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CHANGES IN THE LANGUAGE.

The Words "Gentleman" and "Lady" Are Seldom Used in Polite Society.

At the present time there are some changes in the English language on foot the very suggestion of which would be a great deal of surprise to some of our staid old ancestors. There are lots of everyday words in use which 100 years ago. I doubt if Shakespeare, should be so situated that he could stroll down Broadway tomorrow or drop into some Fifth Avenue parlor this evening, would be able to readily follow the drift of the conversation, for lots of words used would be so contradictory in their connection with the meaning he would credit them with.

This was very forcibly brought to my attention at the reception of the Colonial club. I was standing on one of those upper floors, about the tenth, I think, where the girls huddled together and waited for their escorts to come for them. Occasionally a fellow had to do some waiting there, but it was usually the other way. Four or five of the prettiest human rosebuds you could pick along side Riverside drive were waiting and chattering. I couldn't help but hear. At first they told each other how "perfectly lovely" the other girl's dress was and how "polky" they felt in "this horrid old thing that they had 'way last spring, you know." Then one girl said:

"I came with a man, and I wish I hadn't; it's such a bore."

"Yes," replied one of two sisters in a rich cream satin, "so do we. I told mamma I didn't want to. I think it's ever so much more fun to go to a ball with the girls than with a man."

They all chirruped and giggled and said she was right and that men were nuisances. Each girl had something or other to say about "a man." The word "gentleman" was not used once. And then their respective "men" came up the stairs, and the girls were so glad to see them!

Since then I have learned that with the really nice and correct New York young lady the word "gentleman" has been laid aside. They admit that there are "gentlemanly" actors and "gentlemanly" gamblers, and that certain "gentlemen" on Broadway do a thriving business in the "bunko" line. A policeman is also a good deal of a gentleman as a rule, but the pure and high type of masculinity is simply "a man" to them.

All this is in close following with the abolishment of the Americanism of "lady" and the substitution of "woman" instead. There were "sales-ladies," "chorus ladies" and "servant ladies" until the limit was reached and a revolution occurred. Then came in the word "woman," and it's a fixture now.

I suppose the same process has occurred with "gentleman." Down in the Fourth ward Miss Kitty Toole refers to Teddy as "me gentleman friend." So simple "man" is good enough for the girls of Fifth Avenue and those who go the Colonial club receptions.—New York Herald.

An Obtuse Fellow.

One of Tennyson's old friends has described the odd fate of a manuscript of "The Princess." He was staying with the poet while the poem was going through the press, and while alone in the study one night and seeking a light for his pipe found some paper sticking out of his coat scuffle. From it he supplied his need, and on looking more closely at the bundle found it to consist of "The Princess" manuscript, the last proof of which had just been returned to the printer. Looking it over he abstracted a few sheets which specially took his fancy, notably that containing "Tears, idle tears," and which now hangs framed in an honored place. But such is the native obtuseness of man in unfamiliar circumstances that when the poet came in and told his guest to put the whole in his pocket if he coveted the rubbish, the two made spillo of a portion and returned the remainder to the scuttler.—Boston Journal.

AFRICAN IRONMASTERS.

A Place Where There Are Few Strains Because of the Fate of a Striker.

The Balubans, as the natives of the Muanzanyama district of central Africa are styled, enjoy an excellent local reputation as ironworkers. They find their crude material in the form of bog iron ore on the surface of the land. It rarely happens that digging to an appreciable depth is necessary. Their smelting furnaces, which are constructed of clay, are from six to ten feet high, from forty to sixty inches in diameter at the base and conical in shape.

The ore is tipped into the furnace from above; the charcoal, on the other hand, is introduced into baselike side openings, which also receive a continuous air blast, while the iron and slag are removed from the bottom of the furnace about every eight or twelve hours, according to the degree of heat obtained.

The forge is a circular building some sixteen feet in diameter, with a pointed roof and open sides. At a distance it might be taken for a park band stand. In the center of this hut is the fire, which is maintained in constant activity by means of a unique pair of bellows, which merit a special description. They consist of a block of wood, generally twelve inches long, hollowed out and fitted with a funnel head made of clay. At the lower end are two orifices, over which skins are stretched. Motion is imparted to the instrument by the action of two small rods. The hammer is of solid iron; the tongs are marvels of simplicity—to wit, a bent palm branch. An iron wedge driven into a timber block serves as an anvil.

The recollections of the Balubans carry them back to the time when they wrought metals with stone tools. Some of the natives are comparatively artistic workers. Very fine axes, tastefully inlaid with copper, are produced.

Strikes among these swarthy artificers are of comparatively rare occurrence, probably owing to the fact that the malcontents invariably have their heads lopped off and their skins placed on one side for patching, or in case of need entirely recovering the aforesaid curious bellows.—London Iron.

Timorousness of Great Men.

It has been recently stated by those who knew him well that Mr. Spurgeon was an example of the fact that public men often quake on the eve of their great successes. Though few guessed it, he was nervous in speaking, and one result of the disastrous panic at the Surrey Gardens in 1856 was that he ever afterward dreaded excitement in great audiences. At the Free Trade hall in Manchester, 1872, the orator was in buoyant and brilliant form. Yet before delivering his address he had been attacked by nervous sickness in the anteroom.

As we have suggested, this curious preliminary recoil seems to be a frequent characteristic of the efforts that establish or increase fame. Inquiry shows that some form of timorousness dogs distinction like its shadow. It may have peculiar and even eccentric features. Mr. Edmund Yates has mentioned the case of a distinguished living politician, noted for his dash and aplomb while in the house of commons, to whom on one occasion Sir Henry Hallford, the eminent physician, gave an account of a railway accident. The narrator was elaborate in his description, and it was too much for his listener's nerves. In the midst of the story the doctor had to break off. His friend was on the point of fainting.—Cassell's Journal.

The Home Aquarium.

An aquarium in which plants are grown will not require the changing of water, except occasionally, when the tank needs to be cleaned. The growing plants give off oxygen and absorb carbonic acid. To arrange an aquarium with plants, cover the bottom of a glass globe or tank with gravel which has been thoroughly washed. Half fill a small flowerpot with earth, and plant in it a small Egyptian lily; then fill the pot with well washed sand. Place the pot in the center of the tank and surround it with stones, so that it may be held in place and at the same time concealed. On top of this pot, and around it in the rocks and gravel, set out a few fine mosses and vines, such as grow in fresh water. Let watercress and hornwort be among them. A north exposure is best for this aquarium. Put in the fish and feed them on bits of meat, crumbs of bread and worms.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Electricity in Mining.

One of the latest applications of electricity to mining operations is seen in a lead mine in Belgium. Each bucket arriving at the top of the shaft makes an electric contact, and a needle in the office indicates by a red line upon a revolving drum the number of buckets brought up.—Philadelphia Ledger.

DIETS OF PASSAGE.

During this time the other side of the broad Atlantic, in the shape of tourists, commercial travelers and mariners, agents "on the road," steamboat captains, ship's surgeons and "all sorts and conditions" of travelers, emigrants and new settlers appropriate and testify to the preservative and remedial properties of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The medicinal value of this medicine, especially in cases of indigestion, liver and stomach troubles, is a well-known fact, and has been repeatedly proved by the traveling public for a third of a century. So forms of medical fever, from the caldura of the Pacific and the broken-bone fever of the Mississippi to its milder types, can resist the curative action of this singular preserver and restorer of health, a veritable boon to persons in feeble health or liable to incur disease.

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