

A MEMORY.

Last night, as I sat in the shadows that gathered on woodland and hill, I heard, ringing out in the distance, a whistle so clear and so shrill...

FRENCH GAS.

It was on the seventh landing, half way up the fourth flight, that I met Sully, with her expression at all must, and a dangerous looking document in her hand. Our Sully was the tyrant of the cozy little apartment on the Faubourg St. Germain, and played in addition the dual role of seamstress chief.

"I cannot think what it is," said she, rolling her eyes mysteriously. "It is a kind of pretty stuff about it, too, and so," she continued, "I've just bought myself a pack of it."

"But, gentlemen," I ventured to remark, "in America we have gas in all the bedrooms." "Impossible!" thundered the five. "Contrary to all law."

"I should say a word. I am an enterprising young chap myself," he continued, soothing down his embowled point, the result of over half a century of French cooking.

"By next week at the latest," said I to Sully, "we shall have gas." During the next week our anxious lookout discovered no signs of the promised luxury.

"Oh!" said I, innocently. "Well, I just make out the receipt, and I will pay the deposit. You cannot have the gas put in too soon to please me."

"You know you can depend on me," she answered, with an expression like Joan of Arc at the stake. It was easy to see she did not like to be left alone, but was serving herself for the worst.

"You are our prisoner," said the two gendarmes to Sully, who was luckily none the wiser for what they said, but went ahead with her explanation.

"The murdering villain come in and pretended to be a gas man come to take the meter, when sure I'd a right to know him for a thafe when the rale gas man had just left from takin' the meter and puttin' that same in the book."

"In Berlin every animal slaughtered at the public abattoir has to be described, with the name of its owner. Portions of the animal, as of the viscera and muscles, are taken to an inspector's office and subjected to microscopic observations.

"There is an author in this town, though the world perhaps hardly knows it, who writes a worse hand than did Horace Greeley. He hugs the detestation that he writes beautifully."

stood business. One day I was invited to the American quarter for a secondary breakfast. "It may be late in the afternoon before I return," said I to Sully; "and now, above all things, be very careful whom you let into the flat when you are alone with the child."

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NOVELTIES IN SLOT MACHINES.

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"The first slot machine I remember seeing was a queer one in a southern hotel. A nickel started the horses. I think I first saw the machine in 1873, and I believe it to be one of the first devices of the kind in this country, but I have no doubt that historians can rake up testimony to show that Attie drachmas were dropped into slots by ancient Greeks, who sought to learn their weight or test their grip, and that in Caesar's time the Romans dropped small coins into slots and thus procured their confectory."

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A FRIENDS' WEDDING.

A quiet, impressive ceremony in a plain, unpretentious edifice. A short time since I had the pleasure of witnessing a Friends' wedding in the old meeting house at the corner of Fifteenth and Race streets, Philadelphia. To one from New England, where such affairs are not common, it was indeed a novelty.

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A Serious Mishap.

"This little occurrence," remarked Neil Burgess, "is not at all funny, and although it was not down on the bills, nobody could laugh at it. You may be sure that I did not, anyhow. It was on the second night of 'The Widow Belet' at the Grand Opera house, Cincinnati, which was then under the management of Bob Mills. One of the acts ends by my chasing Tim Crane, a character in the play, and falling over the well sweep. The juvenile man is then supposed to pull me in the air. With the slight purchase given him, this ordinary young actor is not strong enough to do. So the cue is given to the men underneath the stage, and they are the ones who actually pull me up."

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FROM THE STATUE TO ASPINWALL.

A lively voyage graphically described by a Lady Tourist. Precisely 298 miles from the Goddess of Liberty and her uplifted torch lies San Salvador, the little island where Columbus made his first landing in the New World. Some scrupulous Yankee of later days has dubbed it "Waiting Island," but for ourselves, readers mine, let us stand by the ancient name conferred by the great discoverer as he knelt under the shadow of the cross.

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Does the Pitcher Plant Eat Meat?

Notwithstanding the admitted fact that bits of meat, insects and other animal substances are more quickly decomposed in the leaves and other trap-like appendages of the pitcher plant, sundews, Venus fly traps and various insect eating plants, than they are in open air, there is a body of scientists who deny that the plants themselves have any agency in the matter, or exercise any vital power in capturing the prey that falls in their nets.

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Removing Shine from Cloths.

To remove shine from black silk and diagonals, lay the garment on a table and with a flannel wet with cider vinegar rub the shiny places well until they are discolored. It does not matter how wet the garment gets. Hang it up in the shade to dry, and the shiny places that made a new garment look like old will have disappeared, leaving it as fresh and crisp as if just from the store.—New York Journal.

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Valuable Trucks.

Somebody who wants to buy a cheap truck asks me every day if I haven't one to sell. They think, you see, that the hotel must have a lot of trucks left by guests who couldn't pay their bills, and that the house would be glad to get rid of them. All that is true, but then the trucks can't be sold. There's no telling what trouble would follow when a man came around to pay his bill and get his truck and found it gone. I knew a hotel man in St. Louis once who sold two trucks belonging to a man who had left the house owing a bill. The fellow came around afterward, demagogued his trucks and then used the hotel. He claimed that the trucks were valuable, and he got \$3,000 from the hotel. That has set the example in St. Louis, and trucks are now kept for years and then sold only by legal process.

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