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—London Telegraph.

The Swiftest Bird in the World

The swiftest bird in the world is the English sparrowhawk. It is known to achieve a speed of 150 miles an hour.
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A Long Feat Want.

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Superintendent—No, we don't want any of your machines; we have all the machinery we can use.
"But, my dear sir, no laundry is complete without one of my machines."
"What is it a mangle?"
"No, sir; your mangles and ironers are not in it when my machine gets to work."
"What is your machine for?"
"It's a machine made expressly to take buttons off garments. When it strikes a button, it removes the same in a twinkling, and rips the garment from end to end."
"Young man, you have a brilliant future before you. You may send half a dozen of your machines to the laundry at once."
—Pearson's Weekly.

Most Valuable Stamp.

The most valuable stamp in the world (says a philatelist) is the 1-cent magenta stamp of British Guiana, dated 1856. There is only one copy in existence, and it will cost you \$5,000 if you are determined enough to desire to purchase it.

A Well Filled Vial.

A certain hotel keeper who keeps an unpretentious establishment in Aldershot not far from the passenger station of the Southern Pacific railway says that in future he will not take baggage in security for board without having it photographed under the X rays. "One month ago," said he, "a well dressed fellow who owed me for two weeks' board came to me and told me that as he was in financial difficulties he would like to have his valise in security for the week or if he failed to do so I would take the valise and its contents. The baggage wasn't worth 50 cents, but as I was well dressed I concluded that a fellow whose valise stuffed almost to bursting with the contents of such a well worn valise would not pay the \$14 he owed me. I allowed him to take away the valise, but he failed to do so. A week later my housekeeper came to me and said that two of my best boxes were missing. They were L. G. ones, worth about \$4 apiece, and I did not like the notion of losing them, you may be sure. I felt sure, and in an anxious sort of way began looking around behind the office counter, not because I had any notion of finding them there, but just because I had nowhere else to look without leaving the desk to the care of a girl. Suddenly my eye was attracted to a parcel that owed me \$14, and then a kind of sick feeling came over me. I opened it in a hurry—it contained nothing but my two big pillows." —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Not an Anthem.

Mr. W. L. Gilbert told a good story about Sir Arthur Sullivan and himself in the course of a lecture. While "The Mikado" was a process of incubation the collaborators decided that it would be an excellent thing to herald the entry of the Japanese monarch by a suitable Japanese tune set to real Japanese verses, and they appealed to gentlemen learned in matters concerning the far east to help them in their difficulty. The result was "The Mikado" in the second act. "Myra samu, myra samu," the strains of which are also heard with such singular effect in the overture. Until quite recently Mr. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan were under the impression that this air belonged to something in the national anthem; but it now seems that they have been badly misled. A friend of Mr. Gilbert, who saw "The Mikado" the other day for the first time, has written a letter complimenting the author and composer upon the general scheme of the overture, but expressing astonishment at the inclusion of the "Myra samu" chorus, the tune of which he declares to be that of a song sung only in the lower tenements of Yokohama and calculated to make the hair of chamberlain's hair stand on end. —Public Opinion.

Valuable Pennies.

A striking instance of the desirability of taking care of pennies was seen in the sale at Letby's of the second portion of the Montagu collection of English coins, which was particularly rich in Anglo-Saxon and other old pennies, chiefly in silver. The following are some of the prices obtained: Canute penny of London mint, £13 10s.; Hardeknute penny of Aylesbury, £11 6s.; Harold II. Chelsea penny (unique), the only one known from this mint, from the Bruce collection, £13 10s.; Harold Godwinson penny, £10 10s.; William the Conqueror transferred penny (unique), £12 15s.; William Rufus Leicester penny, £10; Henry I. Canterbury penny, £11 15s.; St. Edmund's penny (unpublished), £14 15s.; Canute penny (unique), £10 10s.; Waltham penny, £11 10s.; and Warcham penny (rare), £12 15s. The day's sale realized about £600. —London Telegraph.

What Produces Perfume.

According to M. Eugene Mesnard, it is not oxygen but light which is the main cause of the transformation and extraction of the odorous principles, although in many cases the two agents act in concert. In producing the perfume of plants light acts both as a chemical and mechanical power. The intensity of the perfume of flowers depends upon the balance established at every hour of the day between the pressure of water in their cellules, which tends to drive the perfumes outward, and the drying action of light. Where there is too much heat there is too little scent. This is due to the excess of light and the death of water. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

How Fine Wire is Made.

The finest wire in the country is made at Taunton, Mass. This metal cobweb of minute diameter is exactly the one-five-hundredth part of an inch in thickness—much finer than human hair. Ordinary wire, even though of small diameter, is drawn through holes in steel plates, but, on account of the wear, such plates cannot be used in making the hair wire. The Taunton factory mentioned uses drilled diamonds for that purpose.

His Tip.

"Don't I get a tip?" asked the barber after he had finished cutting the tall man's hair.
"What for?" asked the tall man.
"Why, for taking such good care of you. Gentlemen generally give me something."
"Well, so will I," said the tall man as he took his tip. "You may keep the hair." —Puck Me Up.

Celebrated Playing Cards.

The most celebrated pack of playing cards in the world, "Gibson's" of London, was sold by a circus in London for \$500, and is complete at that, for five cards are wanting, their places being taken by facsimiles of the originals. The pack is interesting as a relic of a famous pack of the fifteenth century.

Grasping at a Straw.

Doctor—Don't be alarmed. I was like you when you are a year ago, and with the same trouble. Today I am well and hearty.
Patient (anxiously)—Oh, doctor, tell me, who was your physician? —Washington Post.

TOMMY CRUSE.

In Hard Luck When He Struck Drum Lummond and Bloomed Out.
When I met Tommy first, his only asset was a serious danger, for his life was under a cloud and under a shadow. I could not help Tommy with money, but I tried to help him with advice. "Strike old Sam Ashby for a couple of hundred dollars," I suggested. Sam Ashby was one of the rich men of Helena, Mont., at that period and ran a small savings bank. Tommy Cruse "tried old Sam Ashby." All he got, however, was some pretty free talk, in which the banker assured Tommy Cruse that he would rather throw his money into the home of his staid majesty than loan it to such a drunken, shiftless fellow.
Tommy Cruse got the money, however. Three weeks later he located the great Drum Lummond gold mine. He knew he had a big thing, but somehow he could make nobody believe in his mine. For years he worked at it, however, living at times a dog's life.
Once, while talking to a friend of mine, he fell forward unconscious. He had not eaten a mouthful of food for 36 hours, and yet, with dogged persistence, had worked on till he fell in his tracks. At last his day came. He opened up a big vein and had \$1,000,000 to his credit in a good safe bank. Hard times over, he decided to pose as a "solid citizen," so he opened a savings bank in Helena. One of the first men to apply to Tommy Cruse, banker, for a small loan was the one-time banker, old Sam Ashby, now less prosperous. Then came to the old prospector the happiest moment of his life, one that wiped out all memory of starvation and privation. For Tommy Cruse, showing his would-be customer to the door, assured that customer, in language too emphatic and graphic for English ears, that he would sooner throw his money into the hoarse of his staid majesty than loan it to such a drunken, shiftless fellow as Sam Ashby. —Columbia Magazine.

THE WELL MANNERED BOY.

He Is Simply Charming, but Altogether Too Sober.
Is there anything more charming in this world than a nice, well-mannered boy? I don't want to be hypercritical, but I must add, as I am a strictly veracious woman, that they are, alas, as rare as they are charming.
Such a boy, the well-mannered genius, thank heavens, I met not long ago, and my instant thought was, "What a fine mother his mother must be, for by reputation, a celebrated actress, who has carefully shielded her private life from the public, and my estimation of that woman immediately rose 50 degrees. None but a woman of culture, refinement and true nobility of character could rear a son whose every slightest word showed respect for women, innate good breeding, and, best of all, in this day of affected skepticism among the jeunesse doree, an honest belief in the existence of good among men and women in general."
And I could not help thinking sorrowfully as I chatted with this delightful boy how few mothers really understand their meter. It is the most responsible work in the world, that of motherhood, and is entered into with the least training and preparation. Women are proverbially proud, vain, their masculine critics say, and I wonder whether they realize how they are reflected in their children? If they did, would they not make a greater effort to have reflected in their good points, their gentleness, breeding, and, above all, their faith in human nature. —Philadelphia Record.

Sealy Ant Ester.

An animal made of tin plate, of the shape of an elongated fir cone, about three feet in length, which crackles and rustles with every movement, is one of the latest acquisitions of the Zoological society of London. Its name is the pangolin, or scaly ant eater, and it belongs to the same family group as the armadillo and platypus. It has excited great attention at the zoo, for it is—if we are correctly informed—the first animal of the kind which has been exhibited there. Its home is where the termites, or white ants, are found, for the animal feeds on these destructive creatures and possesses claws which are designed to break down their strongholds. The claws are also necessary for burrowing in the ground, for the pangolin excavates a cave for himself and his mate eight feet or so below the surface of the earth, and in this strange home one or two young are produced every year. The pangolin at present at the zoo is fed upon ants and their eggs, and also exhibits a partiality for cockroaches scalded in milk. The scales with which its body is covered are hard and sharp as steel, and it can give a terribly cutting blow with its powerful tail. It can roll its body up into a ball like a hedgehog when it so wills. —Public Opinion.

Clerical Dances.

It is to be feared that clergymen who have entered the church through theological colleges are wretched scholars as a rule. The bishops have lately found it necessary to insist on an entrance examination on general subjects before admission to a theological college can be granted, and the results have been decidedly startling. The requirements are almost ridiculously elementary—a couple of books of Xenophon's "Anabasis," some quite easy Latin, two books of Euclid and so forth. Nevertheless, it is stated that a large number of candidates for orders are so grossly ignorant that they have been unable to get through this exceedingly easy ordeal. —London Truth.

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