

Her Second Choice.

Nobody was more desirous of saying pleasant things than Mrs. Appleby, and she never realized what an uncomplimentary vision of themselves her listeners sometimes obtained through her agency.

Mr. Appleby often realized it, however, and he spent a good deal of time endeavoring to smooth troubled waters in the neighborhood.

"I didn't get to the funeral over at Mashby, after all," said the good woman, one night at the supper table. "I felt sort of disappointed when I found the Larabee carriage was all full—three on the back seat, and no place for an extra one."

"Then I bethought me of poor Anne Willard that lives down that next street to the Larabees. She's lame, you know, and pretty deaf, but I scream right into her ear, so she can always hear me."

"I went right down there and found her alone, as usual, and I said to her, 'Anne, I couldn't get over to Mashby to a funeral, so I did the next best thing, and came to see you.'"

"You'd never have suspected from her face how gratified she was. She has these long features, and they seemed to be drawn out solemnly than usual, but of course I knew she was pleased, anybody that sees as few as she does, living out of the way and hived up in that little house."

Beyond the Limit.

"I don't mind folks borrowing," said Miss Hodges, plaintively, to an old friend who was paying her a visit, "but I've got an awful trying woman for a neighbor just now. She borrows such queer things I'm most out o' patience with her."

"Shears and brooms and the flour-sifter and ironing-board, I s'pose," said the guest, who had known life in a country town.

"Mercy me, I don't count such things!" said Miss Hodges. "Nor my best umbrella nor my carving-knife. I can make shift to get on without 'em for a while any time. But when she come over to borrow my diary the other day, so's she could keep account of the weather and her hens' eggs and so on till her husband come back from California, she having given him hers to put down his expenses and sights in, so's she could copy her record in from my book in the right place—I declare I called it the cap-sheaf!"

Pepys' Furnace.

An electric resistance furnace was used by Pepys in 1815 for the cementation of iron. He took a piece of pure, soft iron and cut a slit along its length. The slit was filled with diamond dust, which was prevented from falling out by fine iron wire. The portion of the wire containing the dust was wrapped in mica. The wire thus charged was heated quickly to redness by the current from a battery. On opening the wire Pepys found that the diamond dust had disappeared and that around where it had been the wire had been converted to steel.—London Engineer.

Its Thrilling Effect.

The great organ pealed forth. The leader of the choir waved his baton with great energy, his head and his whole body assisting in keeping time and giving expression to the noble anthem. And the choir sang, in full chorus:

"Aw maw O waw maw raw jaw jaw;
Woe yo baw ho raw law aw waw.
Law jaw O baw maw raw.
Yo haw hee aw baw jaw O baw
Woe haw daw maw aw daw raw aw,
Baw waw shaw law O maw!"

The congregation had some difficulty in understanding the words, but the music was grand, and it sounded like worship.—Chicago Tribune.

Taking No Chances.

The visitor had asked permission to inspect the extensive works.

"Certainly," said the superintendent. "You won't mind being searched before you begin, I presume? It's merely a formality."

"What do you want to search me for? Do you think I have bombs concealed about me?"

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Assisting Conversation.

"Yes," remarked the professor, "I rather pride myself on the discovery of another hypothesis."

"Indeed," replied Mrs. Cumrox, a little doubtfully, "I had an idea they were quite extinct."—Washington Star.

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Conjectural.

"The judge let you off on account of your youth and because it was your first offense, hey? Told you to go and sin no more, did he?"

"I reckon so. When I heard him say 'go,' I didn't wait to hear any more."

YERKES STORY WITH MORAL.

How Traction Magnate Answered "Do Riches Bring Happiness?"

Mr. Yerkes was once answering the question which everybody naturally put to him, "Do riches mean happiness?"

"There were two men in Philadelphia, Governor Schultz—he was called governor," said Mr. Yerkes with a ghost of a smile, "because he once wanted to be a candidate for the nomination to the governorship"—a delightful and characteristic bit of humor perhaps only intelligible to those who know America and Americans and their craze for giving and perpetuating titles—"and another man called Alec Benson was his opponent. Now, Governor Schultz was just one of those happy-go-lucky fellows whom everybody loved, but who never had a dollar to his name, while Benson was one of those near men that just thought of nothing but accumulating money. He went back to his office after his supper, which he took at 6 o'clock, and worked there till midnight, and he was there again next morning and, in short, he thought of nothing but money, money, money all the time."

"Well, Schultz got a little queer before he died and one night an old friend of his went to visit him. He lived in a small, unostentatious—indeed, rather poor—house, but he turned to his friend and said: 'Do you see that wall paper?' It was a very common and cheap paper. 'Do you know that it is pure gold?' The friend approved that it was pure gold. 'Do you see that counterpane?' It was some poor, common stuff—just an ordinary counterpane. 'That is cloth of gold.' The friend agreed that it was cloth of gold. 'And just look at this little slipper,' and then he showed his friend an ordinary, down-at-heel slipper. 'Feel how heavy it is—it is pure gold, ten ounces to the inch.' And poor Governor Schultz died in the conviction that he was surrounded by and lived in halls of gold."

"And three days after Alec Benson died and left millions. But for weeks before his death he was crying all day and all night because he thought he had lost all his money and was going to die of hunger. Now, there were the deaths of a pauper and a millionaire, and they supply," concluded Mr. Yerkes, "the answer to your question as to whether riches mean happiness."—M. A. P.

CASKS DRIFT ACROSS POLE.

Proving Once More that an Arctic Current Flows Over North Pole.

Two of the drift casks which were set loose in Behring Sea at the instigation of President Henry G. Bryant of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia and of Admiral George W. Melville some years ago have been recovered. One of them was found on the coast of Iceland, 2,500 miles from the point where it was cast overboard on the Alaskan coast. In its tortuous course it probably traveled 4,000 miles. Its drift across the Arctic Ocean proves once more the existence of an arctic current flowing from Behring Sea across the north pole region.

Fifty spindle-shaped casks were constructed from designs submitted by Admiral Melville and were sent north on United States revenue cutters and whaling ships to Behring Strait and there dropped overboard in 1899, 1900 and 1901.

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An examination of the first record shows that it was cast adrift by Captain F. Tuttle of the United States revenue cutter Bear on Aug. 21, 1901, about eighty-five miles northwest of Wrangel Island and recovered by Captain A. G. Christianson on Aug. 17, 1902, near the mouth of Koyukchuk Bay, on the Siberian coast. It is evident that this particular cask did not get a good start, and in the one year less four days of its drift the course it followed of 380 miles to the southeast was probably influenced by local currents which exist near Behring Strait.

The other representative of this silent fleet which has been traversing the desolate wastes of the arctic seas had a longer voyage and doubtless a more eventful history. Placed on the flow ice northwest of Point Barrow, Alaska, in latitude 71 degrees 50 minutes north and longitude 164 degrees 50 minutes west, by Captain N. T. Tilton of the steam whaler Alexander on Sept. 13, 1899, it was recovered one mile east of Cape Rauda Nupr, on the northern coast of Island, on June 7, 1905.

More of the casks have come through, but have not been found, while others no doubt have been found but not reported. There is no telling how long the cask found on Iceland drifted about in open water before it was cast ashore.—National Geographic Magazine.

Nearly a Double Life.

Mo Rose—He died at the advanced age of 110 years.

Jo Case—Humph! He almost led a double life, didn't he?—Judge.



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