RETAKE OF PRECEDING PAGE

IN THE CONSERVATORY.

[Earl Marble.]

"But we must return! What will they say!
Yes, I know it's awful nice.
In the window here, from the others away,
With a taste now and then of the ice,
And now and then of—— Oh, you wretch!
It wasn't at all required
That you should illustrate thus with a sketch
The speech that of course you admired.

"No matter how naughty. There you have spoiled
The 'classical Grecian knot'
In which you like my hair to be coiled,
And I really don't know what
Other mischief you haven't done! You're just
Real naughty! You squeeze like a vise!
Why can't you men take something on trust,
And be more dainty and nice?

"There! I'm ready now. What! just one more!
Oh, aren't you a darling tease?
And love me so?—one, two, three, four!
There! come now, dearest, please.
I'm almost afraid of the parlor glare.
When they look at my lips they'll see
The kisses upon them." "No, not there;
But, sweet, in your eyes, maybe!"

A STROKE OF LIGHTNING.

It Visted Bill Nye While Listening to a Concert.

[Denver Opinion.]

Last week we went up to the Coliseum at Minneapolis to hear Theodore Thomas' orchestra, the Wagner trio and Christine Nilsson. The Coliseum is a large rink just out of Minneapolis on the road between that city and St. Paul. It can seat 4,000 people comfortably, but the management like to wedge 4,500 people in there on a warm day and then watch the perspiration trickle out through the clapboards on the outside. On the closing afternoon, during the matinee performance, the building was struck by lightning and a hole knocked out of the Corinthian duplex that surmounts the oblique portcullis on the off side. The reader will see at once the location of the bolt. The lightning struck the flagstaff, ran down the leg of a man who was repairing the electric light, took a chew of his tobacco, turned his boot wrong side out and induced him to change his sock, toyed with a chilblain, wrenched out a soft corn and roguishly put it in his ear, then ran down the electric light wire, a part of it filling an engagement in the Coliseum and the balance following the wire to the depot, where it made double-pointed toothpicks of a pole fifty feet high. All this was done very briefly.

Those who have seen lightning toy with a cottonwood tree know that the fluid makes a specialty of it at once and in a brief manner. The lightning in this case broke the glass in the skylight, and deposited the broken fragments on a half-dozen parquette chairs that were empty because the speculators who owned them couldn't get but $50 apiece, and were waiting for a man to mortgage his residence and sell a team. He couldn't make the transfer in time for a matinee, so the seats were vacant when the lightning struck.

The immediate and previous fluid then shot athwart the auditorium in the direction of the platform, where it nearly frightened to death a large chorus of children. Women fainted, ticket speculators fell $2 on desirable seats, and strong men coughed up a clove. The scene beggared description. I intended to have said that before, but forgot it. Theodore Thomas drew a full breath, and Christine Nilsson drew her salary. Two thousand strong men thought of their wasted lives, and 2,000 women felt for their back hair to see if it was still there. I say, therefore, without successful contradiction, that the scene beggared description.

A World in Pawn.

[Federal Australian.]

The idea of the whole globe being hypothecated by countless millions of debtors to a calculable number of creditors is a very startling one, when it is abruptly and nakedly presented. And it is difficult to imagine so vast an estate in liquidation, or to conjecture to what bankruptcy court the creditors would prove their debts, or who would be the official assignees to collect and distribute the assets.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that the whole world is in pawn, and that its balance sheet shows us an aggregate of liabilities which is absolutely appalling. They have been summed up in The Fortnightly Review by Mr. A. J. Wilson, an experienced writer on financial subjects, and the total is the stupendous sum of £5,394,000,000 an amount which, if represented in sovereigns, it would take a man 172 years to count, at the rate of a sovereign a minute, without a moment's cessation from beginning to end.

To defray the interest on this enormous debt requires £200,000,000 per annum, which Mr. Wilson represents to be fully equal to the entire earnings of 8,000,000 of people; and "did each individual in these 8,000,000 support a family of three persons only beside himself, the interest upon these debts would imply the absorption of the entire support of a population equal to that of the United Kingdom."

Of course, a calculation of this kind takes no account of the debts owing by municipalities, counties, cities, railway, canal, gas, water, insurance and other public companies. But these would assume still vaster proportions, for the capital sunk in railways alone is 4,000,000,000, and this is of course a debt owing to bond and shareholders; while the local debts—state and city—in the United States amount to £175,030,000. The mother country is the greatest pawnbroker in the world, and draws £250,000,000 per annum from the nations and colonies indebted to her.

Mr. Wilson is of opinion that the time has arrived when a stop should be put to this system of mortgaging the future to meet the expenditure of the present, and when England, more particularly, should begin to extinguish her existing liabilities. But his advice is not likely to attract much attention. Nations are just as improvident as individuals, and not one of them has ever been deterred from rushing into a war of ambition or aggrandizement by considerations of the burdens it was entailing on posterity; and the United States is the only one which has taken prompt measures to extricate itself from a national debt.

Value of American Locomotives.

["Gath" in New York Tribune.]

A friend said to me at Long Branch that there were 38,000 locomotives in the Union, and that they were worth not less than $10,000 apiece, and more nearly $15,000, and that we had facilities here for turning out twenty new locomotives a day, and that the locomotive factories in general were running strong even now. If the above figures be correct the locomotives in the United States ha ɔ cost not far from $400,000,000, a sum of money which would have frightened the soul of James K. Polk when fighting the Mexican war for during that war his gizzard was greatly agitated for fear he would bankrupt the nation, and with unseemly haste he ordered a treaty to be bought, begged or stolen, so the war could be stopped.

His Hairpins.

[Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.]

A friend of mine who knows Joaquin Miller gave me a funny description of how he used to go calling with him in Washington. That was before Joaquin cut his hair and then he carried it all carefully fixed up with hairpins. They would reach the house and ring the bell. If the lady were out they would go away. If she were at home Joaquin would take off his hat, carefully take out the hairpins, let the hirsute mass fall over his shoulders and march into the drawing-room with the poetic stride of Walker of Nicaragua.

Philadelphia Call: People with delicate olfactory perceptions may be interested in knowing that as a rule out of 1,000,000 codfish eggs only 100 survive.

Boston Courier: Sugar is selling at 2 cents a pound in many places in Cuba, and the question arises what do the grocers adulterate the sand with?

HE WAS NOT A KICKER,

But He Had an Objection to Make Concerning the Soup.

[Merchant Traveler.]

Ben Ridgely, a Louisville, Ky., newspaper man, who, for the first twenty years of his life, had been accustomed to feeding on champagne and diamond back terrapin, has for the past twenty years been having a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match with the usual boarding-house spread, and is still alive but weak. One day, early in the spring, he went to his landlady with a complaint.

"Madam," he said, with a demi-semi-quaver in his voice, and a piece of wetness in each eye about as big as a buckshot, "haven't I been a pretty good boarder for the two years I have been with you?"

"Why, Mr. Ridgely, of course you have. Only yesterday a lady asked me how long you had been a member of the Young Men's Christian association," replied the lady in surprise.

"Yes, and when you gave us eggs with feathers on, did I ever kick?"

"Wha—what's that?" stammered the woman, thrown off her balance by the suddenness of the blow.

"And did I ever insist on your clipping their wings?"

"Sir, I don't—"

"And didn't I keep right on, even though you let the butter wear its hair banged, when you knew I hated bangs?"

"Mr. Ridgely, this is going too—"

"And did I complain, when I found a button in my pie, because there wasn't any buttonhole in the flap?"

"Sir, I won't stand this any——"

"And did I report you to the Society of Prevention of Cruelty when I picked that poor, helpless cockroach out of the biscuit?"

"Shut up, you——"

"Yes, and when I found a minnow in the milk, did I ask you whether you milked your cow with a fishing pole or a seine?"

"Wha—wha—wha——"

"Don't mention it, madam. When the steak was a little tough, was I one of the boarders who sent a buzz-saw and a steam-engine up to the house?"

"I—I—I——"

"And did I ever object to paying for furniture repairs, because the bread was so heavy that when I swallowed it, it knocked the bottom of the chair out?"

"You mean, good for nothing——"

"Don't get excited, madam. Did I ever inquire whether you drew your tea with a windlass or a chain pump?"

"Oh, you villain, you wretch, you—"

"I hear you, madam, and I want to ask if I ever reflected on your molasses can by asking if you had a patent on that fly trap?"

"Oh—oh—oh you—oh—"

"I ask, madam, did I ever do any of these things? And I answer by saying, 'Never, no never.' Therefore I want to know why in thunder, excuse my forcible language, please, when they bring me a plate of soup with a dishrag in it, they don't bring along a pair of scissors to cut the darned thing up so a man won't choke on it. That's all, madam."

When the lady was resuscitated, Ben was compelled to go out into the cold, cold world and get another boarding-house. Such is woman's inhumanity to man.

Death to Prairie Dogs and Ants.

[Leadville Cor. Dallas Herald.]

Some three years ago, while making a trip across the continental divide, I stopped for dinner at a road-side tavern, situated in a creek valley; close at hand was a prairie dog town, numbering over 500 inhabitants. Not long since, I had occasion to stop at the same house, and saw that the small level prairie, once occupied by prairie dogs, had been inclosed, plowed, and was then covered with a luxuriant crop of grass. Seeing no signs of the little beasts, upon asking what had become of them, I was told they had been exterminated in the following way:

Balls of cotton or rags were saturated with bi-sulphide of carbon—an impure preparation will do and is cheap—pushed far down into the holes, and the holes firmly packed with earth. Bi-sulphide of carbon being an extremely volatile fluid, quickly evaporates and forms a heavy gas, which occupies every chamber and gallery of the animal's dwelling. This gas is as promptly fatal to animal life as the fumes of burning sulphur or carbolic acid gas.

My informant also destroyed in a similar way several colonies of large ants, of the same species as those found in Texas. He built a fire close to the ant-bed, shoveled the earth forming the ant-hill into the fire, so as to burn up the ants contained in it with their young, then scraped the surface of the ground clean, and waited a while to give the ants a chance to clear the tunnels from any earth that may have dropped into them. A ball of cotton saturated with bi-sulphide of carbon was placed in the center of the bed, covered over with a tin vessel large enough to embrace the greater number, if not all the outlets, and earth was packed about the tin, so as to exclude air. Next day the tin was removed. He showed me the sites of several beds in his yard where the ants had been killed in this manner. Since then, while in Colorado Springs, I was told this plan has been successfully used in California for a number of years; it was used for the extermination of gophers, yellow-jackets, and all other burrowing animals and insects.

Chased by a Spider.

[Gentleman's Magazine.]

The king of the spiders on the pampas is not a Mygale, but a Lycosa of extraordinary size, light gray in color, with a black ring around its middle. It is active and swift, and irritable to such a degree that one can scarcely help thinking that in this species nature has overshot her mark. When a person passes near one, say within three or four yards of its lurking-place, it starts up and gives chase, and will often follow for a distance of thirty or forty yards. I came once very nearly being bitten by one of these savage creatures. Riding at an easy trot over the dry grass, I suddenly observed a spider pursuing me, leaping swiftly along and keeping up with my beast. I aimed a blow with my whip, and the point of the lash struck the ground close to it, when it instantly leaped upon and ran up the lash, and was actually within three or four inches of my hand when I flung the whip from me. The gauchos have a very quaint ballad which tells that the city of Cordova was once invaded by an army of monstrous spiders, and that the townspeople went out, with beating drums and flags flying, to repel the invasion, and after firing several volleys they were forced to turn and fly for their lives. I have no doubt that a sudden increase of the man-chasing spiders, in a year exceptionally favorable to them, suggested this fable to some rhyming satirist of the town.

That Husband of Mine.

[New York Sun.]

A woman hastily entered a Harlem lager beer saloon and demanded of the proprietor:

"Has my husband been in here?"

"I don't know him. Is he a tall man?"

"Yes."

"Red-headed?"

"Yes, and red complected."

"Full beard?"

"Yes."

"Wear a slouch hat?"

"Yes."

"He was here not five minutes ago. He came in, drank a lemonade, and then walked down the street."

"Drank what?"

"Lemonade."

"Wrong man!" she said, shooting herself out of the door.

THE TROUBLE SAFELY OVER.

Stomach trouble is serious business while it lasts; but what a blessed relief to have it depart! Mrs. F. G. Wells, of 19 Atlantic street, Hartford, Conn., writes that she tried Brown's Iron Bitters for stomach trouble, and that she experienced such relief that the trouble is now entirely over. She recommends this great iron medicine to all who are afflicted. It cures liver and kidney complaint.

Breaking Bridges by Vibration.

In answer to the question, "Is it true that the marching of a body of soldiers, in regular military step, has been known to cause the falling of a bridge?" The Manufacturer and Builder has the following: The statement is substantiated by the strongest kind of evidence. We believe that it is a rule observed by marching armies, when they cross a bridge, to stop the music, break step and open column, lest the measured cadence of a condensed body of men should cause the bridge to vibrate so greatly as to endanger its stability or to cause it to fall. Numerous instances of accidents caused by the neglect of this rule are recorded. For example, the Broughton bridge, near Manchester, gave way beneath the measured tread of only sixty men who were marching over it. A chain bridge, crossing the River Dordogne near Bordeaux, about the year 1850, gave way from a similar cause.

The terrible disaster which befell a battalion of French troops a few years since while in the act of crossing the suspension bridge at Angiers, in France, is one of the most convincing evidences of the extreme danger from the cause here named. The facts, as recorded, are as follows: "Reiterated warnings were given to the troops to break into sections, as is usually done. But the rain was falling heavily, and in the hurry of the moment the orders were disregarded. The bridge, which was only 12 years old, and which had been repaired the year before at a cost of $7,000, fell, and 280 dead bodies were found, besides many who were wounded."

A bridge, or similar structure, may be crowded with people going and coming, with cavalry or with cattle, with infinitely less danger than with the far less weight of a body of men going over it in regular marching order. In the latter case the structure is set into vibration, which every step that is taken adds to, until the swing becomes so violent that it may overcome its powers of resistance and cause it to give way at its weakest point. In the former case a multitude of vibrations are set up in the structure, but being irregular—that is, non-synchronous—one is neutralized by another and no effect is produced.

It has often been noted as a singular fact that large trees have been uprooted by wind storms of no unusual violence, which have withstood much more violent gales. An explanation of this mystery which appears to us to be very plausible, may be found in the facts above detailed. The wind in powerful gales frequently comes in gusts, which cause the tree to swing, and if these gusts happen to be so timed as to coincide with the natural swing of the tree each successive impulse swings it more powerfully, until at length it is uprooted by a wind which, had it blown steadily, would have done it no damage.

Cornell's Mummy Speaks.

[Chicago News.]

President White was slowly unwrapping the Egyptian mummy recently acquired by Cornell university.

"Oh, could we but know what those sightless eyes have seen, what those time-dried ears have heard!"

"Or what that silent tongue has said," put in a sophomore.

"Yes," continued President White, "I should like to know how this grim visitor from the dingy past worked out his livelihood. Oh, could those palsied lips but speak the words that were perhaps struggling for utterance the moment he gave up his spirit!"

"Perhaps we might get them out with a corkscrew," suggested a freshman.

"Nonsense," remarked the president.

"But all scientific experiments are nonsense until they succeed," said a member of the faculty.

"True!"

"Let us try."

The students had no trouble in finding corkscrews.

The first jerk brought out the words "your honor."

"Ah, this reference to honor shows that he died in a chivalric cause," said the president.

"Perhaps he was addressing his king, whose honor he had valiantly defended to the death," said the stroke-oar of the ancient history class.

"Perhaps. Let's draw once more."

The corkscrew was applied again and again, and a number of words exhumed.

When spread out on the table in the order of their discovery these words were: "Your honor, the defense asks another continuance."

Matrimonial Intelligence.

[Texas Siftings.]

They had not been married very long, but she had grown cold and listless; so one evening, after she had yawned seventeen consecutive times, he said:

"You seem to be so cold and indifferent, Malvina. Have you forgotten those happy days when I was paying you my addresses?"

"You bet I've not forgotten those happy days before we were married. I never had less than three fellers of an evening around me, paying me attention."

"But, dearest, haven't you got me to pay you attention right now?"

"Yes, I suppose I have. You are doing the best you know how; but you don't flatter yourself that you are equal to three, do you?"

The parties are both well connected, and move in the highest of Austin society.

They Will Not Go.

[Bill Arp.]

There was a time when a hospital at Richmond would have been a great blessing to the one-armed, one-legged, one-eyed and otherwise maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, but nineteen years has wrought great changes. Most of the invalids are dead. Those who are living have homes and families, and they will not go to Richmond

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Remarkable Wisdom.

[Burlington Hawkeye.]

Buffalo gnats, which have proved fatal to mules, are now attacking the farmers of Arkansas. It was a remarkable display of wisdom on the part of the gnats to practice a year or two on the mules, first.

Courier-Journal: Ergotinin is the most expensive drug now in the market, and costs nearly $1,500 per pound. Many persons when they come to settle up with their druggist, think they have been buying ergotinin.

BAFFLED!

One of the Most Unaccountable and Dangerous of Recent Deceits Discovered and Exposed.

There is some mysterious trouble that is attacking nearly every one in the land with more or less violence. It seems to steal into the body like a thief in the night. Doctors cannot diagnose it. Scientists are puzzled by its symptoms. It is, indeed, a modern mystery. Like those severe and vague maladies that attack horses and prostrate nearly all the animals in the land, this subtle trouble seems to menace mankind. Many of the victims have pains about the chest and sides, and sometimes in the back. They feel dull and sleepy; the mouth has a bad taste, especially in the morning. A strange, sticky slime collects about the teeth. The appetite is poor. There is a feeling like a heavy load upon the stomach; sometimes a faint, all-gone sensation is felt at the pit of the stomach, which food does not satisfy. The eyes grow sunken, the hands and feet feel clammy at one time and burn intensely at others. After a while a cough sets in, at first dry, but after a few months it is attended with a greyish-colored expectoration. The afflicted one feels tired all the while, and sleep does not seem to afford any rest. He becomes nervous, irritable, and gloomy, and has evil forebodings. There is a giddiness, a peculiar whirling sensation in the head when rising up suddenly. The bowels become costive, and then, again, outflux intensely; the skin is dry and hot at times; the blood grows thick and stagnant; the whites of the eyes become tinged with yellow; the urine is scanty and high-colored, depositing a sediment after standing. There is frequently a spitting up of the food, sometimes with a sour taste, and sometimes with a sweetish taste; this is often attended with palpitation of the heart. The vision becomes impaired, with spots before the eyes; there is a feeling of prostration and great weakness. Most of these symptoms are in turn present. It is thought that nearly one-third of our population have this disorder in some of its varied forms, while medical men have almost wholly mistaken its nature. Some have treated it for one complaint; some for another, but nearly all have failed to reach the seat of the disorder. Indeed, many physicians are afflicted with it themselves. The experience of Dr. A. G. Richards, residing at 468 Tremont street, Boston, is thus described by himself:

"I had all those peculiar and painful symptoms which I have found afflicting so many of my patients, and which had so often baffled me. I knew all the commonly established remedies would be unavailing for I had tried them often in the past. I therefore determined to strike out in a new path. To my intense satisfaction I found that I was improving. The dull, stupid feeling departed and I began to enjoy life once more. My appetite returned. My sleep was refreshing. The color of my face, which had been a sickly yellow, gradually assumed the pink tinge of health. In the course of three weeks I felt like a new man and know that it was wholly owing to the wonderful efficacy of Warner's Tippecanoe The Best, which was all the medicine I took."

Doctors and scientists often exhaust their skill and the patient dies. They try everything that has been used by, or is known to the profession, and then fail. Even if they save the life it is often after great and prolonged agony. Where all this can be avoided by precaution and care, how insane a thing it is to endure such suffering! With a pure and palatable preparation within reach, to neglect its use is simply inexcusable.

Retrospective.

[Judy.]

Lady—Here, my poor man is a ticket for a dinner at the soup kitchen; and you can eat as much there as will suffice for to-morrow and the day after. Mendicant—Thanky kindly, mum; but I'd rather like first to eat enough for yesterday and the day afore, if it would make no difference to you to write that down on the ticket.

Professor David Swing: An age of wit will always be an age of pathos, because laughter and tears are relations.

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