

NO STEEL TIES FOR ACTOR.

Tragedian Comes Forward with Grievance for Which Real Sympathy Will Be Felt.

He had long hair and it was black, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer his voice was heavy, so heavy that at times it rumbled.

WEDDING AN ENTIRE SUCCESS

Interruption by Snoot Judson Was Only Discordant Element in Grand Ceremony.

"Too bad, Sister Sage—suttlingly 'twas"—dat yo' couldn't be at de weddin'—sympathetically said Sister Tuggh, who had been present.

"Oh, he was de conventional black."

"The Longest Word."

What is believed to be the longest word to be found in any dictionary—one that leaves even Germans and Dutch hopelessly out of it—may be turned up in Liddell and Scott's lexicon by those who can read Greek characters.

Couldn't Place Horace.

"They say that Horace wrote his poems in praise of wine," the school teacher said to the Hillville citizen.

Peer Fellow.

Police Justice—The man you ran down a week positively you were grinning like a fend before the car hit him.

Trolley Motorman—I was, your honor. But you will understand when I tell you that I was a chauffeur for three years before I got my present job, and from force of habit I thought I could steer the car to avoid him, after throwing the usual scare into him.

Not a Lady Killer.

"They tell me, Mr. Sisters," whispered the fluky young thing, "that you are quite a lady killer."

FOR WALL STREET SUCCESS.

Just a Few of the Qualifications Necessary if One Is to "Beat the Game."

The clergyman who says that he can take a \$100 bill, a pencil and a pad and make a fortune in Wall street recommends the process only to those who possess one important qualification. They must know the game.

MULES NOT HARD TO HANDLE.

Whole Secret Is in Knowing How to Do It, According to Army Officer.

Horse and mule men at the stock yards stood in admiration the other afternoon while the soldiers of Battery A and B, Second United States Artillery, loaded 13 cars of mules in 25 minutes.

"If a mule was refractory a few men in khaki took hold of him and pushed and shoved him into place."

How the Baby Bird Flew.

J. M. Barrie has a little fable in one of his works about a baby lark asking its mother to teach it to fly. The mother thought hard about how she herself had learned to fly long ago last year, but all she could recall was that you suddenly do it.

An Optical Illusion.

Did you ever try to see through your hand? By following these directions you may at least make yourself believe you are looking right through the palm. Out of a piece of paste-board about five inches square roll a tube.

Well Answered.

During the encampment of several regiments of British soldiers in a certain district the wood and turf used for cooking purposes were carted by the neighboring farmers.

Well-Stocked.

Last summer a typical down-easter furnished a New York author, who had a cottage in a Maine village, with farm produce.

One day when the man called with a wagon-load of vegetables, the author, wishing to make himself agreeable, asked how much stock he kept on his farm.

NEVER A MAN TO BE ENVIED.

Philadelphia Writer's Idea of Status to Be Accorded Bachelor in Society.

The bachelor is punished already, not only in losing the joys of a home, but being an object of contumely. So long as bachelors are willing to put up with all the losses they sustain in celibacy far be it from the majesty of the law to impose further penalties.

MUSIC APPEALS TO ESKIMOS.

Voices Good and They Sing in Tune, According to Traveler in Regions of the North.

Music is one of the chief pleasures and accomplishments of the Eskimos. At the Labrador missions violins are used by them in the church choir, and brass bands are organized.

"For over an hour these natives sing to us," he says, "familiar music with Eskimo words—Rock of Ages, 'I Take Night,' interspersed with what I take to be secular songs."

Terms for Inebriety.

According to Hotten, some of the terms denoting inebriety are as follows: Bery, bemused, boozey, bosky, corned, foggy, froth, hazy, elevated, killy, lumpy, moon, tight and winky.

Getting Into Practice.

It is often pleasant to theorize than to perform. A young law student, says a writer in the Philadelphia Inquirer, was making a study of certain processes of his future profession.

Dickens' Method of Speaking.

Before making a speech Charles Dickens would decide on his various heads and then in his mind's eye liken the whole subject to the tire of a cart wheel—be before he would run as many spokes as there were subjects to be treated and during the progress of the speech he would deal with each spoke separately, elaborating them as he went round the wheel.

American Girls Responsible.

Probably the American woman is unwarlike for a good deal of the unrest among the daughters of France for she comes among them with all sorts of daring projects and perfectly lovely clothes.

SERVED AS HIS LADY'S MAID.

Romantic Manner of Wooing That Won Love of Young Russian Widow for Her Admirer.

A St. Petersburg paper publishes details of a Russian romance in which figures the wealthy and beautiful young Baroness Ursuff, the widow of a distinguished Russian government official.

All the young cavaliers of Moscow were hopelessly in love with her. The baroness, however, rejected all attempts to obtain an introduction to her and lived in perfect seclusion, attended only by an elderly relative.

The baroness eventually asked the girl whether she would enter her service as a lady's maid. She agreed and discharged her duties to perfection for a fortnight and then revealed "herself" as a young Russian nobleman named Maximoff.

The baroness was so much impressed by his extraordinary perseverance that she became engaged to him, and the marriage took place a few days ago.

ORIGIN OF FOOLSCAP PAPER.

Emblem First Made Use Of by Cromwell to Show His Contempt for All Things Royal.

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Hot Water Cure for Insomnia.

To insure the benefit of the hot water, it must be taken off the fire the moment it boils—not just before or after—and poured at once into a cup or glass. Then it should be taken while very hot.

No, Dog!

Rearred in the strict school of "Yes, sir!" and "No, ma'am!" addressed without thought of servility to all elders and betters, I find this a season of rare courtesy and scant civility.

Well do I remember that awesome scene at my father's table when a stout and rebellious little sister, seething with disappointment over some denied dainty, answered "No!" to a well meant proffer of a less desirable dish.

"No, dog? or No, cat?" my father inquired with ominous calm. "No, dog!" the sturdy lass recklessly replied.

I quake even now at the thought of the breathless pause which followed, and draw a veil over the painful aftermath.—Appleton's.

Cure for Headache.

One of the very best remedies for a sick or nervous headache was suggested to me recently by a Finnish servant girl. She took raw potatoes without either washing or paring and cut them into thick slices.

In a short time the pain disappeared. As the pieces of potato get hot replace with cold fresh ones.

Unsympathetic.

Mrs. Malaprop—Young Sherk will have to apologize before I'll speak to him again.

Miss Interest—Did he insult you? Mrs. Malaprop—Did he? The last time I met him I told him that my uncle, Lord de Style, had locomotive attacks, and he had the impudence to ask if he "whistled at crossings." He's an unsympathetic brute.

WANTED TIME FOR THOUGHT.

Arduous Duties Before the Head of the House Required His Entire Attention.

The baby was ill, and the doctor ordered that he be taken to the sea. This involved the closing of the house until the little one should be well enough to return.

He stood surveying them, deep in meditation, when his wife came into the room and began to speak to him. He raised his hand rebukingly.

"A great deal on my mind," he repeated. Then the interrogative nature of his wife's silence forced him to explain.

"You see," he said, "I have got to put a nail in the cellar window and stop the newspaper."—Youth's Companion.

PECULIAR IDEAS OF AUTHORS.

Varying Conditions Under Which the World's Great Writers Did Their Best Work.

Alexander Pope, who was the literary pontiff of his time, thought best when in bed. Whenever a thought came to him he would jot it down on a scrap of paper.

Victor Hugo wrote "Les Misérables" standing up, an attitude which Hawthorne also assumed when he wrote many of his romances.

One leg thrown over the arm of a chair or sitting on the arm of his secretary's chair were Napoleon's favorite positions while dictating to Bourrienne, a position which he varied now and then by patting that scribe on the head or pulling his ears.

William Morris made one of his famous translations from the Greek while riding on the steam cars. Walt Whitman and Horace Traubel, original in all things, were most original in the position they took while thinking.

Inquiries after the welfare of Patrick Conroy were answered by his devoted friend, Terence Dolan, who was at the Conroy's in the double capacity of nurse and cook.

"That looks funny," said one man. "Vth avenue. Isn't that a new wrinkle?"

"Not exactly," said the tailor. "Roman numerals are getting to be rather popular in writing the names of streets. Fifth avenue business men are particularly partial to them.

"This a big story you've heard," said Mr. Dolan, in his cheerful roar. "Thru, he fell off'n the roof of the Brady stables, where he was shingling and he broke his left leg, knocked out a couple of teeth and broke his collar-bone."

"Mind ye, if he'd have fell clear to the ground it might have hurted him bad, but sure there was a big pile of shingles and old lumber that broke his fall."—Youth's Companion.

"Be Amiable and Retain Youth."

"As a charming woman once said: 'To remain always young one must be always amiable.' A melancholy face, a sullen, an evil look, is like coming in contact with winter; whereas a serene face, a gracious air, a kind and good expression, is like a spring day, and a smile on the lips like the sunshine.

"Christmas High Finance."

"William Bayard Hale, who has got more fame by suppressing an interview than ever got by printing one, is a caustic, sarcastic man," said a magazine editor.

"I once heard Hale speak at a bankers' Christmas banquet. He always speaks well, because he is a clergyman. One part of his speech I'll never forget. It bore on Christmas games.

"There is one Christmas game," he said, "that has become very popular, especially in banking circles. It resembles hide-and-seek. You play it as follows:

"A cashier or a president takes all the institution's money and runs and hides. Detectives swarm out to find him. If they succeed, he comes home with them, and has to pay a forfeit."

Going the Limit. The country cousin considered that he was caught beyond reclaim in the giddy maelstrom of metropolitan life.

AMONG INDIANS OF LOUISIANA.

Tribes Cling to Primitive Customs of Their Ancestors.

The blowgun is still popular for hunting birds among the Kossati Indians of Louisiana. This weapon consists of a tube, usually of cane, about six feet long, rubbed smooth on the inside with an implement made for the purpose, and carefully straightened with the aid of the slender-pointed dart.

"I discovered a curious industry among the Kossati—the weaving of Spanish moss into fabrics. During my sojourn with the southern tribes I had heard that their ancestors once made blankets of moss, but this was the first time I had ever seen the process or its products.

Among the most interesting things found among this tribe were two of the old hand-made pottery vessels, now very rare among eastern Indians, a drum made of a cypress "knee," some very fine beaded shoulder sashes, a collection of baskets representing many weaves and forms, and some silver headbands, brooches, and other ornaments laboriously pounded out of coins by the Indian silversmiths.—M. R. Harrington, in the Southern Workman.

MAKES WORK FOR SCIENTISTS.

Eminent Men Busy Investigating Possibilities of Radium.

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