

Human at Least.

An American player who fulfilled several London engagements under the late Sir Henry Irving tells a story of a young man employed as the tragedian's dresser when Irving was the lessee of the Lyceum theater. The young fellow had been recommended for the place by Clarkson, the celebrated wigmaker. Irving was as exacting in matters of makeup as he was in everything else relating to stage equipment, and he succeeded in impressing Clarkson with a deep sense of responsibility.

Shortly after his entering upon his new duties Clarkson called upon his former employer. As Clarkson had noticed that he did not get as many orders for wigs from Irving as he formerly did, he had begun to suspect that the dresser was accountable.

"Are you making Sir Henry's wigs?" Clarkson demanded without preliminary.

"Sometimes."

"Do you call that a wig?" sneered the caller, pointing to an article on the dressing table. "Do you mean to tell me that you believe that thing looks at all like a wig?"

"No, sir, I don't," hotly replied the dresser, now considerably irritated, "but I do mean to say as how it looks like the 'air of the 'uman 'ead'!"—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Character of the Montenegrins.

Nowhere is love of country more intense than among the Montenegrins, to whom exile is the greatest of punishments. When Mr. W. J. Stillman was there in the seventies all the free men were away fighting, and he observed how, when a messenger was wanted, the official took a man out of the prison and sent him off, with no fear that he would not return. One such messenger was sent to Cattaro, in Austrian territory, with 3,000 florins for the bank, and duly came back. Another asked a Russian at Cattaro to intercede with Prince Nicholas for his release from prison. "But you are not in prison!" said the Russian. "Oh," said the man, "I have only come down for a load of skins for So-and-so, but I must go into prison again when I get back to Cetinje." One guard watched all the prisoners when they sunned themselves out of doors, and if he were called away a prisoner would take his rifle and do duty for the time.—London Chronicle.

Heard at Breakfast.

"I used to be a weather prophet in my home town," confided the new boarder as he speared a potato with his fork.

"Sh!" commented the comedian boarder laconically.

"Yes, and every time I look at that steak it reminds me of a winter's day."

"How so?"

"Cold and raw."

"Quite clever. How does the coffee strike you?"

"That reminds me of a November day—cloudy and unsettled."

"Good. And do you notice that the landlady is watching us?"

"Yes, and she reminds me of a March day."

"Tell us why."

"Because she is cold and stormy."

And the look that the landlady passed down to that end of the table would have congealed a red-hot stove.—Chicago News.

Lincoln's Speeches and Writings.

Lincoln's great speeches are short, but how fit in expression, how packed with meaning! Take, for example, the one delivered to his friends on the eve of his departure for Washington. Like the second inaugural or the address at Gettysburg, it contains no superfluous word. Every one fits into place as perfectly as the carpenter's braces and timbers into the completed building.

As a writer, Mr. Lincoln was most painstaking. He sought always the simplest, shortest and best word. He knew that the simplest and shortest word usually is the best. The real secret of his greatness as a speaker and a writer, however, lay deeper. It was the supreme greatness of his soul which shone through his words that charmed and still charms the world.—J. A. Edgerton.

The Insanity Plea.

"Siri!" said the young woman, with what seemed to be indignation.

The young man looked embarrassed.

"Yes, I did kiss you," he admitted, "but I was impulsively insane."

"That means that a man would be a lunatic to kiss me?"

"Well, any man of discretion would be just crazy to kiss you."

This seemed to ease the strain, and no jury being present to muddle affairs, a satisfactory verdict was reached.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Appropriate.

A clergyman went to have his teeth fixed by a dentist. When the work was done the dentist declined to accept more than a nominal fee. The parson, in return for this favor, insisted later on the dentist accepting a volume of the reverend gentleman's own writing. It was a disquisition on the Psalms, and on the fly leaf he had inscribed this appropriate quotation: "And my mouth shall show forth thy praise."—Harper's Weekly.

A Study in Anatomy.

The brain is the headquarters of the nervous system and contains the central offices of the Anatomical Telephone company.

When the suburban nerve center says, "Hello, central," the brain either replies "What number?" or "Busy" or "Out of order," as the case may be.

Sometimes the wires are crossed and the company fails to declare any dividends, thus placing the entire brain in the hands of a receiver.

From the brain issues the spine, which is sometimes useful in matrimony, although rarely strong enough in man for practical purposes and constantly growing weaker the longer he is married.

On top of the head the hair grows, or is supposed to. In some cases, however, it fails to grow despite the most painstaking efforts.

In ladies there are two kinds of hair—viz, the imported and domestic. In gentlemen also two kinds—namely, permanent and transient. The permanent is seen in wild men, the transient in civilized men when young.

At one time all the hairs were carefully numbered, but the practice has been discontinued owing to great pressure of other matters.—Lippincott's.

The Father Pipefish.

"The best of fathers is the pipefish," said an angler. "He hatches the little pipefish, and after they are hatched he carries them about with him till they can take care of themselves."

"This fish has under his tail a sac. In it he bears the pipefish spawn. Thus the spawn hatch in perfect safety. They are not decimated, like the other fish spawn lying unprotected on the bottom of the sea, by every hungry passerby. No; they all hatch, every one of them."

As soon as they hatch the father fish splits, or nature splits for him, the sac, and all the little fish drop out into the sea, but they cling to papa. Wherever he goes, like a gray cloud those thousands of tiny sons and daughters surround him, and on the approach of danger they pop back again into the sac just as baby kangaroos pop into the sac, or marsupial pouch, of their mamma.

"The male pipefish is, in fact, the female kangaroo of the sea."

Wills and Edmund Kean.

Irving used to tell with dramatic effect a story about W. G. Wills, the dramatist, who, among other services, wrote for him the play "Charles I." When Wills was a boy ten years old he was taken to see Edmund Kean play Macbeth. In the murder scene he was so affected by the realistic power of the actor that, seized with a severe attack of nausea, he hurried from the box. Ten years later he was lurching at a chop house in Fleet street when a man entered, sat down at a table near him and ordered a meal. He was a perfect stranger to Wills, who, after a few minutes' prologuing, was again seized with a fit of nausea, from which he had not suffered since as a boy he was at the theater on the occasion mentioned. He was obliged to leave the room. When some minutes later he paid his bill the waiter said to him: "Did you see that gentleman at the table near you? That's Edmund Kean."—H. W. Lucy in Cornhill Magazine.

An Anticlimax.

"I just dropped in to thank you for that medicine you sent home by my wife last night," said the grateful patient, grasping the doctor warmly by the hand. "I've been laid up off and on for years, have tried all the patent medicines on the market and been treated by every doctor in the neighborhood, but your medicine was the only thing that ever did me any good."

"It's a pleasure to have you come here to tell me this," replied the doctor, highly elated. "Most of my patients are not so thoughtful. But that prescription is my pet favorite, and I never yet knew it to fail to cure a cough if taken in time."

"Cough?" echoed the patient. "Why, I didn't take it for my cold. I used it as a liniment for my rheumatism."

A Thrifty Hungarian.

A certain Hungarian peasant named Jan Hirsch made a business trip to Budapest, and while there he had the idea of ordering a hundred visiting cards. When he returned home he found, to his dismay, that the cards bore the name of Mavisch instead of Hirsch. It was only a printer's error, but to Jan Hirsch it meant a loss of a shilling and sixpence unless he could make use of the cards. He accordingly purchased for the sum of a shilling an official form of petition and filled it with a request to be allowed to alter his name to Mavisch. His prayer was granted. He is now Jan Mavisch.—London News.

"What do they mean by an endurance test?"

"Two chaps bragging about their respective makes of automobile."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Gallant.

Beautiful Widow—Do you know, I'm forty years old today?

Gallant Bachelor—Madam, you are twenty. I never believe more than half of what I hear.

COMMUNICATIONS

To Prune a Cherry Tree.

To the Editor: From a conversation held with a certain fruitgrower a short time ago, I judge it to be a general impression among fruitgrowers that at no time may one prune a cherry tree with safety to the tree.

While it is true that a cherry tree will not bear pruning to any great extent, yet there is a time and manner in which a cherry may be pruned without great injury to the tree. If the tree has attained to such height as to make the gathering of the fruit difficult and the owner desires to cut his tree down to a proper height without greatly injuring his tree, he may do so by observing the following rules:

Wait three or four days after the fruit is gathered, prune with a sharp saw; make your cut just above two healthy buds. The buds should be opposite to each other; and be sure to cover the wound with a wax or paint to prevent checking. When in the fruit business a few years ago I tried this plan and found it worked well.

D. H. HAWKINS.

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TAFT WILL HELP SOLVE JAP PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Secretary Nagel, who independently investigated the immigration problem on the Pacific coast, it was learned today, will report to President Taft on the subject. Nagel's report will cover statistics regarding Chinese and Japanese coolie labor in California and deal with the situation generally. Taft believes he can solve the problem without agitation and it is generally believed he will assume an attitude more sympathetic toward the Pacific coast than did Roosevelt.

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GOVERNMENT FORCED TO PAY BACK BIG WAR TAX

NEW YORK, April 20.—A judgment against the government for \$112,000 was obtained today in the United States circuit court in a suit brought to recover the war inheritance tax collected by the government from the estate of Leonard Lewisohn, the millionaire copper man who died in 1901.

The estate at the time was valued at \$10,000,000 and a war inheritance tax totaling \$227,000 was imposed by the government and paid under protest.

Subsequently, as a result of the decision of the courts on the case of the estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt, \$115,000 was voluntarily paid back into the Lewisohn estate and the suit, now successful, was brought to recover the balance of \$112,000.

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Probate.

Estate and guardian Fannie G. Birdseye; order to show cause why sale of real estate should not be made.

Guardian Lotta Owens et al.; order made for sale of real estate.

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EDWARD AND WILLIAM GO TO MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON, April 20.—Queen Alexandra, the dowager empress of Russia and Princess Victoria left this city today for Paris, where they will join King Edward. The royal party will proceed thence by special train to Genoa, where they will board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert for a cruise in the Mediterranean. Emperor William of Germany will join them.

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RAILROADS ASSERT ARE SUFFERING LOSSES

CHICAGO, April 20.—The railroads in the states suffered enormous losses during 1908, according to a statement issued today by Sison Thompson, manager of the national bureau of railway publicity. He says the roads have experienced a decrease of three hundred and thirty million dollars in gross earnings and a loss of \$129,340,450 in net earnings.

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Nash—C. A. Chaquette, San Francisco; C. M. Keyes, Pullman; E. A. Murdock (W. H. Cleaner, Portland; Ben Wormser, San Francisco; M. A. Goldsmith, E. T. Betts, Portland; D. T. Lynch, Cincinnati; C. M. Strauss, Portland; R. B. Van Beeth, Portland; W. G. Newell, Chicago; L. M. Goldstadt, Norman Hackett, J. A. Furey, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Mitchell, Clearwater; C. A. Boyce, Portland; H. R. Torey, Syracuse; G. J. English, Portland; J. Meyer, Portland; C. S. Leavitt, Boston.

At the Moore—A. M. Holman, Portland; Horace Pelton, Gold Hill; M. J. Corwin, Seattle; Fred Van Gilder, Big Rapids; Charles O. Cook, A. W. Glover, Kennett; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Allen, Dunsmuir; Carl Murphy, Ashland; Thomas Carlton, Eagle Point; N. E. Harrison, Los Angeles; J. H. Clark, Applegate; Art Bartlett, Portland; O. Adams, Ramsey C. Cole, Ashland; George Gates, Joe Heath, Portland; J. H. O'Brien, Gold Hill; J. W. DeVries, Portland; L. F. Boyd, San Francisco; J. Kavanread, Eugene E. A. Abbott, Seattle.

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New Cases.

B. F. Whetstone vs. Olive Whetstone; suit for divorce. Gus Newbury, attorney for plaintiff.

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Marriage Licenses.

George W. Mauzey and Dora Wise. But it wasn't a circumstance compared to the fun those young ladies will have as the guests of The Tribune at the A-Y-P exposition.

Contracting and Journeymen Painters, Attention.

There will be a meeting in Redmen's hall Saturday evening, April 24, for the purpose of completing organization and the election of officers. All painters and painting contractors are requested to be present, as the charter arises.

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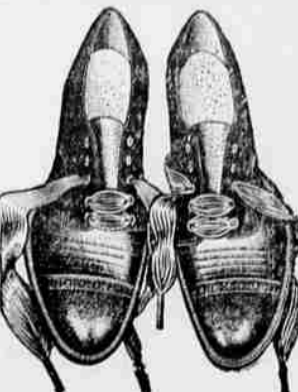
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