

SING ON.

Sing, sing on,
Even though no listener
Softly doth chide thee,

Can Man Hibernates?

"Is it possible for man to hibernate?"
inquired the reporter.

"I think so," was the reply. "We often hear of persons falling into a coma, all the faculties being suspended and the patient looking perfectly healthy after days and weeks without food."

Monopolies in Spain.

There were recently three or four great trade monopolies held by the Spanish government—to tobacco, gunpowder, quicksilver and salt.

The Percentage of Active Old Men on the Increase.

In a young country like this, where life is continually at fever heat, and where action rather than reflection carries the day, old age seems out of place.

A Ton of Gold in Teeth.

"Did you ever think that all the gold that the delvers in the earth are working so hard to get out of it is being gradually put back again?" asked a Cleveland dentist.

The inhabitants of Massachusetts are worth an average of \$1,500 apiece.

What Becomes of Dead Chinamen.

"In this country," said Mr. Wong Foo, editor of The Chinese American, to a reporter, "the Chinamen of each province live by themselves and take care of their dead."

"Can not one of your race get into paradise unless his bones rest in Chinese soil?"

"Where you dig up the remains of your countrymen do you have any services at the grave?"

"We burn a little incense-paper, may be, and take a drink, just as Americans do on all occasions."

Getting Her Father's Consent.

"I tell you, sir," indignantly exclaimed Colonel Webley, addressing a young man who aspired to the hand of his only child, "that I shall never give my consent to a union which I know would be unhappy."

"Love be eternally blessed! So I could have said twenty years ago, I was devoted to the woman I married and she was devoted to me."

"You have lived happily with each other, have you not?"

"Happily" the colonel contemptuously repeated, "I didn't have money enough to insure happiness. Even in Arkansas a man must have money."

"I am a young man of energy and good business capacity. I can work and earn money."

Discuts and Griddle-Cakes on the Double-Track.

There was a novel trial of speed on the farm of James Lawton, near Carrollton, Mo., during the recent harvest. At 6 minutes and 10 seconds after 4 the reaper stood at the corner of the growing wheat. Men were stationed every few feet along the line of grain ready to seize an armful as it fell from the reaper, and to rush with it to the thrasher close by.

The Secret Out.

At some of the western fairs this year a "great secret" is sold in sealed envelopes at 10 cents apiece. The following is the secret: "Never buy an article before examining it. If you had known this before you would not have paid 10 cents for a worthless envelope when you could have got a dozen good ones for the same price."

SCREENS AND POSES.

Devices which Photographers Use to Make Good-Looking Pictures.

"Now, then, sir," said the sitting artist of a photograph gallery, to a reporter, "keep the head about so with the chin up; and just try and smile, will you?"

The reporter attempted to smile, but didn't see why he should hold up his chin so high.

"That is to prevent a deep shadow under the lower jaw. You see, our light comes through the roof. Sometimes we have to fix a screen to throw the light under the chin. We use silk screens for people who like a white line all along the nose. Others are troubled with hollow cheeks, and we have to throw light from the screens into these cavities, and fatten them up, so to speak, with sunlight. Now keep quiet, and look at this corner. Wink, not often, but naturally. Now smile. You are speaking of screens," continued the artist, growing talkative, as the operation was over.

"So if we go to a real photograph artist," said the reporter, "we are more likely to get a pretty picture than a faithful likeness."

"That doesn't follow. Our power of modifying a person's appearance must be used with judgment. And you must remember that to photograph people just as they are is precisely the way to make a poor likeness. When you meet persons you are acquainted with they talk and smile, express some emotion, or evince a certain amount of animation in their faces, which, unfortunately, they leave behind them at the photographer's door."

Davy Crockett.

Davy Crockett was, in his day, the member of the house of representatives most asked for by strangers. Reared in the log cabin of a Revolutionary soldier, he became noted as a bear-hunter and rifle shot, and he commanded a battalion of mounted riflemen under Gen. Jackson, in the Creek campaign.

Healthy Business Rivalry.

"Here you are, now; two packages for 10 cents!" yelled a seedy-looking envelope peddler in Grand street. "Here you are, this way; two packages for 5 cents!" howled another envelope peddler, almost crowding his fellow-merchant off the sidewalk. Women out shopping noted the difference in price, and soon bought out the two-for-five-cent man. Then both peddlers drifted around the corner, and the one who had sold no envelopes divided his stock with the other, remarking, with a chuckle: "It works boss, pard, don't it?"

Careful of His Character.

The Worcester, Mass., town records show that, in 1779, a 6-year-old boy had his ear bitten off by a horse, and the selectmen drew up a certificate showing the manner of the injury and recorded it on the town books, so that the loss should not be prejudicial to the boy when he grew up.



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