

ATTRACTIVE UGLY MEN

Many Whose Faces Frightened Little Children Were Noted Lady Killers.

JOHN WILKES CAPTURED ALL.

Married the Prettiest Heiress of His Time—Pair Labeled "Beauty and the Beast."

Many of the plainest men of whom we have any record have not only won pretty and well-dowered brides, but have been able to pick and choose among the fairest, to the confusion of their more well-favored rivals.

Was there ever a plainer wooer, we wonder, than John Wilkes, the famous champion of popular liberties and one of the most dissolute men of his day? asks Tit-Bits. So ugly was Wilkes that the very children ran away shrieking at sight of him in the streets, and yet such was the spell he cast over women that "ladies of beauty and fashion vied with each other for his notice, while men of handsome exterior and all courtly graces looked enviously on."

"Give me a quarter of an hour's start," he used to boast, "and I will win any lady's hand against the handsomest man in England." And he could have done it, too. There were few beauties, however fair or highly placed, whose hands could not have been his for the asking, and in the very early '20s he won for his wife one of the loveliest heiresses of the time—a lady who refused more than

knees, is swarthy of skin, coarse in feature and has lost one eye. He often passes whole days in his room half dressed, uncombed, unwashed, biting his nails and scratching his untidy head."

But perhaps the most remarkable of all these cases of woman's infatuation for ugly men was that of W. Hamilton, a Scotsman of a century and a half ago. Hamilton was not only preternaturally ugly, but he was terribly deformed. "His legs," we are told, "were drawn up to his ears, his arms were twisted backward and almost every member was out of joint."

In spite of these terrible physical drawbacks Hamilton easily outstripped all the gallants in his district in the favor of the ladies. "He might have married any of them for the asking—indeed, it is said several of them actually asked him," says a chronicler. But he remained proof against all their wiles until after his eightieth birthday, and then he married a girl of 20, himself being carried to the altar on men's shoulders.

Electricity Wins Washing Race.

At the recent electrical show in Chicago electricity won a very pretty race with hand labor to see who could wash the most clothes in a given time.

Five pretty girls, operating new types of electric washing machines and motor-driven wringers, raced with six ladies of pronounced color who did their work by the world-old hand method, using the old-fashioned wash tubs, wash boards and hand wringers.

The girls started the electric motors to work on the clothes and spent the most of their time laughing and chatting with the visitors while the machines ran themselves. The colored women worked as hard as ever they could, for if they washed half as many clothes as the girls and electricity did they were to get one hundred dollars. The suds flew fast and furious about the colored girls but

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ODD GEOGRAPHICAL FACTS.

Unique Points About the United States Worth Remembering.

Among the many geographical peculiarities in the United States there are some especially interesting.

The two largest counties in the United States are Custer County, Montana, and San Bernardino County, California. Each of these is a little more than 20,000 square miles in extent, and the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware and New Jersey could be put inside the boundaries of either of them. The smallest county in the Union is Bristol County, Rhode Island, which has only 25 square miles.

The county in the United States having the largest population is New York, which has 2,000,000 people in it. At the time of the last census Bailey County, Texas, which is about the size of the State of Rhode Island, had only four inhabitants.

About 50 miles from Durango, Colorado, there is a point where four States meet. Here by stepping a few feet in either direction one can walk in four different commonwealths in as many seconds. These commonwealths are the States of Colorado, Utah and the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona. A nearly parallel case is at Harper's Ferry, where the train stops a few minutes to allow the passengers to alight and enjoy a view which permits them to look into three States—Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

The highest and lowest elevations in this country are in California, within 100 miles of each other. The loftiest is Mt. Whitney, 14,499 feet high, and the lowest is Death Valley, about 450 feet below the level of the sea.

Two Oceans Pass, in Yellowstone Park, is so named because whenever there is a shower in the vicinity and a certain small creek overflows, its waters spread over the edge of the continental divide and pass into tributaries of rivers which flow to the Atlantic and to the Pacific.

The longest city street in the United States is Western avenue, Chicago, which is exactly 22 miles long. Its nearest rival is Halsted street, also in Chicago, which is two-thirds of a mile shorter. Halsted street is so much more closely built up that it is usually spoken of as the longest street in the world. Interspersed with the native Americans on this one street are Germans, Italians, Russians, Jews, Bohemians, Poles and Greeks. Halsted street is crossed over and under by 20 railroads.

A novel way to demonstrate the size of the State of Texas is to spread out a map of the Union and stretch a string across Texas the longest way. Then placing one end of the measure at Chicago, one will find that the other end will extend into either the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico.

Hint to Dollmakers.

Miss Lole Fuller, at a luncheon at Mrs. William Ellis Corey's in New York, told a pretty story about one of her little dancing girls.

"I asked her," said Miss Fuller, "what she would like for Christmas."

"I'd like a doll," she answered. "I wish, though, the dollmakers were more religious."

"Why, my dear?" said I.

"So as I could have a kneeling doll," she replied. "All the dolls I ever saw have to be laid on their stomachs to say their prayers."

HALLEY'S COMET IN THE EUROPEAN SKY.



Comet Venus The Moon. The Comet near Venus, as seen at Paris. From L'Illustration.

one coronet—to be his bride. "Beauty and the Beast," they call us," Wilkes once said to a friend, "and really I cannot find fault with the description."

Brougham, the great lord chancellor, was a man of almost repellent ugliness, without a solitary compensating grace of speech or manner. When anyone asked, "Where is Brougham?" the invariable answer was, "Where the ladies are thickest." And, sure enough, there he was; and the more he repelled his fair persecutors, the more they clustered round him.

Another famous "lady killer" was Jean Paul Marat, one of the leading and most infamous figures in the French revolution. "Beyond any question," wrote a contemporary, "M. Marat is the ugliest man in the whole of France—and not merely ugly, but positively repulsive in person, habits and manners."

Even while hiding in the sewers of Paris, he was devotedly nursed by one of the loveliest of his admirers, whom he "married one fine day in the presence of the sun."

If possible, a still more repulsive man was Potemkin, the ex-private soldier who enslaved the fancy of Catherine the Great, and by her favor was made virtually Czar of Russia. "Dreadful and repulsive" was the description of him by one who knew him. "He has an unwieldy figure and knock-

when time was called they had not washed a third as many clothes as their contemporaries did, so they lost the prize, but were handsomely rewarded for their honest work, demonstrating the vast difference between ancient and modern laundry methods.

Culture in the Home.

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My two sisters—acrobatic— Do their stunts with circus vim; Tho' I'm not so sure they'd care to have you there.

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