean that a man's fate after death will be determined by his state when he dies, thus attaching to it a most solemn moral. But a reference to the source of it, that is, the eleventh chapter of Ecclesiastes, shows that nothing can be more remote from its true meaning. All that is meant is that the discharge of rain from the clouds and the inclination of a falling tree, in other words, the times and seasons, are in the hands of God, and out of the husbandman's control, and all that concerns him is to be diligent about the work which he has in hand. Another curious perversion, but a perversion made as early as Seneca, is the oft-quoted 'Art is long and time is short.' This is the first of the aphorisms of the Greek physician Hippocrates, and what he means is that the critical moment when medical assistance can be of avail is soon passed, but that medical science is slow and laborious, and so not up to time. The erroneous substitution of a future tense for a present has given us the celebrated 'Magna est veritas et praevalabit'—'Great is truth and it will prevail.' The quotation is from the Vulgate version of the forty-first verse of the fourth chapter of Esdras, third book, where, it has no such meaning as we, by turning a present tense into a future, attach to it, but simply means, great is truth and mighty above all things. But perhaps the most extraordinary instance of perversion is the well known English proverb, 'First catch your hare and then cook it.' It has always been assumed that this precept is to be found in Mrs. Glasse's celebrated book on cookery, a work well known to our great grandmothers. But what Mrs. Glasse says is something very different. She is giving directions for what is called 'chasing' the hare, that is, for wrapping it in paper and basting it with gravy, and in describing this process in cookery she says, 'first case your hare,' and out of this misconception has sprung the proverb."

The proverb, "Curses, like young chickens, come home to roost," is supposed to come from some Greek writer; it was uttered by a cracked, half-witted fellow named Tyler, a relative of Southey. "A poet is born, not made," comes from Roman historian of no note or consequence, who was incapable of so immortal a saying, but who simply said that "not every year is a king or poet born."

"'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view," has its germ in a couplet to be found in Garth's "Dispensary." The line in "Lochiel's Warning"—"Coming events cast their shadows before"—was dictated to Campbell in a dream. On waking from sleep he found himself repeating "events that are coming cast their shadows before." Thus, allowing for a slight verbal alteration, a dream gave us what is now a household word."

Y. M. C. A. SECRETARIES.
A CONFERENCE TO LAST TWO DAYS AT CINCINNATI.
Cincinnati, Dec. 12.—A meeting of state secretaries of the Young Men's Christian association, which is to last two days, began at the Grand Hotel yesterday. While the meeting was an informal one, and not subject to a call upon the part of any state secretary, about fifteen secretaries from different states and cities came to discuss in general the work of the association and steps that would have a tendency to improve it. Among the members who were here today were: J. E. Brown of Chicago, F. E. Anderson of Milwaukee, Frank H. Burt of St. Louis, R. R. Dodge of Chicago, W. W. Brockman of Louisville, S. W. McGill of Nashville, John Lake of Louisville, S. M. Baird and E. B. Buckner of Harrisburg, Pa., and Henry E. Rosevear of Kentucky, besides a number of Ohio and Cincinnati secretaries.

CUMBERLAND RIVER.
CONGRESSMAN WANTS A SNAG BOAT FOR IT.
A bill has been introduced in Congress by Representative Gaines of Tennessee appropriating \$15,000 for the purchase of a snag boat for use on the Cumberland river, and \$150,000 for improvements on the Cumberland river.

BANKRUPTCY NOTICE.
In the District Court of the United States, for the Western District of Kentucky, in Bankruptcy.
In the matter of William M. Babb, a bankrupt.
On this 10th day of Dec., A. D., 1901, on considering the petition of the aforesaid bankrupt for discharge, filed on the 9th day of Dec., A. D., 1901, it is ordered by the court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 28th day of Dec., A. D., 1901, before the said court at Louisville in said district at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, or as near thereto as practicable, and that notice thereof be published one time in the Paducah Sun, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

Witness the honorable Walter Evans, judge of said court, and the seal thereof, at Paducah, in said district, on the 10th day of Dec., A. D., 1901.
J. R. PURYEAR, Clerk.

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HEART TROUBLE.
Americans in their mad struggle for wealth or position—scheming, planning, executing or toiling, seldom give a thought to the best sacrifice they are making of their health. A gradual feeling of exhaustion comes on, the appetite fails, sleeplessness follows, then the blood is giving out, the memory becomes treacherous. At times the head becomes dizzy, the heart palpitates, burns, feels dull and sore. Don't make the hasty conclusion that you have heart disease—it's your stomach. The heart and stomach are controlled by the same great nervous sympathetic and pneumogastric. One form of poor digestion causes a gas and fermentation of half digested food—hence palpitation and short breath. The blood becomes thin and watery, irritating and weakening the heart. The surest, quickest way to relieve such trouble is to make perfect digestion with regular doses at meal times of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which can be had at most druggists in 50 cent and \$1 bottles. (It's economy to buy the dollar size). Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will cure any form of stomach trouble (except cancer of the stomach). It is pleasant to take and in causing perfect assimilation of the food cures constipation (not by irritation) but by reversing the cause. Book and pamphlet for the eating. Pepsin Syrup Co., New Orleans, La., U.S.A.

RENEWED PLEA FOR STATEHOOD.
Washington, Dec. 12.—The annual report of Gov. Otero of New Mexico, renews the plea for statehood and says the federal census returns for 1900 do the territory a great injustice. He says the population of the territory, based on careful estimates, should be at this time 318,191, including Indians. He likewise takes exception to the census statistics for mining, stock raising, agriculture, horticulture, timber, coal and iron industries and attributes the alleged discrepancy in the figures to inadaptability of the present system to sparsely settled mountain sections of this country.

HANNA AND WATTERSON.
Boston, Dec. 12.—The Boston Merchants' association met at the Vendome last evening in celebration of its twenty fifth anniversary, and was entertained by four men of national reputation, who made spirited addresses, chiefly along political lines. Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith spoke on "Reciprocity." Hon. Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister on "Commercial Relations." Senator Marcus A. Hanna on "The Ship Subsidy Bill," and Hon. Henry Watterson of Kentucky on "Kentucky and Massachusetts."

QUESTION OF ELECTION.
Washington, Dec. 12.—The Presbyterian committee on revision of the creed today discussed the question of "election," and made considerable progress in that article of the Presbyterian faith. The committee this afternoon went to Baltimore, where they will be the guests of the Baltimore Presbyterian Union, which includes among its members ex-Postmaster General Gary and ex-President Gilman of Johns Hopkins University.

ILLINOIS' EIGHTY.
THIRD ANNIVERSARY.
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 12.—The eighty-third anniversary of the admission of Illinois into the Union as a state was celebrated with appropriate exercises here yesterday.

Dr. Jennelle's Tooth Powder, the only perfect dentifrice. Used by respected people. Sold by all druggists.

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Elizabethtown, Ky., Dec. 12.—The jury in the case against Harlan Buckles, charged with the murder of R. L. Reid, found Buckles guilty and fixed his punishment at death.

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WABASH DISASTER.
Rome, Dec. 12.—In the chamber of deputies the under foreign secretary, Signor Bacelli, declared the government would take prompt measures to safeguard the right of the Italian victims of the wreck on the Wabash railroad, near Seneca, Mich. The Italian consul, the secretary added, had been instructed to help the sufferers to obtain compensation, and to back up the just demands of the victims' relatives.

TOWBOATS LEAVE.
The big towboats Beaver and T. H. Davis, with 4,000,000 feet of lumber, which have been here for several days, left today, the former for Cincinnati and the latter for Evansville.

BIG FIRE LOSS.
Wooster, Ohio, Dec. 12.—The main building of the Wooster University burned this morning; loss a quarter of a million.

LUNG FOOD

If your Lungs are weak they need food-strength. There is a vegetable remedy which is to the lungs just what bread is to the system—food, strength. It is

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey

In the first place, this remedy cuts out phlegm which may be present on the lung tissues. Then comes its healing and soothing effect. It stimulates the blood to an active circulation through the lungs, and the germs of disease are destroyed by the antiseptic properties of this scientific remedy. It enables the blood to receive and retain its natural supply of oxygen, lung food, health, strength. In any Cough, Lung or Bronchial affection no remedy is so helpful.

All good druggists sell it. 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle.

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PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF MINES.
Massillon, Ohio, Dec. 12.—At an annual meeting of the Massillon district of the United Mine Workers of America, held here, resolutions were adopted demanding the public ownership of mines, thus rendering impossible a repetition of such difficulties as recently occurred at Madisonville, Ky.

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