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STEVENSON'S MODESTY.

The Novelist's Opinion of Himself as Expressed in His Letters.

There is one passage in Louis Stevenson's correspondence which it would have been a thousand pities to miss. So much nonsense has been written about Stevenson's work, he was made the victim while he lived of such an extravagant system of puffing, that those who did not know him were almost inevitably forced to associate him with his flatterers and to believe that he must see himself with their eyes. It is clear that he did not. His most exacting critic can hardly have judged him more sternly than he judged himself.

"For the nonce my skill deceits me, such as it is, or was. It was a very little dose of inspiration, and a pretty little trick of style, long lost, improved by the most heroic industry. So far I have managed to please the journalists. But I am a fictitious article, and have long known it. I am read by journalists, by my fellow novelists, and by boys. With these, incipit et explicit my vogue. Good thing anyway, for it seems to have sold the edition. * * * I do not think it is possible to have fewer illusions than I. I sometimes wish I had more. They are amusing. But I cannot take myself seriously as an artist. The limitations are so obvious."

It is not often one finds a popular author writing in such a strain—an author, too, whom there seemed a general conspiracy among the reviewers to spoil. What a contrast it is to the following extract from the touching epilogue added to these letters by his editor and friend:

"The fragment on which he wrought during the last month of his life gives to my mind, as it did to his own, for the first time the full measure of his powers, and if in the literature of romance there is to be found work more masterly, of more piercing human insight or more concentrated imaginative vision and beauty, I do not know it."

—Macmillan's Magazine.

A CLEVER SCHEME.

But the Boss Had Been Too Long in Business to Be Fooled.

One day in a Sixth avenue chophouse a well dressed young man sitting at a table not far from me finished his lunch and asked for his check, but as it was brought to him he suddenly rose up and hurried to the cashier's desk, which was near the door, and said:

"Sir, I have dropped \$50 out of my pocket in this place! Let no one go out until I make a search!"

"Where's your check?" he was asked.

"Here it is. I had two twenties and a \$10 bill."

"Will you pay this check of \$1.50?"

"I can't till I find my roll."

"Thomas, call in an officer!"

"But what for?" asked the victim.

"To arrest you if you don't pay! That's an old game—too ancient to work here."

"But I have dropped \$50!"

"Guff! Will you pay?"

"I'll pay if I can find my money. I know I had it when I came in here."

"Call the copper, Tom!"

Two minutes later an officer bustled in to see what was wanted. The cashier was telling him that he had a deadbeat to be cared for when a woman rose up to leave, and the young man's \$50 was found on the floor, where it had been covered by her skirts.

"Didn't I tell you so!" he exclaimed as he returned to the cashier to pay the check. "Nice sort of man, you are! I'll sue you for damages before I'm through with this!"

The cashier looked tired, but made no reply. When the indignant young man had departed, I said:

"Then he wasn't a beat, after all?"

"The slickest kind," he replied.

"But he lost his money, and it was found."

"Don't you believe it! The woman was his pal and gave it up only when she saw that he would be arrested. Your Uncle Hiram has been right here for 35 years and knows the ropes!"

—New York Cor. Detroit Free Press.

THESE WERE CAUSES.

"Have you fastened the windows, dear?" she asked as they were about to retire for the night.

"No; what's the use? I gave you the last dollar I had to buy that hat, and we need not fear burglars."

"But they might sit down on my hat, you know!"

—Detroit Free Press.

From U.S. Journal of Medicine
Prof. W. E. Keble, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable book on this disease, which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferers who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise any one wishing a cure to address Prof. W. E. KEBLE, P. O. Cedar St., New York.

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GROVER GOES DUCKING.

But This Time It Was in Secretary Hoke Smith's Dining Room.

President Cleveland went on another ducking trip the other night. Mrs. Cleveland accompanied him this time. They left the White House at an early hour and returned very late. It was enjoyed also by the entire cabinet, for every one of the president's advisers saw him as he held a gun in his hand and watched three ducks floating on the water. The gun was about seven inches long, and the ducks were of paper mache.

The water was in an artificial lake which had been built in the center of Secretary Hoke Smith's dining room table and filled with not only ducks, but small live fish of the kind which the president loves to catch. Beside the toy gun there was at the president's plate a miniature fishing rod in order that he might enjoy himself if the ducks got away. Everything was planned to make him happy.

Usually cabinet dinners are very formal affairs, but it was the secretary of the interior's turn to give one that night, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoke Smith decided to provide a few novelties. They designed a sure enough lake, which was 10 feet long by 6 feet wide and several inches deep.

A florist built a grove in the center of Maryland rocks, covered it with ferns and orchids and carried out the humorous ideas of the secretary very successfully. A 10 cent tin man-of-war was anchored in front of the secretary of the navy's plate. Penny cannons frowned over breakfasts of stoned at the secretary of war; coils of red tape were strung along in front of the secretary of state; a girl with her eyes bandaged was sleeping off a duck opposite Attorney General Harmon. Secretary of Agriculture Morton gazed on a little wooden mortar pouring seeds down a hole in the rocks instead of into congressmen's districts. Postmaster General Wilson confronted a mermaid who seemed to want to deliver a letter from the deep. Little gold dollars studded an old Kentucky home in the cliffs which Secretary Carlisle faced. Over all blazed a huge Maltese cross with 45 electric lights, emblematic of the 45 states. —Pittsburg Dispatch.

A WICKED CITY.

Ministers Engage the Salvation Army to Reform Arcola, Ill.

The ministers of the various churches in Arcola, Ill., have declared their inability to bring about satisfactory religious results. They claim the city is growing worse daily and that immorality is visible everywhere; that hell holes and dens of vice are ruining the majority of the young men. They further claim that the churches are powerless to remedy the situation, and have settled on a new and novel method of action.

The movement is endorsed by prominent church members, who believe much good may be accomplished. —Chicago Times-Herald.

COULDN'T DO IT HIMSELF.

A famous English physician, Sir James Crichton Brown, has risen up as an opponent of the higher education of women. Two years ago, he says, he met a high school girl who was reading "Lucretius" for recreation, but she failed lamentably when he asked her to boil a potato. Quite possibly Sir James would have been equally unfortunate had he been asked to boil the potato himself, or to cite a more masculine employment, to hitch up his own horse. It is impossible for one person, whether man or woman, to acquire all the accomplishments, but if a woman succeeds in many of them, she can be an asset to pay for having her potatoes boiled. This is now so well understood and conceded that the opposition to woman's advancement is confined almost exclusively to the ultra conservatives, of whom Sir James Crichton Brown appears to be a type. —Philadelphia Ledger.

SHE BUILT A CHURCH.

Mrs. Altha Hulz of Artimus, Ky., has built a church through her own efforts alone. A year ago she made up her mind that a church was a need. She asked help from the miners, but they were poor to a man. Nothing daunted, she set to work. She gathered berries, trapped across the mountains and sold them. She raised a pig and a calf and donated them both. In every way in her power she toiled for the good end. Last fall she begged of the miners again, but this time for work. She met with a ready response. A tract of land was bequeathed. Lumber was given. The little store of savings did the rest. The church is now under roof. Little more has been done, but it is a church which one day will be complete, and Mrs. Hulz has her reward.

HER TITLE.

If that Wyoming woman is nominated and elected, will she be the governor or governess of that state?—Atlanta Constitution.

We are afraid she will be governor. As the case stands now, when a woman is chosen to preside over a meeting of women, she is called the "chairman" and is addressed as Mrs. Chairman or tender than otherwise. —New York Sun.

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PIRO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, Fabouer, La., August 26, 1895.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR GARTHER THAT CONTAIN MERCURY,
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SPORT UP TO DATE.

The final arrangements for the Yale-Princeton track games have just been completed. It has been settled that the games shall be held at the Yale field on Saturday, May 16, and shall be according to the I. C. A. A. rules.

B. Zalamea, who holds the title of amateur bicycle champion of South America, was one of the passengers who arrived the other morning in New York on the steamer Allegany, from the United States of Colombia.

There is strong probability of a friendly alliance between the governing athletic bodies of England, Canada and the United States. Secretary Sullivan stated yesterday that the Canadian officials think very highly of the proposed alliance, and that the A. A. A. of England will consider the question at a meeting next month. Steps are also being taken toward an alliance between the A. A. U. and the Y. M. C. A.

The Yale Alumni Weekly states that plans are being made by prominent Yale alumni and the New York Athletic club for a general football conference of eastern colleges. It is thought that if successful this scheme will result in a Yale-Harvard reconciliation, as Harvard has been invited, and will probably participate in the conference. The proposed conference has the cordial support of the student body at Yale.

Sunday Letters in Belgium.

The Belgian authorities, it seems, are anxious to save the postoffice as much trouble as possible in the matter of delivering letters on Sunday. For this reason every postage stamp is issued with a little perforated supplement inscribed with the legend, "Ni pas livrer le dimanche!" Those who are anxious to have their letters delivered on the seventh as on the other six days of the week take this off, while those whose communications are not of any special importance leave it on.

The new woman has arisen in China. At Shuntun the daughter of a magistrate acts as his treasurer, and the district is started at the fact that he has made 50,000 taels since she began to "finance" his affairs, six months ago.

There is, after all, but one reliable way to increase your income, and that is to reduce your expenses.

EDEN'S FLOWERS AND THORNS.

In this beautiful season of flowerings green, when the air is balmy and the sunlight golden, it seems a pity that anything should enter into this Eden of ours to mar its pleasures and blight its joy, but so it is ordained; man has his heritage, and it is even doubtful if all of life were a scene of pleasure, whether we could possibly enjoy it. The birds come and sing, and the birds sing and go. Rheumatism comes also. It comes from exposure to the dampness of the mornings and to the sudden change of temperature, and it certainly goes, as thousands know, by the prompt use of St. Jacobs Oil, which is a complete and perfect cure. It is well, therefore, when we enjoy all these seasonal delights, not to be without this great remedy for pain, and to have it ready, more because we are the more liable at this season than any other to suffer from such attacks.

"What," asked the neophyte, "is the difference between wit and humor?" The Cornfield Philosopher dodged the question. "I'll exemplify," said he, "a wit is a humorist with dyspepsia."

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MAYOR CHALLENGED.

A Schoolboy Asks Him to Enter a Competitive Examination.

Mayor Patrick Jerome Gleason of Long Island City has been challenged to a competitive examination by one of the scholars of an Astoria school.

The challenger is Frank H. Ward, 11 years old, who lives at 208 Hoyt avenue, Astoria. He attends the Astoria school, and was among those who waited upon the big mayor the other day, asking to have former Principal Martin Joyce reinstated.

The mayor asked Ward to designate the city's public buildings, and the boy replied that the county jail was one of them. The mayor scored Ward and his principal for not being ready.

The other afternoon he walked into the city hall and inquired for the mayor. Gleason's private secretary, Philip J. Coffey, told him that Gleason was getting rid of Newtown Creek malaria down at Lakewood, N. J.

"When he comes in, give him this. See?" the boy commanded.

The neatly written challenge was as follows:

LONG ISLAND CITY, Feb. 17.
To Hon. P. J. Gleason, Mayor of Long Island City:

I, the undersigned, propose to compete with you in an examination upon the studies we are now pursuing—namely, arithmetic, geography, grammar, spelling and writing—because you claim that we cannot bound Long Island City and that we began designating the public buildings in the city by naming the county jail. Respectfully yours,
FRANK H. WARD.

—New York Sun.

TO GET THE PENNANT.

Cleveland and Pittsburg Have a Plan to Locate It West.

A conference was held recently at Pittsburg between Robinson and Tebeau of the Cleveland Baseball club, and Kerr and Mack of the Pittsburgs, the outcome of which is said to be a pooling of issues between the two clubs, looking to the locating of the pennant for 1896 in the west.

It was said at the meeting that the east for years has had a combination, the successful working of which has kept that section a winner. To offset this, it is now proposed by the two clubs mentioned to pool their extra players, and as the season progresses draw from the surplus to strengthen either team, as may be mutually agreed upon.

Whether this plan will be extended to other western teams is not stated, but the two principals believe that such a combination will work so effectively that the pennant will next land in the west.

A NOVEL PLAN.

Mrs. Mrs. Clay Rained a Dollar For the Church.

Each member of the Springport (Mich.) Christian Endeavor society pledged herself to turn into the treasury a dollar earned by herself, and Mrs. Jennie Clay earned hers in a unique way. Two tramps called at her house and demanded food and lodging. She went into a room, got her husband's revolver and ordered the tramps to throw up their hands, which they did.

She then commanded them to march and started them for the village lockup, where they were caged for the night. In the morning they were registered and allowed to depart. Mrs. Clay giving them breakfast. She then presented a bill to the village council, "To arresting two tramps, 50 cents each, \$1." and that body, after a good deal of humorous debate, allowed the bill. —Chicago Times-Herald.

WARMS THE CABLE SLOT.

Man With a New Kind of Job Arouses Interest in Broadway.

A new vocation came into existence last night with the cold weather. In the future the man who adopts it will be known as a slot warmer. The Metropolitan Traction company put its first slot warmer to work at 8 o'clock last night, at Thirty-fifth street and Broadway, where the gripmen on the Broadway railroad pick up the curve cable.

It was the slot warmer's duty to see that the cable slot at the Thirty-fifth street curve was kept clear of ice. Once the slot had frozen over and caused a block on the line.

The railroad managers decided that such a thing should never occur again, and the slot warmer was put to work. Armed with a bag of cotton waste and a can filled with kerosene oil he started a bonfire along the up town track. The fire was 25 feet long, and burned continually over the cable slot.

From time to time the slot warmer kept feeding the fire with fuel from his bag of cotton waste and can of oil. Pedestrians stood and watched his actions, wondering what he was doing, and the passengers in the cable cars left their seats and stood up, just a little bit frightened, when the car dashed around the curve and over the flames. The slot warmer said he had been employed to keep the fire burning all night. —New York Sun.

TESLA IS RETICENT.

Has a New Invention, but Refuses to Tell About It.

The friends of Nicola Tesla, the electrical wizard, are saying he has developed the X ray idea until he is now able to pass solid through solids, and had gone so far as to patent his inventions before giving them to a waiting world.

Tesla was asked about his new discoveries. He would only say that he was working quietly, and had strong hopes of developing something valuable. He declared he was not through with his investigations, and could make nothing public. The idea of forcing solids through solids badly expressed what he was trying to do, unless ether was considered a solid, which it was, scientifically considered.

He excused himself from talking further about his discoveries by saying it had ever been his practice to give the public the news only after he had made it known through a scientific society. It was also reported that Tesla had succeeded in photographing the human brain through the skull. This the electrician denied with positiveness. —New York Journal.

Then They're Sorry.

The idea of leading an upright life never occurs to some people until they strike a toboggan leading to prison. —Chicago Times-Herald.

And Yet It's Light Weight.

The new Coal trust beats them all for bigness and clench. —Detroit Journal.

BE A WELL WOMAN.

Only One Remedy That Will Make You So—Paine's Celery Compound.



Why not be a well woman this spring? There are women who cannot tolerate the smallest neglect about the house who too often take no care of their health.

They should use these precious March days for getting strong and well by taking Paine's celery compound—the greatest of all spring remedies.

Miss Elsie M. Brown of 2 Leeds St., Dorchester, Mass., whose picture is given above, wrote the 5th of this month as follows:

"Four or five years ago, I suffered with dreadful pains in my back (owing to my kidneys), so much so that night after night I could not close my eyes, and what few hours sleep I did get, I could be heard moaning and tossing, showing that even in my sleep, I suffered pain. At times I would have more pain than usual over my left hip, and when waking in the morning it would be all I could do to stretch my limb down straight, as there would be a drawing and trembling of the cords. Besides such torture, I began to blot a great deal.

"After suffering for some time, a friend advised me to try Paine's celery compound. I can truthfully say that after using four bottles I was cured; not helped, but cured."

If you have any doubt as to all these spring days about your health—if neuralgic twinges, kidney troubles, dizziness, indigestion or heart palpitation show themselves, don't wait for plainer warnings. Make a clean sweep of all these ailments from the system.

It is easiest to do this now, as spring is approaching. Take Paine's celery compound when the system is most responsive to its cleansing, strengthening influence.

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Lived on What They Took.

There is one thing which is not generally known to the public—that is, Mosby and his men never received one cent from the Confederate government. Each man provided himself with his own uniform, horse and arms, and boarded himself. The United States government furnished us with captured horses, arms and ammunition, and the extra horses captured paid our board. So, instead of receiving pay from the Confederate government, we turned over to them horses, mules and arms. I will mention one incident to show what an honorable and conscientious man Colonel Mosby was. On the greenback raid, when we captured \$108,000, before division was made of the money \$30,000 was offered Colonel Mosby, which he declined to receive. Nor did he ever take anything for his own use that had been captured. —Thomas Moss in Washington Post.

Mr. Michael G. Mulhall calculates that the United States can easily become the home of 210,000,000 inhabitants without any overcrowding. Think what a presidential election will mean when that number is reached! —New York Recorder.

"Save My Child!" is the cry of many an agonized mother whose little one writhes in croup or whooping cough. In such cases, Dr. Acker's English Remedy proves a blessing and a godsend. Mrs. M. A. Burke, of 309 E. 105th St., New York, writes: "Dr. Acker's English Remedy cured my baby of bronchitis, and also gave instant relief in a severe case of croup. I gratefully recommend it."

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