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ASTORIA AGAIN AHEAD.

A mortgage for \$10,000,000 has been placed on record in Astoria, which secures \$30,000 per mile for the Astoria and Portland railway. As the company has accepted the Astoria and South coast railway, the immediate issue of \$480,000 is understood to cover that railroad which has become of increased importance as part of the Astoria and Portland system that is now under construction.

Further conference on the dalles boat railway is at an end. Senator Dolph did not sign the report, but will not further prolong the fight, as he says it is useless, and he will not jeopardize the bill in which Oregon has such large interests.

British general elections opened in London yesterday with the return without opposition of Lord Randolph Churchill, conservative, from South Paddington, who represented that district in parliament, just dissolved.

There is a vague rumor that Calvin S. Brice will not conduct the national democratic campaign this year. Brice is as dark and lowering as the inside pocket of a black alpaca coat and can be bet that Dick Croker's waistcoat covers a multitude of vengeful purposes.

The enthusiasm in Tammany hall over Cleveland's nomination was so intense that the oil froze in the lamps. As we understand the situation, Tammany will not be reconciled to the work of dark and devious methods.

Boies has been given to understand that no recent convert to democracy is to be trusted. The probationary period exacted by democracy is two-score years and ten. Democracy has no use for material that hasn't moss and whiskers on it.

It takes a bow-legged man to stand with ease upon the great democratic straddle platform.

A STUDY OF EARS.

THE HUMAN EAR AND THE TALE IT TELLS TO THE OBSERVER.

An Interesting Dissertation on an Appendix of the Head That is Too Often Neglected as a Feature in the Delineation of Character.

Did any one ever go to any of the theaters when the house was crowded and amuse himself or herself studying the ears of the audience? It will pay the observing man to do so. He will realize then that there are ears and ears; those which indicate character in its several degrees, individuality, firmness, resolution, kindness and its antithesis, and the various other attributes which go to make up the widely varying specimens of humanity.

A study of ears may not be entirely satisfactory. One is apt to find upon somebody else with whom he is not desperately in love a pair of auricular appendages which remind him forcibly of those he sees when facing his mirror. It is rather an odd thing that the majority of men and women, however, seldom see their own ears. They can do so readily with the aid of a quick silvered glass, but the vanity of human nature seems to stop at the features of the face.

A woman will spend half an hour admiring her own pretty red lips and keep the young man with theater tickets in his pocket waiting an hour while she adjusts her eyebrows and gets just the right complexion on her cheeks, but the ears are left to take care of themselves. A wet rag is pushed hastily through their intricacies and they have had their share of attention. There are exceptions, of course. The woman who knows that her ears are lovely and bound to attract admiration will play with them affectionately and take care that her hair is arranged so that no fraction of them is hidden from view.

It was at Hooley's the other night that a study was made of the eccentricity of the ear. The auditorium was crowded and the jokes of the comedian emptied into a thousand tympanic cavities. What cavities some of them were too! There was a man with a hole in his ear which looked as though it might have been one of the nine mouths of the Mississippi. One would have thought a steamer could pass through it without striking, and as for the flies and earwigs, a large colony of them could have habited there all winter and hardly have been felt. Because the cavity was large it must not be supposed that the owner of the ear was proportionately so, to the contrary this cavity was the biggest part of him. He was a little fellow, the ideal of a henpecked husband. The loudly developed channel of sound suggested the probability of his being accustomed to bear frequent commands to "go and fight the fire," or "get up and give the baby paregoric." He seemed to be happy this time, for he was alone, and there were no such discordant sounds to offend his hearing.

Near him was a man who had a decided inclination to obesity. He was tall, too, and could have easily tipped the beam at 200 pounds. Now, one would have supposed that his auricular members would have been developed equally with the rest of his anatomy. One would have been disappointed, however. They were almost midgets alongside of those belonging to the little man, and looked as though they might have received a shock in childhood from which they had never recovered. But in spite of their diminutiveness there was a great deal of don't-careness about them—an independence as to what they heard and what they didn't hear. A wife might have yelled fire and baby and paregoric at these ears all night and they would never have heard it; they were not constructed after that fashion.

Alongside of him sat a woman who was evidently the wife. Her ears were long, irregular and stood out from the side of her head like the dust guards in a sleeping car. They were ears which, it could be plainly seen, were accustomed to being on the alert for some familiar voice. There was a startled appearance about them which indicated that this voice was in the habit of greeting them with a command or a reprimand more than anything else. Evidently but few words of affection or endearment had passed through them.

In the row of seats just behind this queerly interesting trio was a perfect symphony of ears. They were not the ears of men, but of women—pretty young women, with elaborately rich dresses and aristocratic faces. Indeed, these were patrician ears, and the blue blood could almost be seen coursing through them.

The girl who sat next to the end had the prettiest ears of all. They were beauties. Moderately small, regularly formed, sloping off into an oval at the lobe, and thin almost to transparency. There was a pinky tinge about them which was ample apology for the poets who sing about coral ears. They stood out from the head at almost an exact angle. They were perfect in every particular, but they were not responsive ears. They were accustomed to hearing sweet nothings said, and simply listening for more. They said plainly that their owner was one wrapped up in the contemplation of her own charms, and expected all others to be equally so, and to make it known in words. Looking at those ears one would have described her as follows: Deep blue eyes, nose inclined to Roman, red lips, white teeth, clear complexion, little animation in the face. The description would have been entirely correct.—Chicago Tribune.

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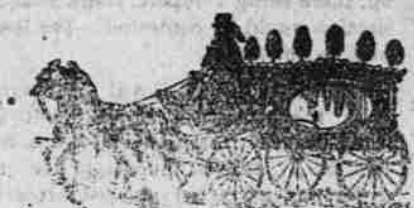
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