

RABELAIS CLUB WAS POPULAR.

Of English Dining Organizations Americans Liked This the Best.

Probably of all the English dining clubs, that most hospitable to Americans was the Rabelais, which was founded more than a quarter of a century ago, which flourished for perhaps ten years and which has been defunct for now nearly 15 years, says Eraser Matthews in Putnam's.

This dinner of the Rabelais club to Dr. Holmes in 1858, arranged long before he left his beloved Boston, whose name he was and whose titles to glory he was ever glad to proclaim—this dinner was the last ever given by the club and it was perhaps its last effort to establish itself solidly.

TOOK ALL INDUCEMENT AWAY.

Admiral's Promise Would Have Rendered Snore Leave Valuable.

Admiral Coghlan, as every one knows, sprang into fame as an after dinner speaker through his recital of "Black and White" at a dinner given by the Union League club in 1859.

"I never know what I am going to say when I start out," says the admiral. "I just get on my feet and trust to the Lord, like the sailor who fell in to get out of a harbor on a dark, foggy night and trusts to the Lord to help him find his ship."

Of the admiral's favorite stories is that of a former boss of his who always got drunk when allowed to go ashore. He was carried aboard so many times in a helpless condition that Admiral Coghlan finally decided to move him ashore on board.

"My dear Miss Binnet, when a pretty girl enters a car where I am sitting I never rise and offer her my seat. I always know that a lot of younger fellows will do it at once and I won't be necessary on my part."

"O, well, Mr. Gayboy, there was no harm done—and I have no doubt you really were too busy with your newspaper to see me. I was just joking."

"Mr. Gayboy, when I went into a crowded car the other evening you appeared to be deeply absorbed in a newspaper, and I had to accept a seat offered me by an entire stranger. You didn't see me, of course, O, no?"

Senators Who Had Been Governors. Of the 59 senators sworn in and serving, 23, or nearly one-fourth, had officiated as governors of their states.

A. Her Doing. "Your husband," said Giddie, appears to be a man of great self-control."

In 1910. Visitor—Tell your mistress I am here.

Visitor—Is she up in the nursery? "No, no, ma'am, she is up in a balcony."

DIDN'T TAKE ANY MORE NOTES.

Colored Preacher's Experience Had Taught Him to Prefer Cash.

A northern minister, who was spending the winter in the south for the benefit of his health and at the same time pursuing with accustomed vigor the work of his church among the whites of the Piedmont section of upper Carolina, devoted much of his spare time to the study of conditions among the colored people.

One morning while driving along the public road the minister met a negro preacher of the neighborhood, of whom he had seen but little, but whose confidence he had apparently already won. The negro was what is commonly called a "locus" preacher.

"Now, tell me something of your work," asked the minister. "Do you take notes for your sermons?" "Wa-al, no," admitted the brother in black cautiously.

MARK TWAIN AS A FINANCIER.

Humorist Earned \$3 in Transaction, and Then Was Bunkoed.

Mark Twain blossomed out with a new dog's tale at the weekly banquet of the Pleiades club at the Lafayette-Buxton. The theme of the humorist was: "How It Pays to Be Honest—When It Doesn't Hurt Yourself."

"I haven't any right to sell this dog for \$3," answered the humorist, "but if you'll give me \$3 you can take the pup away."

"I'll find your dog for \$2," said Twain. The owner agreed. Twain walked upstairs, told Miles the situation, and got the dog back by paying \$2, then received \$3 for restoring it to the owner.

Tragedy of an Opera. Guiseppe Joggi, a musical student, aged 20 years, committed suicide in Rome under particularly dramatic circumstances.

He had been engaged in composing an opera, and his fiancee, a beautiful girl of 18 years was writing the libretto. She had frequently told him that he felt too weak to go on with it, but he urged her to try to finish a work which, he said, would revolutionize the artistic world.

He rushed to her bedside, and after tearing the opera into shreds he implored her forgiveness. He then opened the window and threw himself to the street below.

Lessons in Laughter. "I often think," said a teacher of singing, "that vocal training might profitably include lessons in laughing."

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DOUBTFUL OF THE GUARANTEE.

Specific Clause Caused Increase in Price of Cloth.

The Arabs, and, indeed, all Moslems, have the practice of re-inforcing promises by adding to their word of honor the Arabic phrase, Inshallah—"please God."

The pious proviso is a very useful formula to the Moors, and is frequently used in making promises that they have no intention whatever of keeping, as they can then take refuge behind the Almighty when they are taxed with their breach of faith.

"All right, I will take so much and will pay you in 60 days, Inshallah." "No," said the vendor, "the price is two dollars, payment in 60 days. For 60 days, Inshallah, the price is two dollars and a half."

MUSICIANS OF TENDER YEARS.

Many "Youthful Prodigies" in the World of Melody.

Like so many of the world's great composers, Sir Edward Elgar was a "youthful prodigy" of exceptional gifts, as was proved by a recent performance of a suite composed by him at the immature age of 12.

Women's Rights in Brazil. "The curse of Brazil lies in the great illiteracy of its men and women," declared Edward B. Norris.

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MISSING LINK IN ARGENTINA.

Vertebrae Classed as Oldest Human Remains Found in the New World.

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COUNTRY'S NEEDS SET FORTH.

Wall Street Journal Advocates Return to Old Conditions.

The following editorial from the Wall Street Journal is somewhat remarkable, appearing in a purely financial paper, and is certainly worthy of serious consideration:

"What America needs is a revival of piety. The kind mother and father used to have piety that counted it good business to stop for daily family prayer before breakfast, right in the middle of harvest, that quit field work a half hour early Thursday night so as to get the chores done and go to prayer meeting; that borrowed money to pay the preacher's salary and prayed fervently in secret for the salvation of the rich man who looked with scorn on such unbusinesslike behavior."

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WHERE AUBURN LOCKS ACCOUD.

Found in Great Numbers in North-eastern Part of Scotland.

Red hair is found in distinct excess north of the Grampians, and especially in the northeast of Scotland. A scientist who has made the question of pigmentation a special study, and has just been helped to conclude a color survey of the school children—over 50,000 of Scotland, announced this as one of his results.

Used His Stored Knowledge. When High School Learning Came in Handy to Business Man. "I used for the first time today something I learned 15 years ago," said a writer in the Milwaukee Sentinel.

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