

BEAR DANCE IS NEW

Mild and Graceful Adaptation of the Danse des Apache.

Important Terpsichorean News Brought to New York by Conductor Henri Conrad, Who Has Played for Fashionables.

New York.—When the fashionably banned return to town from Newport they will bring a dance that is certain to be the most popular of the season—the "Grizzly Bear" dance.

Newport has tabooed the two-step, long so popular, and it will not be seen at the fashionable parties the coming winter.

This important terpsichorean news reached town through Henri Conrad, whose orchestra has supplied music for 50 and more of the fashionable cotillion dances of Newport during the summer.

Why, they treat us fine those glittering citizens of Newport. They certainly are great people, the Vanderbilts and Oelrichses and Berwinds and Payne-Whitneys and Harry Lehr.

They are a fine lot of people. Bold and haughty at first, but afterward just as cordial as we musicians are among ourselves.

The "Grizzly Bear" has a good deal of hip movement and some of the suggestive poses of the Apache dance, and once in a while during the Newport season it was "just slightly exaggerated" by some couples, as Mr. Conrad cautiously put it.

They like rowdy dances and barn dances more than they do the stately old-fashioned waltzes. In fact they dance the waltz to a very quick time, but you see they only take one step to three short ones taught by dancing masters," said Mr. Conrad.

Those young girls and men in society can imitate any kind of a dance. They go to a show, and the next time they have a dance one or more couple take up some stage dance which they have seen and in no time everybody is dancing it.

HISTORIC SADDLE IN MUSEUM

Japanese Emperor's Gift to General Grant Now in San Francisco—Presented by Son.

San Francisco.—One of the most notable donations recently received at the Memorial museum in Golden Gate park was presented to the museum the other day by U. S. Grant, Jr. It is an ancient Japanese lacquered saddle, the gift of the Emperor of Japan to General U. S. Grant when the latter was making his tour of the world.

The gift of the saddle is regarded by Curator Barron as a striking evidence of the interest which is being taken in the Park Memorial museum.

Girls to Learn Plumbing. Chicago.—A course in plumbing is an innovation announced by Superintendent Ella Flagg Young.

So many girls know no more about the water and gas used in kitchens than turn the faucet and the water flows, or the gas is ready to light," said Mrs. Young.

THE LEGEND OF THE LARK

Japanese Have Many Stories About Their Birds, One of Which Is the Following.

The Alnu (the aborigines of Japan) have many legends about birds, one of which is very pretty. It is thus given by a recent writer:

"The skylark used to live in heaven. One day the God of heaven sent him down to the earth with a message for the gods who reside here, telling him to return the same day.

"Why did you not return as I told you? As, therefore, you have disobeyed my words you shall not return to heaven, but live upon the earth. Although you may attempt to fly as high as heaven, yet you shall never be able to get any higher than one or two scores of six feet."

This, as I have said, is very pretty and even spiritual, but it seems to have been a happy incident, for it is striking contrast to the other legends, which are more or less stupid and pointless.—Forest and Stream.

PRESS AS A HOSTILE POWER

In 1633 Roger L'Estrange, "Overseer of the Press," Advocated the Severe Restrictions.

There was a time in England when government officials viewed the press as a hostile power, to be destroyed if possible—to be curbed at any cost. In 1633 Roger L'Estrange, "overseer of the press," brought out his "Considerations and Proposals in Order to the Regulation of the Press."

Excusable Confusion.

One who construes strictly the words which are found in ancient story and song may not infrequently read into the text a meaning exactly opposite to that the writer attempted to convey.

Indians as Diplomats.

"I have often wondered why the diplomatic corps of this country did not employ Indians," said W. J. Kershaw in an address on "The American Indian" at the first fall meeting of the Wisconsin Archaeological society.

EVOLUTION OF THE NECKTIE

It Was Intended at First to Protect the Throat, and Its History Dates Back to the Stuarts.

The necktie, now a purely ornamental detail of dress, once had a distinctly practical use. It was intended to protect the throat. Its history may be traced from the time of the Stuarts in England, when immense ruffs which served as neckcloths and collars, were worn.

The lace neckcloth was succeeded by small cambric bands, but was re-introduced in Queen Anne's time, and did not go out of use entirely until about 1735.

In the early part of the last century the stiff linen collar had begun to be worn, and the cravat was passed twice around the collar, and tied in a fanciful bow in front.

THACKERAY'S DAMAGED NOSE

Inquiry About It Embarrassed Dinner Table Guest, Who Was the One Who Broke It.

Thackeray I occasionally met in society, and I remember perpetrating a dreadful blunder during a dinner at which he was one of the guests. As luck would have it, I chanced to be placed next to a Mr. Venables, to whom I had only been introduced that evening.

To my great surprise, Mr. Venables seemed much upset by my question, stammering out, "It was injured in an accident at school."

Disraeli as a Greek Pirate.

Mr. Churchill's holiday adventures in the near east have not been quite so picturesque as those of another British parliamentarian who went yachting and touring there 80 years ago.

Sport in British East Africa.

One day, having carefully spied our ground, we decided to go after a rhino. The wind was right, but when we were within 300 yards of him two lions and a lioness jumped up.

Not Prepared to Say.

"Which," asked Mrs. Oldcastle, "has first place in your estimation, Titian or Velasquez?"

TALES OF TREED RATTLEERS

Some of the Rattles Certainly Roosted Above Ground, According to Pennsylvanians.

Williamsport, Pa.—Since State Economic Zoologist Surface, by doubting the statement of a Columbia county man, started the query, "Can a rattlesnake climb a tree?"

W. T. Miller and son, Verus, and J. Q. Simcox, all of Jersey Shore, went on a fishing trip up Pine creek to Tomb's Run, Halting near the stream's edge at a tree to which they intended to tie their horse, they were suddenly given warning by two boys who stood in the road that they should "look out, because there was a snake up in that tree."

WEE BEETLE INJURES TREE

Entomologist Blames Boring Insect for Withering Dogwoods—Remedy Now Lacking.

Philadelphia.—Householders who have been wondering why the branches of the dogwood trees in their yards and in front of their houses were withering need wonder no longer.

Absurd Milkman.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the government's famous food expert, said in Washington, apropos of food adulteration:

HIS CUSS WORDS ON RECORDS

Herr Schwarz, Hungarian Merchant, Discovers Swearing by Gramophone Is Punishable.

Vienna.—Swearing by gramophone is a punishable offense in Hungary, as Herr Schwarz of Arad has found to his cost.

A Geographical Loss.

Col. Cecil Lyon, Republican national committeeman from Texas, went to Mexico City with a friend of his on one occasion, and while he was there, sat in for a ten-cent limit poker game in which his friend was the banker.

What Will He Do With It?

A mouse wandered into a downtown barber's shop and after being shaved sat down in the bootblack's chair.

ARE MEN MORE EMOTIONAL?

Charles M. Alexander, Evangelist, Says Women Arg Harder to Arouse Than Male Sex.

"Chicago women are less emotional than Chicago men. It is easier to make the men in an audience sing than the women."

"The hardest thing in my work here in Chicago," said Mr. Alexander, "is to arouse the women to song. The men respond much more readily, but the women are hard to reach."

"People ask me why it is that I can get the song out of an audience that I do," he smiled. "I'll tell you how I do it. You must get on a mutual basis with every one in the crowd. You must sing to the individual and reach every one."

GENIUS WHO DIED UNHONORED

Common Soldier Described Plan of Battle to Napoleon, Who Probably Lost a Marshal.

During one of the Italian campaigns, on the eve of a great battle, a common soldier stepped out of the line, as they often did with the old republican liberty, and said: "Citizen general, I know how you will beat them tomorrow."

Lisbon in Pepsy's Times.

Pepsy's diary gives an undattering picture of the Lisbon court in his day. On October 17, 1661, he talked with Captain Lambert, fresh from "Portugal," who told him it was a very poor, dirty place.

First Find of Gold in America.

North America has counted as a gold-producing continent only since the late forties. But it might well have done so for nearly two hundred years.

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How do you get paid? Wages?" he asked.

"No, sub," answered the bootblack. "I work on a percentage—60 percent's mine."