

Oh, dear one, with tawny wings,
 Dearest of singing things,
 Whose hymns my company have been,
 Thou art come, thou art come, thou art come!
 But, with the music of thy voice,
 Sweet sounding rustler, the heart rejoice;
 Ah! louder, louder, louder sing,
 Flute out the language of the spring;
 Nay, let those low notes rest,
 Oh! my nightingale, nightingale, trill out thy
 anapest.

Come, my companion, cease from thy slumbers,
 Four out thy holy and musical numbers,
 Sing and lament with a sweet throat divine,
 Its of many tears, thy son and mine;
 Cry out, and quiver and shake, dusky throat,
 Through with a thrill of thy liquid note
 Through the wide country, and mournfully
 through.

Leafy bared branches and boughs of the yew,
 Widens and rises the echo until
 Even the throne room of God it shall fill,
 Then when Apollo, the bright locked, hath heard,
 Lo, he shall answer thine eery, bird,
 Playing his ivory, seven stringed lyre,
 Standing a god in the high god's choir.

Ay, and not be alone
 Hark! From immortal throats arise
 Diviner theodies,
 Sounding together in a heavenly moan,
 And answering thine own.
 —A. Mary F. Robinson, from Aristophanes.

What London and Paris Eat.
 In London and Paris the annual average consumption a head of population is stated to be as follows, the greater quantity in each case being credited to the Parisian. Apples, 65 pounds and 6 ounces—145 pounds pears, 39 pounds and 5 ounces—170 pounds and 15 ounces, peas, 3 pounds and 8 ounces—6 pounds and 15 ounces, carrots, 7 pounds and 3 ounces—87 pounds, celery, 11 ounces—6 pounds and 13 ounces, cherries, 3 pounds and 13 ounces—29 pounds and 14 ounces, plums and damsons, 17 pounds and 12 ounces.—183 pounds and 4 ounces, raspberries, 4 ounces—2 pounds, strawberries, 3 pounds and 10 ounces—13 pounds and 12 ounces, asparagus, 1 pound and 3 ounces—5 pounds and 4 ounces.

On the other hand, while the Londoners eat 173 pounds 4 ounces of potatoes, the Parisian eats only 49 pounds and 4 ounces. The average consumption of onions, tomatoes, cabbages, cucumbers and turnips is also greater in London than in Paris, but with these exceptions the French are by far the largest consumers of fruit and vegetables.—Good Housekeeping

Clothing of Russian Convicts.
 The suit of clothes for summer wear consists of a shirt and pair of trousers of linen, and a peasant's coat of camel's hair, which last costs five shillings. The convicts condemned to hard labor wear two yellow diamond shaped patches sewn on the back, those without labor have one piece only, whilst other marks of a similar character indicate the province whence they come. At the Kara gold mines I learned that a coat of felt is given yearly. A shirt must last six months, and is washed once a week, whilst in summer a pair of rough leather shoes is served out every twenty two days. Those working in the mines are provided also with gloves, the annual cost there of a man's clothing being £4. In a convict village near Vladivostok they told me that on being settled as colonists they receive monthly seventy two pounds of flour and fivepence a day. Every year they receive a shuba, or sheep skin coat, under linen, two pairs of winter boots, three pairs of summer shoes, and once in three years a long coat.—Henry Lansdell, D.D. in Harper's Magazine.

Tastes of the Book Hunters.
 In book hunting men's tastes vary widely just as some hunters pursue a mountain grizzly, the buffalo or the antelope, while others find their amusement in shooting on the wing. Some men prize only bibles, some Shakespeares, some old ballads, some the Elizabethan literature and some Queen Anne's. Some want only American, and others only first editions. The field is, in fact, as broad as literature and as boundless as human desire. There have been mighty hunters in the book world, and their story is one of the most interesting chapters in literature. It takes one into a region unknown, but full of fascinating interest. Those who have not become acquainted with it know nothing of the highest joys of books.—Chicago Herald.

Average Height of Soldiers.
 It has generally been believed that the reduction in average height of French soldiers which followed Napoleon's wars, due, of course, to the immense slaughter in those campaigns, made all of those soldiers the shortest in Europe. But, according to a high medical and military authority in Russia, the minimum height of the Russian and the French conscript is about equal—five feet, while in most other European countries the minimum ranges from five feet one inch to five feet three inches.—New York Home Journal

A Helmet for Firemen.
 A new helmet for firemen has been invented in Bremen. It consists principally of a copper mask, which is very light. The wearer's nose, mouth, and eyes receive through an india rubber tube a constant stream of pure air, which leaves the helmet by an opening opposite the eyes and prevents the entrance of smoke. The helmet has been practically tested and is to be used by the Berlin firemen, it is said.—New York Sun.

Clubman—The Mormon men have no clubs, I suppose?
 Salt Lake Man—They had not until lately, but several clubs have been started within a year.
 "Indeed! Then the report that they are abandoning polygamy must be true."
 —Omaha World.

It Makes a Difference.
 Husband (all ready for the theatre)—I declare, dear, it's raining hard.
 Wife (buttoning her gloves)—Well what's a little rain! One would think from your tone of voice that we were about starting for church.—Harper's Bazar.

Modern Civilization in France.
 The personal effects of Marie Pranzini, the murdered mistress of Pranzini, have been sold at public auction at the Hotel Drouot. There was a terrible crowd, including many ladies of fashion and aristocratic rank. All the effects of the dead woman were sold, including her clothing, and almost fabulous prices were paid. For example a pair of blue silk corsets brought \$37. A trashy novel which she was reading just before she was killed brought \$25, the publisher's price of it is 25 cents. The blue silk stockings which she had on when she was killed were purchased by a Russian countess for \$43. A basin in which Pranzini was said to have washed the blood from his hands after the murder brought \$15. A chiffonier, on which are to be seen the marks of his bloody fingers, brought \$85. A heavy coat of waterproof transparent varnish has been put over the finger marks to prevent them from being obliterated. A pair of common silk garters brought \$5 each.

One lady, a rich banker's wife, paid \$33 for a pink silk undervest, considerably worn, and at once stripped off the half dozen buttons and sold them for \$7 apiece. A tooth brush brought \$4 and a shoe buttoner \$3, though neither cost over 50 cents new. A wife of a deputy wears a brooch containing a tiny gallow's noose made of Pranzini's hair, and another lady, a duchess, has set in a ring one of the handsome teeth for which the murderer was famous. She bribed the executioner to knock it out of his jaw for her, as soon as he was dead. As is well known, the corpse of Pranzini was completely skinned, and the tanned hide made up into pocket books, card cases, and other souvenirs, which are highly prized.—The Argonaut.

Oscar and His Magazine.
 I met Mr. O. Wilde not long since in London. He stood on the corner of Bond street and Piccadilly delivering a series of deep guttural and heart felt reflections on the mud, and particularly at a large and lavish display of it that had been spread over his attire by the wheel of a passing hansom.

A woful change has come over the erst-while apostle of aestheticism. Where a waist once existed there is now a billowy, bulging and complacent protuberance that wots not of sunflowers and lilies, nor yearns for sickly yellows and pallid greens. It indicates instead a rampant, clamorous and passion tossed yearning for beer that has been met by a generous hand. Mr. Wilde's outline would do credit to an alderman. His reddish hair was clipped close and topped by a beaver hat in a cocky sort of way, and his trousers were rolled up in a fashion that allowed the observer's eye free play over a pair of sturdy walking boots. As a matter of detail it may be added that the trousers of the pet aversion of the former aesthete's life were ill fitting and bagged at the knee. Mr. Wilde's increasing corpulence has destroyed the strong lines of his face, but added an element of rubicund good nature. He was ruddy and comfortable looking.

"I suppose," he said, before we separated, "that you remember some of the remarks I used to make about journalism?"
 "I have a vivid recollection of a speech you made one night at the Lotus club in New York, in which you denounced the ink stained creatures of the press."
 "Ah, yes. Well, I'm one of them now. My magazine is my only sin."
 He is making a success of it, too. It is one of the few instances where a man of violent enthusiasms becomes a money maker.—Blackly Hall in New York Sun.

Professional Artists a Terror.
 Art stores and the dealers in artists' supplies are not supported to any degree by professional talent, as in fact no dealer cares to cater to that class of trade. Professional artists are a terror to business men, for they seem to have no ideas of ways and means of transacting business, and think it all the same whether they pay in a day or a year. Then the successful men want you to toady to them and submit to insolent reflections on the contracted ideas of all engaged in trade. They will force their pictures on the public whether the execution is good, bad or indifferent, and when the dealer remonstrates they turn a scornful nose and caustically comment on the terrible lack of art culture among the uneducated.

There are men in the art supply business who have informed me that their most sincere wish was that a real professional would never cross the threshold of their stores. The artists who have had sense enough to forego the ambition to become famous and turned their pencils and brushes into commercial work have found a reward commensurate with the cost of early training. There are a dozen commercial artists in St. Louis who today claim incomes ranging from \$3,000 to \$6,000, that lift them from the penury and uncertainty of a Bohemian whose life is devoted to catching the public fancy. The public is too whimsical, and although you may captivate it for awhile, fashion will lead the crowds away from yesterday's favorite.—Charles E. Ault in Globe-Democrat.

Sympathetic, yet cruel.
 It is strange, by the way, how easily the sympathies of the majority of mankind can be excited in certain directions, while in others they are absolutely irresponsive. People are so hard, so unsympathetic, with those who are brought into daily contact with them—so full of pity for those of whom they know nothing, so mean, so cruel often, to their own families, their servants and their work people—so ready to lavish mischievous charity upon strangers of whom they have heard some tale of woe! In one of the last numbers of The Charity Organization Review the story was told of a London business man who turned away two of his clerks because times were so hard and immediately sent £50 to the fund for the unemployed, to whose ranks he had contributed those two.—Atlanta Constitution

Value of Electric Welding.
 The electric welding of Professor Elihu Thomson is rapidly developing into a great business. The practical uses to which this invention can be applied are very numerous. Besides its value in factories for the repair of tools, shafts, etc., and in general "job work" among machinists, it is adaptable to many forms of manufacturing, in steam and gas fitting, or plumbing, employing either copper, lead or cast iron pipe, as well as in electrical fitting, it will prove invaluable.—Frank Leslie's.

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