

THE POET AND THE NATION.

There is a touching phrase in the poet laureate's last letter to the London Times which ought to cause some twinges of conscience in an unappreciative public.

Mexico in London.

"Modern Mexico" announces that a Mexican national exhibition on a larger scale of importance than any previous event of the kind is now purposed to be held at the Crystal Palace, London, from May to October of next year.

Noiseless Clocks.

"How the times change!" says a writer in the Frankfurter Zeitung. "In the days of our fathers no description of a homelike, cozy room was complete without a reference to the ticking clock."

Game of Trades.

Each player must choose a trade and go through the motions of working at it. For instance, if he is a tailor he must pretend to sew or iron; if a blacksmith to hammer a bar of iron or shoe a horse.

His Majesty's Knee.

A Norwegian journal tells the following story about the crown prince of Norway. Too much attention from those about him made little Prince Olaf somewhat headstrong and, like most children, inclined to be a little tyrannical toward his playfellows.

Said it First.

"Any woman can marry any man she wants," says Gertrude Atherton in her new book. Probably this is as true now as it was when Thackeray first said it, though he put it stronger by saying that she could do it even when handicapped with a hump.

THE UNTAMED NEW YORKER.

A German newspaper with a large circulation publishes at regular intervals little articles "from America" which are probably read with much interest abroad, where it is not generally known that they are misleading.

The Pepper Cure For Hiccoughs.

A new and immediate remedy for hiccoughs was discovered at the Hahnemann hospital recently by Dr. Peters, by whom George McClellan, aged thirty years, of 908 Quarry street, was cured of hiccoughs which began two days before by a pinch of pepper.

McClellan had tried all kinds of remedies before coming to the hospital, but without avail. Two hospitals were visited, but the treatment he received was apparently as little good as the drugs he had taken at home.

"Here is something that you never tried," said Dr. Peters. He gave the man a pinch of pepper. The man was hiccoughing violently at the time, but managed to inhale the stimulant.

The Montreal Gurgle.

"Stuyvesant Fish," said a Pittsburg banker, "is a very finicky person. To get along with him you must be mighty particular about etiquette. You must shave twice a day, dress for dinner—all that sort of thing."

"I had reference," he said, "to the accident with which he eats his soup."—Spokane Review.

A Long Distance Telegram.

Sir Robert Ball, the famous astronomer, in talking about the distance of the stars once said that a telegram sent at the usual speed of telegrams over the wire would take seventy-eight years to reach the most distant star that the telescope enables us to see.

Riddles and Answers.

Why is a horse like the letter O? Because G(ee) makes it "Go." What two letters do boys delight in? T(w)o T's.

Recent journalistic slips are funny. Seventy per cent of the Hungarian population are forced to live in one room, according to the Mail.

When the color is taken from dresses by lemon, piplant or tomato juice sponge the spot with aqua ammonia, then wash in warm soap suds.

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Value of Fuller's Earth as a Cleanser of Delicate Fabrics.—Notes.

One of the most valuable cleansers for delicate fabrics is fuller's earth, and yet comparatively few women use it or know about it.

For cleaning white and the delicate pastel tints as well as other colors it may be applied with a velvet covered brush or pad or a piece of old and soft Turkish toweling.

Straw hats intended for use another season or to serve as stop gaps between the laying aside of one's winter hats and the new spring creations should be brushed with fuller's earth and a fine, rather stiff scrub brush.

Turning Cider into Vinegar. This is my way of turning old cider into vinegar, writes a correspondent of the Housekeeper.

Mint Vinegar.

It is always desirable to have fresh mint sauce to serve with roast lamb, but when this cannot be obtained it is a good thing to have a substitute on hand.

Papier Mache Trays.

Papier mache trays should never be allowed to remain wet from tea, water or milk spilled on them. Wash them with a sponge, not too wet, and cold water.

Cleansing Brushes.

To clean hairbrushes put one-half teaspoonful of pulverized borax in a saucer or deep plate. Pour on a sufficient amount of hot water to wet the bristles of the brush.

For the Rug by the Door.

To keep a rug in place in front of a door sew a brass ring on each upper corner of the rug. Put a brass headed tack close to the edge of the floor, hook the brass rings over the tacks and the rug will not slip or turn up when opening or closing the door.

Inexpensive Furniture Polish.

Equal parts of turpentine, boiled linseed oil and common household vinegar make an inexpensive and excellent furniture polish.

Ivory Handled Knives.

Knives which have ivory handles which have become darkened should have the handles rubbed with half a lemon which has been dipped in salt.

For a Troublesome Felon.

Take common rock salt, dry in an oven, then pound it fine and mix with spirits of turpentine in equal parts. Put it in a rag and wrap it around the part affected.

To Restore Colors.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Story of an Irish Coal Miner Who Fell Down a Shaft.

That very prominent pessimist James J. Hill, the Schopenhauer of American finance, after remarking the need of "a strong, calm hand to guide us" and making incidentally the movement a card player makes when he holds a straight flush, consoles Wall street with the assurance that he does not see how stocks can go much lower.

James R. Keene said it reminded him of the Irish coal miner who fell down the shaft. Pat had a curious experience. The shaft was a new one about seventy-five feet deep, and when the Irishman tumbled in he did not go the whole distance immediately.

Leaning far over the edge of the shaft, the foreman shouted through a trumpet: "Pat! I say, Patrick!" From the darkness and mystery of the underworld came the solitary word, "Hurroo!"

After the Wedding.



He—Our house, dear Anna, is certainly very cozy, but rather small. If your mother should want to come and stay with us, therefore—er—

On the Anxious Bench. "You seem very nervous and restless this morning," said the senior partner.

A Treasure Ship. Silas Stubble—I see that every time that new ship sails—the Lucy Tanner I think's her name—she carries 7,500 tons of coal.

A Good Guess. Yeast—What would happen if some people could take money with them into the next world, do you suppose?

Reciprocity. "Every father thinks he has the finest baby in the world."

Too Big a Risk. "How was it that old Jake did not make some provision for his family in the way of insurance?"

A Cook's Idea. Husband—That new cook must be awfully extravagant. Wife—Why do you think so?

Paradoxical. The Drummer—The price of writing paper has gone up. The Merchant—Why, I always thought it was stationery.—Chicago News.

WATCH YOUR TONGUE.

If Furred and Coated, it is a Warning of Trouble to Come.

When it is the morning after the night before, you do not have to look at your tongue to know that the stomach is upset, the head is aching with a dull rhythm, and that all the world looks black and dreary.

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Their Grand of Language.

"When George Ade wintered in Egypt," said a Baltimorean, "it amused him a good deal to see the serious way in which his fellow tourists took their smattering of the Arabic tongue."

Competent.

"Examinations for admission to the bar," once observed a prominent attorney of New Orleans, "are of course easy or severe, according to the humor of the examiner."

"Can you ride?" "Yes, sir." "Do you own a horse?" "Yes, sir."

"Then, my dear sir, I am happy to welcome you to the practice of law in my district."—Harper's Weekly.

A Starter.

Man in a restaurant, happening in just as a new shift of waiters came on. And, having eaten a very modest luncheon, this man laid down a modest tip—to be exact, 5 cents.

And did the waiter shy or sniff at this nickel? He did neither, but, on the contrary, he seemed to regard it as an augury of good fortune that his first customer should have given him something, and— "Thank you," he said politely to the customer, and as he turned away he added to himself, "That's a starter."—New York Sun.

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