

THE MOCKING BIRD.

There is no other bird sings half like that! From Eden's bowers it flew, Out to the world, with wavering plumage gray.

Julian Mitchell, the stage manager, was rehearsing a company of variety people who had waxed ambitious and planned to go forth into the flowery fields of polite farce.

The Field for the Inventor.

In the realm of machinery and manufacture the inventor is yet but entering upon his infancy. Many millions of dollars have been reaped and are to be accumulated by the inventor in machinery who understands the complicated needs of humanity.

Mirrors of the Israelites.

The earliest mirrors of which mention is made in history were in use among the Israelites in the time of Moses. That gentleman, as recorded in the Bible, commanded in a certain emergency that these articles should be transformed into wash basins for the priests.

Labor and Expense in Circulars.

Just how much the postoffice department receives every year for making men's lives burdensome with circulars of every imaginable character it is impossible to estimate, but if St. Louis is any criterion it must be enormous.

Successor to the Spot.

Those little beauty spots on ladies' veils, which were supposed to look like patches of court plaster on the fair skin, have found a successor at last.

Science comes to the front in the manufacture of grindstones. The best now made are composed of a mixture of pulverized quartz, powdered flint, powdered emery and rubber.

Rattlesnakes are said to have a natural antipathy to white ash leaves. Some naturalists assert that a rattlesnake placed in a circle of half ash leaves and half hot coals will cross the coals rather than encounter the leaves.

The exact nature of the connection between cyclones and tornadoes is not yet understood; but the distinction between them is so clear that nobody should ever bestow upon one the name that belongs to the other.

The average French family embraces three members, and the average Irish family five. In England the average number of members of a family is four.

Dr. Noah Webster, of dictionary fame, was buried in the New Haven burial ground, a short distance from Hillhouse avenue, and near the center of the city.

Experiments at the Illinois experiment station show that the best fertilizer known for land on which wheat is raised is ordinary barnyard manure.

CHASED BY MAD DOGS.

HAIRBREADTH ESCAPE OF A CLUB MAN AND HIS BEST GIRL.

A Yarn Which Goes to Prove That Barking Dogs Do Bite Sometimes—Still Some Savage Brutes Don't Waste Much Time in Barking When Out for Blood.

No one had spoken at the club for about an hour when a raconteur rose to the occasion. Laying aside his pipe with a look of regret he began: "It's a popular saying that barking dogs don't bite. Like other popular sayings this is a fallacy and misleading."

"Story! story!" called out the president. "Story? God bless you! I have none to tell, sir," quoted the raconteur, remembering his classics; "this is only a memory of two dogs, accursed brutes, that lived with an unfriendly man on a hill, over which the postroad was laid. This man, who was a Cain among his fellows, kept two savage mastiffs, who not only barked but bit whenever it was possible."

A TERRIBLE CHASE.

"A crisis came, when one day I took my sweetheart out for a sleigh ride in a low pung belonging to her father, to which was harnessed my own sure and swift footed mare. It was a lovely day and we expected to make a safe and rapid descent of the mountain, a distance of ten or twelve miles. The air was crisp and cold, the sleighing fine, and we skimmed up the ascent and reached the landing before we knew we had started. There we were met by the dogs. I think it would have been less difficult to have gotten rid of a pair of wolves. I dare not give my mare her head going down that long, steep declivity on frozen snow, and the dogs, emboldened by the cold or maddened by repeated lashings from my whip, jumped at my companion and tore her cloak and her dress in mouthfuls. I clubbed with my whip and beat them on the head, but they did not even seem to feel my blows. Their great black and yellow frames quivered with ferocity. The hair on their backs stood up like manes; their eyeballs gleamed red and angry, and the noise they made was deafening and distracting."

"Oh! I exclaimed, 'why haven't I a pistol?'"

"Look in the box under the seat," cried my companion, whose face was blanched.

"I looked quickly, and found a rusty double barreled horse pistol of a make of forty years ago."

"Is it loaded?" I asked.

"Yes, but don't shoot. If you do that man will kill you!"

TWO SHOTS FIXED THEM.

"I remember thinking how like a woman it was to tell me where to find the pistol and then ask me not to shoot."

"I laid the reins loose on the mare's back and away she went like the wind, beyond my control now, and I knew she would never stop till she was a mile beyond the level ground at the foot of the hill."

"If the pung held together; if nothing made the mare swerve from the direct line; if, in fact—if Providence kept an eye on us, and the breaching didn't break, we might escape breaking our necks. I looked back and saw the dogs gaining on us, even at that mad gallop I took aim and fired. Bang! Bang! There were two dark objects lying prone on the snowy road, and as quick as she could gather her feet under her mare stopped in her tracks. She was trained to the use of a gun."

"But my companion urged me to hurry on, and we were soon down the incline and beyond the reach of recognition or pursuit, and strange to say no one but our two selves ever knew who killed those dogs. We heard the most marvelous accounts of the slaughter, the weapon varying from a Queen Anne musket to a cannon, but dead they were as door nails, and their reign of terror over. I imagine their owner did not care to venture out to avenge their death. I drove boldly past the house every day, but was never molested or even suspected. But I often heard their unknown slayer praised and applauded for the deed which rid the neighborhood of their hateful presence."—Detroit Free Press.

Cleaning Fish Described.

The first time my little Marie, aged twenty-six months, saw the girl dressing the fish for dinner she came running to me, her eyes sparkling with excitement.

"Mamma, mamma!" she exclaimed.

"Mary comb fishes' hair wid de knife and it all come off!"—Cor. Babyhood.

Both Been There Before.

"I feel constrained to tell you, Fred, that I have been engaged before this," she whispered.

"Don't mention it," he said gently; "I, too, have been jilted."—Harper's Bazar.

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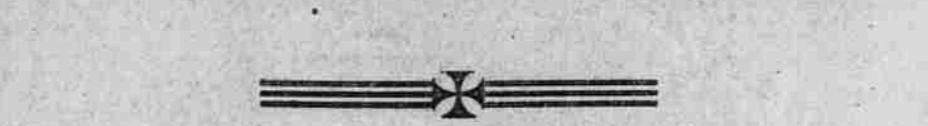
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