

BANDON RECORDER.

DON'T FORGET THEM.

The Party Call and the Bread and Butter Letter.

Do not forget your party call and your bread and butter letters, says the Boston Advertiser. They are in their way just as important as the party and the visit themselves and mean much to your hostess.

A Famous Knocker.

In the cathedral in the north porch of Durham is a very ancient and grotesque mask of bronze, the empty eye sockets of which are thought to have been filled with crystal eye-balls or to have had a lamp burning behind them.

This cathedral was in mediæval days a famous sanctuary where any culprit charged with crime could find inviolable shelter, kindly entertainment for thirty-seven days and then if still unjustified or unpardoned safe escort to the coast and passage overseas.

From a chamber over the north porch a monk watched continually to give immediate entrance to any fugitive, and as soon as this knocker on the door was grasped the rights of sanctuary were insured.

The Young Men of Today.

The young men of today are too finicky—too much given to self-analysis, too self-pampering. Their shoes and neckties cost more each year than did the entire wardrobe of their grandfathers. They feel a sense of degradation in small beginnings and plodding, and they wait for success ready made to come to them.

Blue Mountain Tea.

The foliage and flowers of all the goldenrods, says the Philadelphia Press, are imbued with an astringent principle and are moderately stimulant, so that their suitability for the manufacture of a domestic tea was recognized by the American colonists as long ago as when George III. was king over them.

The Earthworm.

Among agricultural workers perhaps the earthworm receives the least attention. Its value to the land is seldom appreciated. It bores through the soil, making little tunnels in every direction, thereby admitting the air and moisture not only to the soil, but through the soil to the subsoil.

Assorted His Freedom.

"Well," said Tom sleepily to his roommate, "did you solve that puzzle?" "No," snapped Dick as he got ready for bed.

Sand.

Boy—My mother says there was a pound of sand in the last box of presents you sent up.

Troubles of Her Own.

"I asked her if she would scream for her mother if I kissed her." "What did she say?" "She said her mother was fully capable of doing her own screaming."

In Tragic.

"Didn't you have a pleasant voyage?" he asked. "Oh, yes," replied Miss Greenblood, "except for the vulgar trade winds we encountered."

A Test.

"I shan't call again." "Why not?" "Oh, she isn't accustomed to good society."

POLLY LARKIN

The holidays are approaching and everybody, from merchants down to purchasers, are getting ready for it. Mysterious bundles have already commenced slipping into the house to be put out of sight in the twinkling of an eye, with the warning, "no questions asked."

BRIEF REVIEW.

Many Kinds of Pearls. Pearls are of several distinct kinds, differing in shape and form in origin. "Free" pearls—those that are found loose and separate between the folds or layers of the mantle and gills, or between the latter and the body of the mollusk—comprise most of the true spherical pearls, as also many that are ovoid, pear-shaped and irregular.

Unexpected. This story of a young man who found something better than the solitude of melancholy thoughts by the sea waves is given as a fact. While enjoying merry Margate he made the acquaintance of a young lady to whom he paid many attentions.

To Tax the Unmarried.

Mayor A. F. Knott of Hammond, Indiana, would put a tax on bachelors. "It is not right or just," says he, "that a married man who pays taxes on his little home and keeps his money in circulation by supplying his family should not have more than an 'even break' when it comes to securing work."

Rapid Telegraphy.

The Pollak-Virag system of rapid telegraphy having shown a possibility of 40,000 words an hour over the 447 miles between Berlin and Königsberg, it will be put in use by the German postal service on the busy line from Berlin to Frankfurt.

A Porcelain Tower.

The tower which the famous Sevres Porcelain Works is to erect on the heights of St. Cloud, near Paris, promises to prove as striking a novelty as the celebrated iron structure which perpetuates the name of M. Eiffel.

Cheaper Sugar in France.

Since September 1st the French people have bought sugar cheaper than ever before. While cut loaf sugar costs 65 centimes per kilogram (about 6.5 cents a pound) and white granulated 60 centimes per kilogram (about 5.75 cents per pound).

After the Honey-moon.

She—I just know you don't love me as much as you did. He—But, darling, how can you think that? "Because you are not half so foolish as you were."—Life.

That Was All.

Mr. McCorkle—This statue you speak of was an equestrian one, was it? Mrs. McCorkle—No; it was just a man on a horseback.—Detroit Free Press.

TOO SMART.

There are times when Enterprise ceases to be a virtue. "Young Brown is a smart fellow," said the manager of the collection department to the great lawyer.

HINTS ON DIETETICS.

Unripe fruits should never be partaken of. Oatmeal is heating, hence a desirable cereal in winter months.

THE OYSTER'S POSITION.

If wedged on its right side in its bed it will die. "Why does an oyster sleep and live on its left side?" asked a man who is interested in oyster culture.

Laugh and Grow Fat.

"Laugh and grow fat" is an old saying, and there is more than a little truth in it, asserts a doctor. "The convulsive movements which we call laughter exert a very real effect upon the bodily framework."

Words and Ideas.

Definite words are necessary for the expression of definite ideas, hence definite terms have to be employed. A term has one definite meaning which does not change with time.

Making an Epoch.

"How old are you?" the schoolteacher asked the new student. "Six years old," replied the little one. "When were you six?" asked the teacher.

Baroness's Cowardice.

Mrs. Disraeli once said to an astonished circle in an English country house: "Dizzy has the most wonderful moral and political courage, but he has no physical courage. I always have to pull the string of his shower bath."

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The Great Argus is Very Shy and Has Wonderful Wing Feathers. Of all the pheasants the great argus is the rarest and most peculiar in its habits.

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"Why, I complimented him for his promptness and business sense." "Merciful heavens, man, that will never do!" cried the great lawyer.

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"He'll be asking for more salary. Go out and tell him that if he hadn't been here the office boy could have done it just as well!"—Brooklyn Eagle.

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NEW SHORT STORIES

In the Bret Harte Country. We drove down the mountain in the moonlight and saw a coyote cub playing with his shadow, and we drank the deep, sweet breath of the pines, and Truthful James told me about Bret Harte.

King's Heroism Won His Wife.

As is well known, the new king of Serbia married Princess Zorka, the eldest daughter of the Prince of Montenegro, and his supporters in Germany are now spreading a story of his marriage which is more romantic perhaps than exact.

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"The madding crowd" and who evidently did not know the senator. "May I ask you a fair question?" "Fire away," said the senator.

"You're the only man I've seen out today who has a high hat on. Will you tell me why you're wearing one?" queried the stranger.

"Certainly, with the greatest pleasure," replied Plunkitt. "It's simply because I cannot wear two at the same time."

"Oh, yes; quite true, I see, ha, ha," stammered the old gentleman. "Why didn't I think of that before I asked you the question?" And off he walked, with a puzzled look about his face.

Mr. Payne's Story. Postmaster General Payne says there is a western bishop who has been visiting regularly a certain town to make confirmations for fifteen or twenty years and who decided last year that there was one woman in that town's confirmation class who had a familiar look.

He studied the woman, therefore, closely. He scrutinized her figure, her face, her dress. She was old and poorly clad, and decidedly her appearance was familiar.

"Indeed ye hev, sir," returned the woman cordially. "Have I confirmed you before?" "Oh, yes, sir; many a time, sir," the bishop, amazed and perplexed, began, but the woman, smiling, interrupted him to explain:

"I get confirmed, sir, as often as I kin, 'cause I'm told it's good for the rheumatiz."

Plunkitt's One High Hat. State Senator Plunkitt was standing at the northwest corner of Fourth street and Eighth avenue chatting in his usual pleasant way with a couple of friends, says the New York World. He had on a high black hat.

"Beg your pardon, sir," said an old and highly respectable looking gentleman who happened to be passing by.

"Now, I have nothing in the world against the Chinese. They are a peaceful, fairly honest and very useful class of citizens, but it is a little rough to make me out sitting down to a social game with a yellow faced, pigtailed, grinning Chinaman as if he were an equal, by George!"

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