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Why the Indians Masked. "Among the North American Indians, the origin of the use of masks lay, says a writer, 'in the desire to conceal the emotions. This should two warriors meet in combat, the mask conceals any expression, whether of sympathy, fear or other emotion. For instance, the knowledge that fear was depicted on one's face and that his antagonist knew it would very possibly insure the defeat of the one whose feelings were betrayed to the other. So in religious ceremonies the orator wears a mask that he may speak his inspired words without interference or embarrassment, either of which might arise were his personality not thus veiled. He must not be overawed by anything, a condition which might ensue if he were recognized by friends, relatives or enemies, who might scoff at him. When masked the orator's duty is merely to listen to the inspiration which comes without effort through the medium of the spirit. And since this inspiration might seize any of the tribe at such times all come masked."

If Men Were Insects. Out of every five animals in the animal kingdom four are insects, of which there are 200,000 species. In a human world of that sort for every gigantic man there would be four pygmies and of the pygmies 900,000 distinct races. These pygmies would be made up of a head, a middle body and a hind body, each one of which would be composed of hard chitin plates, and because their bodies were thus divided or insected they might be called insects. Their legs would grow out of either the middle body or the hind body. They would breathe through holes in the middle body and eat, drink, see, smell, with all kinds of apparatus made for the purpose in various and often widely separated parts of the body. If some of these pygmies were young, weighed a pound and ate like a silkworm, they would in two months devour forty-five tons of food. It is scarcely remarkable, therefore, what millions of grasshoppers will do to a cornfield or gypsy moths to an apple orchard.

Polished Ignorance. Observing a passenger with the unlighted butt of a cigar in his fingers, the street car conductor requested him to put it out. "It is out, you clump," responded the passenger. "Fardon me," resumed the conductor, "I have failed to make myself clear. The condition to which I had reference was not one of mere temporary non-combustion, but of elimination, the eradication, I might say, of the physique in presence of your nicotine laden remnant, this process followed necessarily by cessation of the odor now permeating an atmosphere already somewhat deficient, I fear, in the essential element of ozone. I'm a humble conductor, and my aim is to please; but, you big porcine stiff, you throw that cigar through the door or I'll throw you and it both. See?" "Excuse me, professor," replied the passenger, "the incident was closed—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Newborn and the Dead. Lavater in his "Physiognomy" makes the following curious remarks: "I have had occasion to observe some infants immediately on their births and have found an astonishing resemblance between their profile and those of their father. A few days after this resemblance almost entirely disappears. The influence of the air and food probably the change of posture had altered the design of the face that you would have believed it a different individual. I afterward saw two of these children die, one at six weeks and the other at four years of age, and about twelve hours after their death they immediately recovered the profile which struck me so much at their birth, only the profile of the dead child was, as might be expected, more strongly marked and more terse than that of the living."

Spider Chased a Man. A story is told by an explorer of a large and fierce South American spider which chases men if they come near its lurking places. On one occasion he was pursued by one. "Riding in an easy trot over the dry grass," he writes, "I observed a spider pursuing me, leaping swiftly along and keeping up with my beast. I aimed a blow with my whip, and the point of the lash struck the ground close to it, when it instantly leaped upon and ran up my leg and was actually within three or four inches of my hand when I flung the whip from me."—London Standard.

Arranging Chrysanthemums. In the arrangement of chrysanthemums the Japanese guard against soft colors. Their stems must not be of the same length, a single flower must have many oddities of cut. These oddities were once essential. There was, in fact, a time when every idiosyncrasy of the clawhammer served some useful purpose. The cutaway front of the coat, for instance, was originally cut away so that the wearer when on horseback would not be incumbered. The two buttons at the back were for fastening up the tails out of harm's way, each tail having in the past a stonhole at its end. The sleeves, with their false cuffs, are relics of the days when sleeves were always turned back and therefore were always made with cuffs that unbuttoned. The collar, with its wide notches, is a survival of the old collar that was notched in order that its wearer could turn up conveniently in cold or stormy weather. The dress coat, in a word, is patchwork of relics—relics once essential, but now of no use on earth.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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Whereas, Under an act of the Legislature entitled "An act to authorize cities in this State to issue and dispose of bonds and take up and pay off other bonds a bond to mature on pay which no funds have been otherwise provided" approved March 8, 1905, a question is raised as to whether or not the form of bonds and the terms and conditions and incidents thereof should not first be approved by this Board; therefore, be it resolved, That this Board does hereby resolve to consider and approve the form thereof, and all things done in connection therewith by the Board of Finance of Jersey City aforesaid.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty shall be to investigate the method of system now in vogue as to keeping a record of supplies by the Overseer of the Poor and to formulate a new system if they deem it necessary, the same to be in effect December 1, 1906; also that the said committee set up a proper form for the Overseer of the Poor to make a record to this Board each month.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF JERSEY CITY. OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS. Report of the Inspector of Buildings for September, 1906, showing the number of permits issued for the erection, extension or alteration of buildings. Applications for six (6) peddlers, one (1) junk and two (2) employment agency licenses. (See reports subsequently made.) Referred to Committee on Trade Licenses. Regular meeting at the City Hall, Tuesday, October 23, 1906. In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk at 9:20 o'clock P. M. Present—Aldermen Alpaugh, Barr, Fletcher, Grant, Gorman, Herbert, Horn, Kimbrough, Parr, Sheehy, Sweeney, Voigt and Wier. Absent—President McCarthy, and Aldermen Alpaugh, Allen, Barry, Kelly, Cunningham, Grossman, Loughlin, Moran, Neil and Ross.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES. George M. McCarthy, City Clerk \$410.66. E. J. Vee, Auditor \$125.00. E. J. Heath, Overseer of P. O. \$133.33. Geo. Murray, Assistant to Overseer of P. O. \$25.00. John Seal, Inspector of Buildings \$25.00. Richard J. Allen, Inspector of Buildings \$25.00. The Committee on Finance reported the following result on— Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the following named persons in payment of the amount due them for the month of October, 1906, when due, viz:— Senses, \$50.00. Charles J. Carrick, Mayor, 1st \$33.33. J. N. Barr, City Clerk, 1st District \$196.43. J. C. Carrick, Mayor, 2nd District \$33.33. Howard Carrick, Mayor, 3rd District \$100.00. E. J. Vee, Auditor, 1st District \$100.00. B. J. Carrick, Mayor, 4th District \$100.00. The resolution was adopted by the following yeas and nays having been ordered: Yeas—All the members present, 13 in number. The Committee on Finance reported the following result on— Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the following named persons in payment of the amount due them for the month of October, 1906, when due, viz:— Senses, \$50.00. Charles J. Carrick, Mayor, 1st \$33.33. J. N. Barr, City Clerk, 1st District \$196.43. J. C. Carrick, Mayor, 2nd District \$33.33. Howard Carrick, Mayor, 3rd District \$100.00. E. J. Vee, Auditor, 1st District \$100.00. B. J. Carrick, Mayor, 4th District \$100.00. The resolution was adopted by the following yeas and nays having been ordered: Yeas—All the members present, 13 in number.

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