

MAY BROOKYN'S SUPERSTITIONS.

The Actress Kept in Her Room What Seem to Be a List of Omens. In Miss Brooklyn's room were writings which attested her superstition. The name of a "test medium and psychometrist" of this city was on a card which she kept. In her handwriting was what appeared to be a list of omens. It began with an incomplete account of what the months had in store for her. This was as follows:

- Feb.—Avoid O. S.
June—P. I.
Aug.—Good.
Nov.—
Below this was a statement of what the letters meant. This was as follows:
H—Good; deal freely.
N—Not so good in woman as man.
O—Very bad.
S—Unpleasant news from a distance; surprise.
A—Good; male or female.
P—Good.
L—Very good; male or female.
C—Good; new friends on the face of it.
V—New friends; good; fair man.
Don't marry in '94; '95 good.
S—er 61, 8 Q, 8 S.
H—Is very good; deal freely.
W—Proposition; good for flirtation; never marry.
G—Good; male or female.
M—Better woman.
T—New friends; good.
G—Very bad.
N—Not quite so good; be careful.

She had drawn a rude circle, and there were dots in it as if a pencil point came down in many places. The supposition is that the letters were placed inside a circle, like the numbers on the face of a clock, and she then let the pencil held in her fingers drop wherever chance brought it. The letter on which it hit signified the outcome of whatever she might have been thinking of. In this manner doubtless she found whether the months were to be good or bad for her.

She had marked February as a month to avoid and with the letters "O. S." According to the mystic dictionary, "O" meant that February was very bad for her and "S" that she would receive unpleasant news from a distance. Curiously she did get some news from New York lately, which is presumed to have been unpleasant, and February proved to be the month of her grievous exit from the world.

A spiritualistic doctor lingered around the Baldwin theater yesterday until he could tell Mr. Prosbrey, manager of the Palmer company, that he had received knowledge of the reunion of the souls of Levercraft and Miss Brooklyn. The spiritualistic theory is that when her efforts to establish communication with her lover's spirit failed, she felt the necessity of taking exactly the same terrestrial route that he had journeyed on. To employ any other poison than carbolic acid might serve to keep them parted forever, and she submitted herself to the scorching ordeal. She bore the deadly draft in Columbia, O., on Nov. 20 and treacherous spirits she felt impelled to put the bottle to her lips.—San Francisco Chronicle.

A WEIGHTY YOUTH.

A Virginia Boy Who is Only Fifteen Years Old, but Weighs 525 Pounds. Why the county numbers within its population the greatest man in the commonwealth, if one considers his dead weight—Melvin Grubb, whose wondrous girth and ponderous limbs make him the daily wonder of his neighbors. He was born something more than 15 years ago and has ever since that event kept his neighbors wondering at his growth. Each year since he was 10 has seen from 80 to 100 pounds added to his weight, until he is believed now to be the heaviest youth alive, and should his avoirdupois appreciate at the same rapid rate he will soon break all the heavy weight records since Adam. At 13 years of age he weighed 410 pounds; at 14, 450, and now at 15 the scales creak at 525 pounds, and the end is not yet.

Grubb is not merely a mountain of flesh, but an active and intelligent boy. He can follow a play all day without unusual fatigue and is a bright and intelligent pupil of the public school near his father's farm at Walter's Bridge, 2 1/2 miles west of Wytheville.—Richmond Times.

A Many Named Royalty. The extra two characters "Ch'ung-hsi" containing the name which is to be given to that already greatly benamed personage, the empress dowager of China, in honor of H. I. M.'s sixtieth birthday anniversary next year, were, according to a Peking letter, have been ordered by edict to be presented to the imperial lady in the middle of the eighth moon of next Chinese year (September, 1894).

As it is, her majesty has already 7 names of 14 characters which ministers at court have to labor through whenever mentioning her majesty, but with next September one has to go painfully through the long list of Tse-hsi-Tsang-yi-Kang-i-Chao-yu-Chuang-ch'eng-Shou-kung-Ch'ing-hsien-Ch'ung-hsi Huang Tai-hon, or dowager empress, before a bystander could detect that her majesty is meant.—North China Herald.

In George Washington's Arms. In Dr. Mines' volume of reminiscences, "A Tour Around New York," the author devotes a paragraph to the attractions of Battery park and adds a pleasing little story of a time before his own:

I remember a dear old lady who loved to talk about this park and tell of the people she had met here and of these one man and one morning's adventure stood out most prominent. A little thing in white, her nurse had brought her to the park to witness a civic ceremony, and the crowd prevented her from obtaining a good view of the pageant.

With a child's impatience she tried to press through the throng a tall and handsome elderly gentleman, clad in a suit of black velvet and with a dress sword at his side, stooped down to her, inquired pleasantly about her trouble and then lifted her upon his shoulder and held her there until the procession had passed.

Delighted with what she saw, the child thought little about the gentleman who had brushed away her trouble, but thanked him when he released her with a kiss and set her down upon the ground. As he moved away the nurse in an awestruck voice asked the child if she knew whose arms had held her and then told her that it was President Washington. The little eyes watched him out of sight and never forgot his hasty appearance.

I think dear old Mrs. Atterbury was prouder of having been the heroine of this incident than of all the social honors that afterward fell to her lot.—Youth's Companion.

THE MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

Frank Hutton Reviews in Facetious Style Senator Morgan's Hawaiian Report. Some day, in the sweet by and by perhaps, we shall know exactly what Senator Morgan's report on the Hawaiian investigation really means. We shall know whether it is intended as a manly demonstration of American sentiment or a suave and servile whitewashing of a discreditable blunder—whether it is a shriek of the noble bird of freedom or the still small warble of the lowly cuckoo.

For the present we are able to disentangle from the bewildering labyrinth of its language one isolated fact of moment—the fact that Mr. Morgan and a majority of the committee with him believe in the annexation of the islands. Out of that wild and teasing sea of rhetoric we have succeeded in snatching this lonely deliric. But all the rest of it is enveloped in a tender haze of volubility which, while it accompanies wonders in the way of stimulating guesswork, is valueless as a guide to definite conclusions. The utterance appears to be confused with hovers and notwithstanding and moreover, and there is in it an opulence of "if so, why not" profundity that baffles exact analysis.

According to this astonishing document, everybody connected with the Hawaiian incident behaved like a statesman, a scholar, a hero and a patriot. Mr. Stevens was correct, and so was Mr. Blount. President Dole is a great man on the right track, and Liliuokalani a perfect lady, if somewhat in distress. The United States authorities acted wisely in recognizing the queen's downfall, and the administration has kept well within its lawful powers in trying to set her up again. In a word, the report furnishes a common ground upon which all men may meet and where all sorts of opinions can find encouragement and sympathy.

As we say, there is just one downright proposition to which the bewildered citizen may cling, and that is the clear, unequivocal and unmitigated declaration by seven out of the nine parties to the report that they favor the annexation of Hawaii by the United States.—Washington Post.

HARK FROM THE TOMBS.

Conviction of Voters Who Came From New York's Deleat Prison.

Three men were convicted in the court of oyer and terminer on Monday (two of them pleaded guilty) of the offense of voting from the Tombs in violation of section 3 of article 2 of the state constitution, which declares that "no person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence by reason of his presence or absence while in the service of the United States, or while kept in any almshouse or other asylum at public expense, or while confined in any public prison." The case of the defendant Cady, who was found guilty by a jury, was peculiar. He had voluntarily resided for seven years, without commitment for any offense, in the Tombs. He had no other home. He was not qualified to vote from any other domicile. He registered and voted from the city prison, from which he readily obtained egress, and was tried and convicted. Judge Barrett announced, however, that he would give a certificate of reasonable doubt, so that the question whether a man without a home, except such as he obtains for himself in a city prison, is actually and totally disfranchised, might be decided by a higher court. The situation is certainly an odd one.—New York Sun.

Heavily Insured Monarchs.

The crowned heads of Europe seem to take a great deal of stock in life insurance. It is announced that the king of Portugal has just taken out a \$200,000 policy on his life, but that is an insignificant investment compared with those of some of the other potentates. The late Emperor Frederick of Germany was insured for \$4,000,000. The queen regent of Spain has her life insured for a large amount in behalf of her two little daughters, following the example of her husband, whose death nullified the various companies in which he was insured for \$5,000,000.

King Leopold of Belgium's life is heavily insured, as is also that of Queen Victoria. The queen's husband, the late prince consort, was insured for close upon \$5,000,000, the income of which has been enjoyed by his widow. About the only sovereign in Europe who is not insured is the czar of Russia, the companies regarding him as too unsafe a risk on account of the nihilists.—Boston Herald.

High Prize For the Landlord.

Two well dressed strangers came to the Virginia hotel four days ago and registered from Louisville. They left yesterday, leaving their bill of \$17 unpaid, and the following note: "Man's inability to successfully portray his thoughts, his mental powers being incapable to correctly define his meaning, is why I will not endeavor to burden you with an attempt at expressing my thanks for your treatment so gentlemanly, etc., during my stay. Extend to your menials also my thanks. May your shadow never grow less, and may continued prosperity shine in unclouded warm rays on your benevolent head."—Stanton (Va.) Dispatch.

The Khedive's Favor.

It is well to be on good terms with the Khedive of Egypt. This young monarch has lately presented a beautiful bracelet to a young English woman who took his fancy, the value of which is beyond calculation. It is gold set with scarabaei, and each stone is upwards of 4,000 years old. Some of these belonged to high priests in the days of the pharaohs, and the inscriptions on them relate to magic.—Alexandria Letter.

Faults in Conversation.

Dean Swift once said: "There are two faults in conversation which appear very different, yet arise from the same root and are equally lamentable. I mean an impatience to interrupt others and the uneasiness of being interrupted ourselves. The two chief ends of conversation are to entertain and improve those we are among or to receive those benefits ourselves, which whoever will consider cannot possibly run into either of these two errors, because when any man speaks in company it is to be supposed he doth it for his hearers' sake and not his own, so that common discretion will teach us not to force their attention if they are not willing to lend it, nor, on the other side, to interrupt him who is in possession, because that is in the grossest manner to give the preference to our own good sense."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

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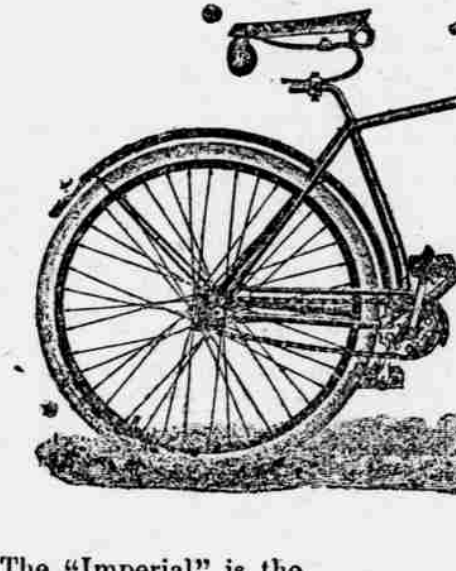
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