

ODDS AND ENDS.



OMAR KARIFF.
The Oriental Potentate Becomes a Prebent of Famale.
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One day as Omar Kariff sat in his palace and reflected on the wisdom of his rule he heard a great murmuring in the streets, and calling in his prime minister he said:
"The people murmur. Go out and see what the cause is about."
The P. M. was absent for a few minutes, and then returned to report: "O ruler of the sun, the people murmur because the price of corn is so high."
"That's it, eh? Well, go back and tell them that the price shall be reduced one-half. Can't you trust above up the price of corn to my dominions?"
The P. M. went back and made proclamation, but still the murmuring continued.
"What's the row now?" demanded his highness as he jingled his bell and the P. M. answered it.
"O wise king, the people complain of a scarcity of corn. It cannot be had at any price."
"I see. Make proclamation that the people fill up on 'taters.'"
"But no 'taters were planted in Persia last year, your highness."
"Then let 'em try turnips."
"But, alas, there are no turnips."
"But beans were always here with us, and with plenty of beans on his table the king was satisfied."
"O 'king over Persia," said the P. M. as he began to look troubled. "I add all the beans to 'turkey by your order a month ago. The Sultan desired them for his bean shooter."
"Well, then, let my people turn to carrots and onions."
"But those have been grown, O ruler."
"And maybe you will tell me that there isn't a cucumber to be found in Persia?"
"No, your highness."
"Say so? How is it that such a state of affairs has come about?"
"By royal proclamation, O ruler, you had 20,000 farmers beheaded last year as 'an agricultural experiment. You were seeding a new fertilizer.'"
"Ah! I remember. And the beheading of 20,000 farmers has left 100,000 citizens of my capital foodless!"
"It is true, O ruler."
"Very well, Ithelm. It's a pious case of arithmetic without any experiment in it. To balance the want of crops yielded by the 20,000 farmers you will use it that 100,000 of my citizens are made a head shorter. That will even things up, give the people to understand that I'm looking out for their best interests and probably prevent an epidemic of cholera."
M. Quan.
How It Happened.
"How did Mr. Holdover get the reputation of being such a deep, intellectual person?"
"Well," answered Farmer Cornstout, "we all listened to his speeches, as we judged by his actions that he understood 'taters' and he said, 'I'm concluded from that that he must be a most extraordinary mind, but he wouldn't have had more words about it, but sent him right along to congress.'"
Washington Star.
The Tame For Him.
"No," said the St. Louis man. "I did not enjoy the street car ride you gave me. The scenery was all right and the roadbed good, but it was too tame."
"Tame?"
"Yes. At home I'm used to being blown up at every second street corner." Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Mor Supplication.
"Your honor," said the lawyer, "my client acknowledges that he struck the book agent with a piece of gas pipe, but she pleads that it was a case of mistaken identity."
"How's that?" asked the judge.
"Well, she thought it was her husband." Baltimore American.
Had Spoken Some.
First Citizen—He has spent a good deal of money laying pipes for this office.
Second Citizen—Too much for pipes and too little for cigars, I fancy. Detroit Journal.
Shades of Peeling.
"So Dobbs convinced you by his arguments, eh?"
"I don't know whether I was convinced or whether he furs me out." Chicago Record.
Wouldn't Convince Himself.
"Excuse me, but didn't I meet you in Chicago some time ago?"
"Not unless I was there at the time." Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Only One Photo.
Old Gentleman—So you'd like to become my son-in-law?
Mr. Hardup—Yes, sir, if you can afford it.—The Hit.
The Only Authority.
Uncle Hiram—You mustn't prod the farm animals, Johnny.
City Boy—Go on, you ain't the father of this cat!

Look These Up.
In many educational journals nowadays the use of pronunciation tests, catch words, etc., which may be valuable for technical use and yet not being needed every day in everyday talk are, like certain folk I know, chiefly interesting on public occasions. I should like to put down here a list of words that are very generally pronounced.
Everybody knows how to pronounce them, but being such common little things, mere street waifs, with unshaved faces, nobody takes the trouble to "speak them fair." Now, to know what is our duty and fall to do it is a much more culpable thing than not to do it because we don't know what our duty is. So here they are, little, commonplace creatures, which are mispronounced every day:
Toward, again, bado, brooch, apricot, often, catch, beards, eye, flet, greasy, sew, scare, years, idea, avert, botique, gear, blasé, rise (noir), arctic, shone, route, gaunt, canine, juvenile, infidel, corporal, tete-a-tete, trousseau, amendment, restaurant, bicycle, were, recipe, frontier, depot, process, recess, romance, tirade, escay, tarpu-lin, won.
The above are in common use and of common abuse. Some of them of course come from our sister, France, and people are likely to say that they are not expected to pronounce foreign words correctly.—Texas School Journal.

A Natural Lighthouse.
Stromboli, one of the Lipari Islands, has constantly and usefully performed the function of a lighthouse for at least 2,000 years. Circular in outline, the island culminates in a conical shaped elevation, due to past volcanic agency, which rises to the height of 3,000 feet above sea level and is visible over an area having a radius of more than 100 miles. During the day a mass of vapor are seen issuing from a point of high up the mountain side, and at night successive displays of red light, varying in duration and intensity, somewhat resemble those of the gigantic flashlight on the coast. The flashes that from under one to over 20 minutes, gradually increasing to a ruddy glow and gradually fading away.
This island is referred to by several very ancient writers as the great natural pharos of the western Mediterranean. Now it serves the same purpose for the constant stream of traffic passing to and from the French and Italian ports in the gulfs of Genoa and of Lyons, through the straits of Messina, for which Stromboli acts as a "leading" light. To such an extent is this the case that, although the other principal islands of the Lipari archipelago are marked by lighthouses, nothing of the kind is placed upon Stromboli.

A Dream That Came True.
"Talking about dreams," said Mrs. Smith as we sat around the parlor. "I once had a very strange experience. I dreamed that I was stepping out of my house for a walk when a funeral passed by. A man with a cap running and a red scar running across his forehead jumped from the hearse and, approaching me, asked, 'Are you ready?' 'No,' I replied, and with that I awoke.
"A few months later I was stopping in Chicago. I was on the top floor of one of the big houses and just about to step into the elevator when I remembered another thing I wanted to buy. I stopped and looked through my notebook. 'Down!' exclaimed the elevator boy, and then asked me, 'Are you ready?' 'No,' I answered, and the door closed.
"The next instant a great crash was heard, and the occupants of the elevator were dashed to an untimely death. 'The cap of the boy bore the figure of a man, and he had a red scar running across his brow.'—San Francisco Chronicle.

That Boy.
"Mamma, does money make the man?"
"I'm sorry to say it does sometimes, Tommy."
"Money will make a man go anywhere, won't it?"
"I suppose so."
"If it was down in Cuba, would money make a man go to raising mangoes?"
"Don't bother me."
"Do monkeys eat mangoes, mamma?"
"I presume so. I wish you wouldn't talk so much."
"Then if money makes the man go to raising mangoes, and monkeys eat mangoes, don't the monkeys make the mango go?"
"Whack! Whack!"
Chicago Tribune.

A Natural Wonder.
Buenos Ayres recently had the largest "rocking stone" yet discovered. It is situated on the slope of the mountain of Tandil, in the southern part of the province, and measures 90 feet long by 18 feet broad and is 24 feet high. Its bulk is 5,000 cubic feet, and it weighs at least 25 tons. Nevertheless, it is so buoyantly poised that a single person can set it rocking. When the wind blows from the southeast, the stone, which is pyramidal in form, sways to and fro on its foundation like the branches of a tree.

The Tomato.
The tomato was known up to 1880 as a "love apple" and regarded with suspicion. It originated in Spanish South America and, being introduced into Italy from Morocco, was named "pomo del mori"—Mor's apple. The French called it "pomme d'amour."

After.
Willie—Pa, did Adam and Eve kick each other when they were fru out of the garden?
Pa—Well, no; not just then, but they raised Cain afterward. Now go to bed.

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Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon.
December 18, 1900.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Marie L. Ware, U. S. Commissioner at Eugene, Oregon, on February 9, 1901, viz: Frank E. Taylor, on H. E. No. 796, for the E 1/2 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 18, Tp 10 N., R. 9 West.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
J. L. Taylor, of Reed, Lane Co., Oregon; W. T. Bailey, of Medford, Lane Co., Oregon; W. Nichols, of Elmira, Lane Co., Oregon; and A. M. Briscoe, of Junction City, Lane Co., Oregon.
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, December 12, 1900.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1898, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Clinton D. Chorpington of Florence, County of Lane, State of Oregon has filed this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1245, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section No. 20, in Township No. 18 South, Range No. 9 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 6th day of March, 1901.
He names as witnesses:
John L. Furnish and C. H. Holden, of Florence, Oregon; B. H. Fisk and J. E. Jackson, of Ft. Terrace, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of March, 1901.
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, November 28, 1900.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before F. H. Rogerson, U. S. Commissioner, at Gaffney, Oregon, on February 15, 1901, viz: Charles Johnson, on H. E. No. 848, for the E 1/2 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 18, Tp 20 S., R. 10 West.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Al Perkins, H. C. Sherratt, J. W. Wroe and Ed Maher, all of Gaffney, Oregon.
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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Patrick Cowan, John Leach, John Joyce and Hugh Cassidy, all of Gaffney, Oregon.
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, United States Land Office, Roseburg, Or., January 10, 1901.
A contest affidavit having been filed in this office by One Phyllis, contestant, against one said entry No. 9777, made March 3, 1900 for SE 1/4 Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 9 West, by Ole Aas, Contestee, which it is alleged that he has changed his residence from for more than six months since making said entry, and that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law; that said alleged residence of said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, or any other war in which the United States may be engaged, said parties are hereby notified to appear, present and offer evidence touching said application at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 28, 1901, before C. H. Holden, U. S. Commissioner, at Florence, Oregon, and that said hearing will be held at 10 o'clock p. m. on March 4, 1901, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roseburg, Oregon.
The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed December 21, 1900, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that this notice be given by due and proper publication.
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.
J. H. BOORS, Receiver.

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A. T. DAWSON.

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