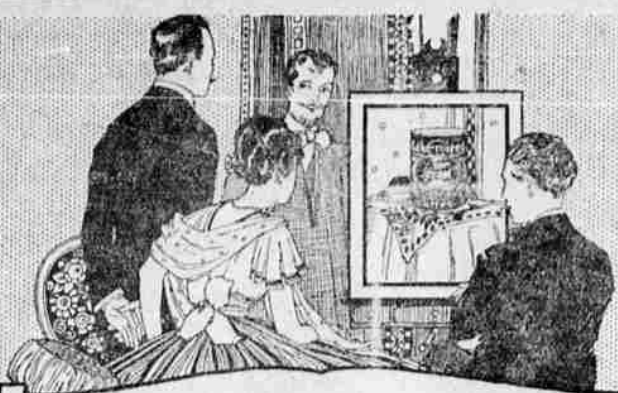




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It Takes a Peculiar Form at Times,
Particularly at Dinner.

A Chinaman prides himself on his politeness more than on anything else. So when he meets you he shakes his own hand. When he goes to leave you he folds his hands across his breast and makes three bows.

Some places in China it is considered polite, when you are invited to a friend's house, to throw the chicken bones on the floor. As you are having dinner and chatting about the rice crop it is proper form, when you get through with a drumstick, to toss it on the floor and go on with the conversation. The host takes this as a compliment, for it shows that you know that he has servants enough to clean the things off the floor. If you put the bones on the plate it reflects on the number of servants that he can afford to keep.

If you leave a dollar on your dressing table your room boy wouldn't steal it for anything; he would lose face if he did, but when your back is turned he will exchange it for a counterfeit. He can do this and still keep his face. If you miss something about your room and know positively that your boy stole it and accuse him he will deny it as long as he has breath. Under a slow fire and suit he would still deny that he had taken it; to admit that he had stolen your knife would be to lose face.

But after accusing him, if you will let it go for a day or two the knife will mysteriously return, or you will find it under a handkerchief on your dresser. You know that he has returned it, and he knows that you know, but his face has been saved, and as a result he is light hearted and happy.—Homer Croy in Leslie's.

COLONEL BOWIE'S KNIFE.

The Original Weapon Was Presented to
Edwin Forrest.

As a very small child I remember a bowie knife that was kept hanging from a high post bed. It was my joy when alone to draw up a chair, place a cricket on that, then climb up, clasping the bedpost with one arm and with the other drawing the bowie knife as far from the sheath as I dared. I can feel now the murderous gleam of the steel and the thrilling sense of danger.

I do not know what has become of this knife, but there are several among the Bowie family in Maryland and one which, I think, is asserted to be the original is preserved at the Players' club in New York.

The original was fashioned from an old file under the personal supervision of Colonel Rezin P. Bowie by Jesse Chiffe, the plantation blacksmith, and given to his brother, Colonel James Bowie, who made it famous and gave it to the actor Forrest after having used it in nineteen deadly encounters.

Colonel Bowie was called by the Indians the Fighting Devil, by his Texan followers the Young Lion, yet we are also told that he was the most peaceable man in the world if you let him alone. His portrait is that of a strong man and a gentleman thoroughly disillusioned and as true as steel. Above all things the leader for a forlorn hope, but with no suggestion of the border desperado which he is so often represented to be.—A. Bowie in New York Sun.

How to Build a Campfire.

For a noon halt gather a couple of heaping double handfuls of dry twigs about the size of a lead pencil. If there are no leaves at hand for tinder shave a few of the twigs as finely as possible with a sharp knife, leaving the shaving attached to the twig at one end. As a support for the kettle set two flat stones on edge at an angle about two sides of the fire with their rear edges touching, so as to keep the "fireplace" from collapsing. The bright blaze which this little fire gives at the start will get up steam in short order, and the glowing coals which it leaves will be just right for frying. If no stones are handy the kettle may be swung from a forked stake driven into the ground at an angle so that it will jut over the fire.—Quiting.

insane.

"I went down to an east side neighborhood house the other evening to preside at a debate of the children," said the teacher as she faced her companions at the boarding house table.

"The subject was capital punishment, and the disputation closed with a hurricane by a youth of twelve, who said: 'I disagree with capital punishment. Any one that commits murder ain't in a sanitary condition.'"—New York Post.

Six Regular Cops.

"What made you start clapping your hands when that woman stepped on your foot in the car?"

"I was dead," answered Sir, Cunnery. "I thought mother and the girls were having a musical at home and she was singing that it was time to applaud."—Washington Star.

Silence.

Husband—Why don't you put your mind on it and get a good cook? Wife (pensively)—I don't think I know how. I don't seem to have any faculty in selecting people to live with.—Life.

An indication.

"Is your daughter getting on well with her music?"
"I guess so. The neighbors are getting so they speak to me civilly again."—Toledo Blade.

Big Exception.

"I never knew a man yet who wanted to listen to other people's troubles." "Then I guess you've never known any lawyers."—Boston Transcript.

THE WORD "JEHOVAH."

Its Curious Origin Which, by the Way,
Is Comparatively Modern.

An interesting feature in "The Old Testament in the Light of Today," by William Frederic Bade, professor of Old Testament literature and Semitic languages in the Pacific Theological seminary, is the following explanation of the word "Jehovah":

"The name 'Jehovah' is of recent origin. It was quite unknown in antiquity. As G. F. Moore has shown, it occurs for the first time sporadically in the fourteenth century. The word arose in a peculiar way. Until some centuries after the Christian era the text of the Hebrew Scriptures was written with consonants only. The name of the deity therefore was written with the four consonants 'Jhvh.' As Hebrew ceased to be a spoken tongue, words written consonantly began to present difficulties to readers. This fact led to the invention of systems of vowel points, which were written under and above the consonants.

Long before the invention of vowel points it had become customary, on account of dread of the name of the deity, to read 'Adonay' (Lord) wherever 'Jhvh' occurred. To indicate this fact the vowels of 'Adonay' were connected with the consonants 'Jhvh,' the short 'A' of 'Adonay' by a regular change becoming 'e' when connected with the consonant 'J.' Persons ignorant of the purpose of the vowels began to read them with the consonants, and thus the preposterous hybrid 'Jehovah' arose."

MARK TWAIN'S PILOT DAYS.

A Taste For Fine Clothes and a Plunge
into Languages.

Old pilots of that day remembered Samuel Clemens as a slender, fine looking man, well dressed, even dandified, generally wearing blue serge, with fancy shirts, white duck trousers and patent leather shoes. A pilot could do that, for his surroundings were speckless.

The pilots regarded him as a great reader—a student of history, travels and the sciences. In the association rooms they often saw him poring over serious books.

He began the study of French one day in New Orleans when he discovered a school of languages where French, German and Italian were taught, one in each of three rooms. The price was \$25 for one language or three for \$50. The student was provided with a set of conversation cards for each and was supposed to walk from one apartment to another, changing his nationality at each threshold.

The young pilot, with his usual enthusiasm, invested in all three languages, but after a few round trips decided that French would do. He did not return to the school, but kept the cards and added textbooks. He studied faithfully when off watch and in port, and his old river notebook, still preserved, contains a number of advanced exercises neatly written out.—Albert Bigelow Paine in St. Nicholas.

England's Greatest Mine Fire.

The most serious colliery fire ever known in Britain was undoubtedly that which broke out in the Tawd valley mine, near Preston, in 1872. Thousands of pounds were spent in trying to get the flames under control, but they overcame everything and consumed some millions of tons of coal. A wall ten feet in thickness was built round the affected parts, but the heat cracked the masonry and brought it down as fast as it was rebuilt. However, in 1897 the river Tawd overflowed its banks and went pouring down into the mine. No fire could withstand such an immense volume of water hurled upon it, and although the flames extended for 500 yards, they were quenched after having raged for a quarter of a century.—London Tit-Bits.

Preservative Peat!

Peat possesses wonderful antiseptic and preservative qualities owing to the presence of tannin, iron and other substances in it. Here is an instance: At the time of the covenanters, in 1685, three men were shot at a place called Crossgelloch, on the moor above Old Cummock, in Scotland. In 1825, when a monument was being erected to their memory, the workmen came upon the corpses rolled in their planks. The bodies were in exactly the same state as when they were buried. The moss had preserved them as if they had been embalmed.

Rock Composed of Minute Fossils.

Near Reno, Nev., are peculiar beds of diatomaceous earth. This chalk white material consists largely of fossil microscopic animals called diatoms. These remains have collected here in numbers so immense as to form deposits hundreds of feet thick and in places make up almost the entire mass of the rock. It is so light that it will almost float on water.—Geological Survey Bulletin.

Trying to Prove It.

Angry Father—Great Scott! What are you doing, Johnny? Why, confound it, you've got my new watch all to pieces! Johnny—Yes, dad. Teacher told us today that a good watch ought to have at least 170 parts, so I thought I'd see if yours was a good one.

Stood by Her.

"Congratulations! I hear your daughter is engaged."
"Yes, it came as a surprise."
"Well, now that it is really so, I want to tell you that there was never a moment when I gave up all hope for you."—Judge.

There are many religions, but there is only one morality.—Ruskin.

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