

THAT MAN FROM SALEM.

New York City Done Up in Crisp Sentences—Scene on Lower Broadway—Peddlers on the Curb—The Battery—Several Great Men.

Went to afternoon reception at friend's house. Stupid piece of business. Lots of folks wandered in. Didn't seem to know what they'd come for. Didn't seem to know what to do when they had come.

That's the way they rattled on and finally rattled out. Took abundant stock of each other's dresses. Few men present. What were twirled thumbs looked amiable, sheepish and tired.

Saw the obelisk. Doesn't compare with Bunker Hill monument; edges chipped and worn. Why import stone from Egypt when we've so much of our own?

Visited Second avenue and East Side generally. More Germany than in Boston; more pretzel, bologna sausage and Gambrinus; more children to the square yard.

Visited the Riatta, Union square, swarming place for actors looking for work. Pavement strewn with talent a foot deep. Full of future stars.

Lower Broadway. Bustling at noon. Everybody on the dead rush. All sorts of men. Sad men. Solemn men. Run down men. Sledgy men. Hungry men.

Serene policemen playing solitaire with their clubs. Gimcrack, shoestring and shirtstuck peddlers on the curb. Sun baked, cake, cookie and candy peddlers.

Went to the Battery. Crowded with foreign fathers and mothers of our future presidents. Don't speak English at present.

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Proprietor of fine grounds (to young landscape gardeners)—Have you ever studied ornamental pathology?

It may be interesting to chess players to know the origin of the word "checkmate." According to Notes and Queries it is literally the Arabic "ex-shah mat," the shah (king) is dying.

He Was Not Delicate. A thin, delicate looking woman sat in a horse car one evening recently, and next her sat a native of the queen's realm.

Hotel Clerks in New York. It is exceedingly difficult for a hotel clerk out of employment to secure a position in any of the leading hotels.

The Chinaman's Devotion to Rice. The Chinaman's devotion to his rice is as great as an Englishman's to his dinner, and at their regular times for "chow."

Patrons of a Toney Restaurant. The demands made on a clerk at Delmonico's are almost infinite. He must be able to answer all sorts of queries from astronomy to horse car routes in San Francisco.

Various Coincidences. A London telegram relates an amusing incident that occurred in a case on trial in one of the civil courts on Saturday.

A Bed in Germany. No foreigner has as yet solved the mystery of the German bed. The question which most often turns up is whether to sleep on the top of the mattress and surface an equal area of cold, or to get partially under the mattress and to remain there for the night in sections.

A True Soldier. "Yes, gentlemen," said the colonel, as he returned his glass to the counter, "the true soldier is never averse to discipline. No matter how objectionable orders from a superior officer may be, they must be obeyed promptly and without question.

Iron in Milk. Dr. Lyon has been making an extended investigation of the amount of iron in milk, and finds that cow's milk contains more of this constituent than either human or mule's milk.

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