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Merequith and Words.

George Meredith, according to the London Chronicle, "employs that abominable contraction 'airight.' It can't be a printer's error, for it occurs more than once. And he uses it as early as 1863, so that the abusers of our language may now claim Meredith of as men as their prophet. This is one of those things that baffle explanation, particularly from a writer whose use of words was meticulous and who always refused to delete the first 'e' in 'judgment,' always spelling it 'judgement' in his novels. Some of us, however, will fight 'airight' to the bitter end."

Social Surgery.

The newly rich dame took her daughter to a fashionable school and interviewed the haughty principal.

"I want my daughter to learn to act as if she had moved in aristocratic circles all her life," she explained.

"I see," mused the principal. "And are you willing to be separated from her that long?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Good Time Coming.

"I tell you, Binks," said the millionaire, with great gusto, "talk about your fun! There's none to equal that of earning a million dollar by dollar."

"By ginger," said little Binks, "what a lot of fun there is ahead of me!"—Harper's Weekly.

Pretty Meek.

Blotts—Henpeckke always reminds me of a mouse. Slobbs—Nonsense! If he was anything like a mouse his wife would be afraid of him.—Philadelphia Record.

STATE SOLONS VISIT ASYLUM

(Pendleton East Oregonian)

The delegation selected by the senate and house of representatives, together with members of the state board and other interested persons, spent the day in Pendleton Saturday looking over the Eastern Oregon Hospital. In the evening they were entertained at the Wenaha club, where a banquet was given in their honor. Mr. W. L. Thompson, president of the American National bank, was toastmaster and a number of splendid addresses were made. Nearly all of the members of the delegation were full of praise for the fine buildings of the Eastern Oregon Hospital and of the management thereof and expressed a willingness to stand for good sized appropriations for the maintenance thereof.

Among those who made speeches were T. L. Perkins, Mr. Abbott, the chairman of the ways and means committee, and Dr. Woods.

Senator Bean stated that, in his opinion, the legislature should appropriate \$10,000 or more for building barns and other equipment, but that he was not satisfied it should appropriate \$100,000 for a new wing at this time that on account of the large demands made upon the legislature for appropriations for other institutions a system of rigid economy would have to be practiced.

State Treasurer Thomas Kay stated that he was very proud of the management of the Eastern Oregon Hospital and that he wanted to see it become one of the very best institutions of this character in the United States.

Mr. Hagood of Multnomah, was the only democrat of the entire delegation. He stated that he thought a large appropriation should be made; that a new wing should be built; a large barn and a home for the superintendent and other necessary buildings should be looked out for by appropriate appropriations.

Representative Westerland stated that he would certainly advocate a sufficient appropriation for the building of a new wing, good barns, a home for the superintendent, and other needed improvements.

Representative Massie of Washington county and Senator Smith of Josephine county voiced the sentiments of Representative Westerland. Porter of Lynn and Hughes of Marion were outspoken in their advocacy for a large appropriation.

Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the hospital at Salem, spoke briefly but highly complimented the people of Pendleton on being so fortunate as to have Dr. McNary as superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Hospital; that Dr. McNary had been personally known to him for a number of years and that he is one of the best men in the state, as well as one of the best equipped men that could possibly have been found for the superintendency. He also complimented the members of the last legislature for the splendid stand they took in the establishment of the institution. He particularly mentioned J. Bowerman, C. A. Barrett, S. D. Peterson and McKinnex of Baker. Dr. Steiner stated that while he would have to measurably look after his own institution it was very apparent a large appropriation was needed for the further improvement of the Eastern Oregon hospital.

Dr. McNary, superintendent, briefly outlined the needs of the hospital and stated that it would be his purpose to work assiduously for the best interest of the institution and for Umatilla county in general; that he accepted the superintendency with a great deal of hesitation, but that it was now his ambition to see the institution become the greatest in America.

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FINE OLD BORROWERS.

Leigh Hunt Was a Champion, and Dr. Johnson Leveled on Books.

In a book of essays, "Americans and Others," Agnes Repplier collects some notable instances of a certain comecession in borrowers. Leigh Hunt and William Godwin had the trait developed to magnificent proportions:

"It would be interesting to calculate the amount of money which Hunt's friends and acquaintances contributed to his support in life. Shelley gave him at one time £1,400, an amount which the poet could ill spare, and when he had no more to give wrote in misery of spirit to Byron, begging a loan for his friend and promising to repay it, as he felt tolerably sure Hunt never would. Byron, generous at first, wearied after a time of his position in Hunt's commissariat (it was like pulling a man out of a river, he wrote to Moore, only to see him jump in again) and coldly withdrew. His withdrawal occasioned inconvenience and has been sharply criticised."

As for Godwin, when his daughter ran off with Shelley he refused to take Shelley's check for £1,000 if it were not made payable to a third person or "unless he could have the money without the formality of an acceptance."

Crabb Robinson introduced him one evening to a gentleman named Rough. The next day both Godwin and Rough called upon their host, each man expressing his regard for the other and each asking Robinson if he thought the other would be a likely person to lend him £50.

Dr. Johnson was more scrupulous. He "paid back £10 after a lapse of twenty years . . . and on his deathbed begged Sir Joshua Reynolds to forgive him a trifling loan." But in the matter of borrowed books the case was altered. "Johnson cherished a dim conviction that because he read and Garrick did not the proper place for Garrick's books was on his—Johnson's—bookshelves, a point which could never be settled between the two friends and which came near wrecking their friendship."

German Justice.

A curious illustration of the principle of responsibility abroad is afforded by a civil damage suit growing out of the breaking of a plate glass window in a German town. A witness had testified as follows:

"As I was passing down the street in front of the window I saw a big stone come whirling through the air. I did not know whence it came. I saw it coming through the air, and I had just time enough to dodge to save myself from being hit by it."

The witness was sharply questioned upon the point whether the stone that broke the window would have struck him had he not dodged it. He was then dismissed. Eventually the decision of the magistrate was this:

"Inasmuch as if the witness had not unfortunately ducked his head the glass would not have been struck by the stone, he is hereby adjudged responsible for the breaking of the window and is ordered to pay to the owner the value of the same."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Bees Stick to One Flower.

It is usually supposed, especially by the poets, that bees sip sweets indiscriminately from many a flower.

He wooes the Poppy and weds the Peach, Invades the Daffodowdilly; And then, a deserter, abandons each For the petals of the Lily.

The seasons appear rather mixed in the verse, which in other respects, however, reflects the popular belief about bees. It is far from being the true one.

All bees, including the honey bee, show a strong tendency in collecting both nectar and pollen to be constant to one species of flower. This is manifestly for the advantage of both insects and flowers. In the case of a number of bees flying for only a small part of the season this habit has become so specialized that they visit only one or a few allied species of flowers which offer an abundance of pollen and nectar.—London Post.

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