

BANDON RECORDER.

A Stagnant All went. One of the leading elements of Chicago...

It was near his hour for starting to his lecture class in a West Side school. Three women were in the waiting room...

"Madam, you kindly stop chewing long enough to answer my questions?"

Wheeler's charge at the battle of Shiloh was said by General Grant to be one of the most brilliant exhibitions of human bravery he had ever witnessed...

While he was thus engaged Rosecrans' cavalry, 8,000 strong, swept down upon the Georgians. The latter charged and repulsed the northerners...

The History of a Book. Following is the story of the first edition of Fitzgerald's celebrated translation of "Omar Khayyam"...

The legend has it that Dame Gabriel Rossetti, Swinburne and Burton were among those who discovered the "children's treasure" in the poetry box...

The word "bellum" is a corruption of the word "Bellidienum" and originated as a synonym for chaos at the time when the house of Bellidienum, occupied by a sisterhood of London, became an insane asylum...

Paor Mr. McKelroy. Mrs. McKelroy—Where is Mr. McKelroy? Junior Partner—Gone out to get a new ribbon for the typewriter.

Vanishing of the Bride. While there is no hard and fast definition a married woman may be thought to have ceased to be a bride when...

Let a boy follow his natural business tendencies. So many play horses are being worked in carriages—Arlous Globe.

The Remedy. The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg was one day gambling at the Doberan tables and was betting on the same numbers as a rich master potter who stood next to him.

POLLY LARKIN.

"The noblest work of God is an honest man," so the poet tells us, but when a man has to proclaim the fact on every occasion and in season and out of season that he is an honest man...

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Public Parks in Cities. Parks and boulevards, streets lined with trees and green lawn spaces, are not only a necessity, but are ornaments—a part of the city's dress suit...

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Crows to Be Used in Warfare. According to a Berlin correspondent a modest little society in Germany is apparently planning its faith to the crow...

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The tube of a 12-inch gun has fifty spiral grooves inside, which cause the shot to revolve seventy-five times per second as it rushes through the air.

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PRESENTS FOR HIS WIFE.

"Hello, old man! What have you in all those bundles?" asked a gay, sly looking bachelor of a careworn, solemn young man as they met in a suburban railway train.

"Presents for my wife," was the sentimental reply. "It's her birthday."

"Well, what are you bringing your wife?" gaily pursued the bachelor. "Trousers," was the answer.

"What?" "Yes, I repeat—trousers. Just you listen. On my birthday my wife got me three or four beautiful lace handkerchiefs, such as women carry at afternoon teas and such places, and a black velvet hat with high collar, one of the three-story kind. You observe your view of the stage in the theater. They looked mighty well on her, and she asked me if I wasn't having a nice birthday."

"Well, I didn't mind that very much, but when Christmas came I got another pair of the same sort. I gave my wife a pretty gold ring. She gave me a turquoise ring too small to go over any of my knuckles, and she wears it now next to the one I gave her. But that wasn't the worst of it. She got her sister to give me some after-dinner coffee cups and my sister to make me a lot of lace dollies. That was all I got for Christmas."

"Tomorrow is my wife's birthday. In this package I am bringing her a pair of trousers which I had made to my measure and which I shall wear. In this parcel is a pair of the very best patent shoes, size 8½, a good deal too big for my wife. In this package is a box of cigars, and in my pockets I have a new mechanical pipe and a pocket watch. Now, I don't see how she can fail to have a happy birthday. Do you? I hope she'll enjoy it, for I want to get even for all the pretty things she has given me."—London Tit-Bits.

What the hero of this story looks like is the fact that his wife forgot his name. His business keeps him out late and he frequently carries considerable money. When footpads are reported in evidence, he gets as near home as he can by street car and then takes the best lighted route to his house.

One night he had reached the front of his own place and had just drawn a long sigh of relief when the order "Hands up!" startled him into compliance. One man held a gun in the immediate neighborhood of his ear and another systematically robbed him of everything worth carrying off. The order then was that he walk around the block so as to defer the use of his telephone, and it was clearly stated that any attempt to turn back, run or call for help would result in his being murdered.

Before he reached the corner it struck him that the value of one of the more commodious families and then that its owner was a near neighbor—greatly given to practical joking. Back he went on tiptoes, his revolver in his right hand, and surprised the footpads as they were dividing the spoils. He made them by every thing on the walk, and when they straightened up awaiting the next order he discovered that both were old strangers. His hand dropped from sheer terror, and then the robbers ran one way, while he sprinted the other. Half an hour later he, his wife and a landlady, a revolver and the hired girl went out and found his money watch, papers and diamond pin. His wife simply ruined the story by telling it first.—Detroit Free Press.

A lady who had lost a canary happened to be attracted by a bird that was hopping about in its cage in the front window of a house in New York. Thinking that it looked very like her own, she knocked at the house door and asked a few questions about it. She was told that it had been found one cold morning sitting on the window sill and was taken in and cared for. The lady said her bird could perform the pretty feat of picking up a pin and sticking it in the carpet. Being allowed to test this bird, the cage door was opened and a pin thrown on the floor. The canary at once flew down to it, picked it up in its bill and cleverly stuck it through in the carpet, after which it sang in a song, as if rejoicing at its success. The folk of the house, believing the bird had proved her ownership of the bird, permitted her, says little folks, to take the songster away to her home.

A little boy fell out of the bed at his home in Illinois some nights ago, and when his mother and some of the other members of the family tumbled him about it he fell completely as if he had done something disgraceful and cried as if his little heart would break.

At the close of a performance given as a benefit to John Bringham, the actor and dramatist, one of the audience threw upon the stage a purse of gold. Bringham picked it up and after examining it said: "Ladies and gentlemen, circumstances compel me to pocket the insult, but, looking grim, 'I should like to see the man who would dare to treat it!'"

FACTS IN A FEW LINES.

Bootblacks may not do business in Boston on Sunday. The czar has 27,000 wood police, who each cut 4½ worth of wood a year.

Norway has to import 250,000 tons of grain a year. She exports 135,000 tons of fish yearly. Within 11 years the De Beers mines have yielded diamonds to the value of over \$100,000,000.

Shetland has had the largest herring catch on record—320,400 crans, valued at over \$1,500,000. Australians hold a world's record in tea consumption, drinking nearly eight pounds a head yearly.

Only one colored soldier wears the Victoria Cross—Lance Sergeant Gordon of the West Indian regiment. The population of Berlin will complete its 2,000,000 by the end of 1902. The present figure is about 1,843,000.

A writer in a Buffalo paper says that "hardly one person out of 25 in that city who claim to wait really know how." Merchants in London are still selling Boer relics, and however little their intrinsic value may be they bring high prices. The city of Bern, Switzerland, is making the socialist experiment of building free—or practically free—workshops for artisans.

Vermont continues to be a rural state. It is the only state in the north that does not contain a city with a population of 25,000 or more. The growth of grass that comes in a long, mild, moderately rainy autumn is said to be far more nutritious for cattle than the spring grass. It is richer than any of the leading horsemen stock raisers of Cedar Rapids, Ia., have organized a movement for the purpose of giving a great stock and manufacturing exposition each year.

One-fourth of the laboring population of Colorado is said to belong to labor organizations. The State Federation of Labor claims that Colorado is the best organized state in the Union.

Only eight states have been uniformly Republican in presidential years since 1800—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Minnesota. Fifty-five carloads of coal are shipped from Lehigh, Pa., daily. The town has also bought 3,000 bales of cotton this season and expects to have electric lights in 30 days. New coal mines are being opened.

Among the black hunters of kangaroos in Western Australia are 27 women. It is a professional business, and there are about 125 persons who make it their regular business to hunt and capture the animals. Reports of the organization of a fanatical international society, whose object is to see that China will not be divided among the powers and that Korea shall remain independent, have been received at Moscow from Japan.

Rotterdam, from its favorable situation, has gradually pulled ahead of Amsterdam, and is now the most prosperous harbor in Holland. It has captured most of the German trade and does an immense business with the United States.

A German engineer has rendered it possible to use a phonograph instead of a guide at exhibitions. Visitors to the exhibition will only have to call the attendant, who will put the roller containing the description of the exhibit in question into the phonograph.

The Netherlands stand in the foremost rank as coffee drinkers, using 370 ounces a year to each inhabitant. We are but 725 on the coffee drinking list, using 25,000,000 pounds a year, or 157 ounces apiece. Russia, however, allows but three ounces to each person. The retired list of the Massachusetts volunteer militia is increasing rapidly. There are on the list at present 11 major generals, 4 brigadier generals, 11 colonels, 8 lieutenant colonels, 29 majors, 24 captains, 2 first lieutenants and 22 lieutenant commanders.

A London plumber has arranged a new system of burglar alarm by means of compressed air. When the modern Bill Bikes opens a window or a door, the compressed air blows a policeman's whistle and lights an electric lamp to act as a guide so that the man in blue shall know where he is wanted.