

MIKE'S SIGNS.

How an Intelligent Irishman Passed as a Professor.

The writer heard the following story a few evenings since. To him it was very amusing, as well as a good illustration of the aptness of different minds to misconstrue the same facts in quite opposite directions.

Some time ago a learned Frenchman became very enthusiastic on the subject of a universal language for the human race. After much thought and theorizing on the subject he came to the conclusion that the only language that could be universal at the present day must be a language of signs. Being deeply impressed with the importance of this language to humanity, he determined to travel from country to country and teach it in all their colleges and universities.

As it happened, the first country he reached in his travels was Ireland and the first institution he went to was the University at Dublin.

He called upon the President of the University, and after some conversation with him asked him if he had a professor of signs in his University. Now there was no professor of signs in the University, but the President, not wishing to be behind the learned Frenchman, told him that they had one. The President was asked to be introduced to him. The President was taken aback at this, but told him that he could not see the Professor that day, but if he would call the next day at the same hour he would introduce him.

After the Frenchman had gone the President called his professors together and told them the fix he was in, and told them that one of them must play the part of professor of signs next day. They all demurred and objected to this, being afraid that they might be caught by the Frenchman.

As none of them were willing to play the part, they at last decided to train Mike, the choroman, for it. Mike had lost an eye, and was very sensitive about it, thinking that people were constantly noticing it and making allusions to it.

Mike was consulted, and consented to play the part, providing that the Frenchman should not refer to his defect.

The next day the President and professors dressed Mike up in a good suit of clothes, took him to a recitation room, seated him alone on the platform, and then retired, for the Frenchman was to see him alone. Before they left him they told him what to do, and that he must not speak.

He replied: "Sure I'll not, if he sez nothing about me eye."

At the appointed time the Frenchman called, and was ushered into the "recitation-room of the Professor of Signs." The President and professors waited in an adjoining room anxiously for the result. In a short time the Frenchman came back to them, apparently much pleased.

"How did you like our Professor of Signs?" inquired the President.

"Very much, indeed. I congratulate you on your able Professor. I am more than ever convinced that the language of signs is to be the universal language. When I went into the room I held up my finger, meaning there is one. He understood me at once, and held up two fingers, meaning Father and Son. I then held up three fingers, meaning there are three persons in the Trinity. He replied by doubling up his hand, meaning: And these three are one. I then withdrew. It is wonderful. I am delighted."

After the Frenchman had gone, the President and professors sent in haste for Mike, for though they were pleased at having gotten out of the dilemma, they were very anxious to hear Mike's account of the interview. Mike came in very angry. "I told you yez he would say something about me eye. The first thing he did was till hold up wan finger, m'anin' I had but wane eye."

"What did you do then, Mike?" asked the President.

"Sure I held up two fingers, till let him know I had two eyes. He does the dirty blackguard do but hold up three fingers, m'anin' we had but three eyes betwene us. Thin I doubled up my fist, and would a guv the frog'atin' varmint a welt over his eye, but he comminst a-smilin' an' a-bowin' an' a-scrappin' an' a-wint out iv the room."—Harp's Magazine.

Sixty Million Years Hence.

Prof. Richard A. Proctor says the moon is the most interesting of all the heavenly bodies. It has been particularly serviceable in the proof it affords of the law of gravitation. It proves, too, what the world has been in remote ages of the past and what it will be in the remote ages to come. Its most significant services to man has been as a measurement of time. The only perceptible effect which the earth has upon the moon's course is that of attraction, by which its route in space is slightly deviated. From the moon's present condition we may infer ourselves of the course of all planetary life. There is every reason to suppose that our present condition was at one time hers; that she possessed an atmosphere, animal and vegetable life. That has now passed away. Her surface is a sterile, rocky mass. The atmosphere has gone or nearly so, and the seas are dried up. This same process is going on with our earth, and a similar result will eventually ensue, but by reason of the greater bulk of our planet, effects produced in ten millions of years in the moon will require sixty millions with us.—N. Y. Tribune.

Why Shouldn't He Understand?

It was almost midnight; the hands of the clock were tolling painfully around their circuit; the maiden yawned and eventually remarked that it was growing late, but the youth kept his seat. "Miranda," he said at length, "I have made up my mind to ask you if you will be my wife."

"I don't know," she answered, "you seem to lack energy, and energy is an important thing in a young man who undertakes the responsibility of supporting a wife."

LATE NEWS SUMMARY.

Foreign and Domestic.

The cost of the war to China so far has been \$90,000,000.

Seven inches of snow fell at Thayer, Mo., March 14th.

Pneumonia is still very prevalent and fatal in New York.

Joe Goss, the pugilist, is dying in Boston of Bright's disease.

President Cleveland was forty-eight years old on the 18th inst.

Mrs. Yessie Dudley has been indicted by the Grand Jury of New York.

Charles Briggs, the wife murderer, was hanged at Philadelphia on the 17th.

An Englishman is in command of the Turkish lifeboat service on the Black Sea.

For a mile and a half, filled by an explosion in a coal mine near Eagle Pass, Tex.

At Waterbury, Conn., the Burth Hardware Company has failed. Liabilities, \$125,000.

By a small majority the Trustees of the British Museum have decided in favor of Sunday closing the inst.

The indentured students of Dartmouth receive \$5,000 yearly from the State of New Hampshire.

Advices from Calcutta report that tea and indigo districts in India are suffering severely from drought.

It is reported that 150 Canadian servant girls will arrive at Victoria in May prepared to accept service.

One of the leading temperance men of Saratoga, S. C., has been indicted for selling liquor on the sly.

The bark John Shafe sank at her dock in New York, and the wife and child of Captain Boyle were drowned.

Nineteen cities and towns in New Hampshire are making a race to secure the same hour for the introduction of the mill.

Mrs. Langtry has lately lent \$25,000 more, making \$145,000 in all, on mortgage of real estate in New York City.

The Duke of Richmond, the largest owner of real estate in London, has reduced all his rents 7 per cent.

Mary is the most common of all names in England, there being 6,819 out of every 50,000 individuals answering to it.

The trades unions throughout the country are officially disclaiming any sympathy with Socialists and Anarchists.

The bang, it is understood, is going out of fashion, into which it was brought by the children of the Prince of Wales.

MARKET REPORTS.

Portland.

WHEAT—Per bu, valley, \$1.17 1/2 to 1.20.

WALLA WALLA, \$1.12 to 1.15.

FLOUR—Per bu, standard brands, \$4.20 to 4.30; superfine, \$2.50 to 3.50; country brands, \$2.75 to 3.75.

BEANS—Per cwt, small white, \$2.00 to 2.05; pinks, \$2.30; butter, \$2.50.

BUTTER—Per lb, choice dairy, 27c; country store, 10c to 15c; Eastern, 25c.

EGGS—Per doz, 15c.

RAISINS—Per lb, choice, 12c to 14c; imported, 12c to 14c.

DRIED FRUITS—Per lb, apples, 5c to 8c; plums, 6c to 8c; prunes, 8c to 10c; peaches, 13c to 15c.

VEGETABLES—Cabbage, 2c; onions, 2c to 3c; carrots, 5c to 6c; turnips, 5c to 6c; beans, 5c.

POULTRY—Chickens, 4c to 5c; turkeys, 10c to 12c; geese, 10c to 12c; ducks, 10c to 12c.

PROVISIONS—Hams, 17c to 18c; bacon, 10c to 12c.

GROCERIES—Pickles, 1c to 1.10; macaroni, No. 1, 1c to 1.10; No. 2, 9c to 10c; macaroni, No. 1, 1c to 1.10; No. 2, 9c to 10c.

GRAIN—Wheat, 1.17 1/2 to 1.20; corn, 75c to 80c; oats, 60c to 65c.

SEEDS—Wheat, 1.17 1/2 to 1.20; corn, 75c to 80c; oats, 60c to 65c.

SPICES—Pepper, 10c to 12c; nutmeg, 10c to 12c; ginger, 10c to 12c; cinnamon, 10c to 12c.

TROPICAL FRUIT—Lemons, 5c to 6c; case, bananas, \$1.00; coconuts, 5c to 6c; oranges, 2c to 3c.

BRAN—Per ton, \$12 to \$14.

GROUND BARLEY—Per ton, \$22 to \$23.

OATS—Choice milling, 30c; choice feed, 25c to 26c.

HOPS—Per ton, 12 to 14.

WOOL—Valley, 10 to 12; eastern Oregon, 10 to 12.

GRAIN BAGS—Per lb, Calcutta, 22c to 24c.

SLEEP FOR THE SLEEPLESS.

It was Coleridge who put in the mouth of that quaint old genius, the "Ancient Mariner," the words: "I sleep, it is a blessed thing."

The modern man, however, who is so restless and nervous, has no adequate conception of all these words imply. It is to the sufferer who is sleepless, and who is so restless, that the words of Coleridge are so applicable.

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FROM A SENSE OF DUTY.

Some people shrink from making public the benefit they have received, while others are free to tell it abroad for the good of fellow mortals. Of the latter kind is Mr. J. H. Coppuck, of Mount Holy, N. J., who writes: "I am one of many who give their cheerful appreciation of the merits of the efficacy of your valuable Brown's Iron Bitters, from a sense of duty. This bitter is doing much good in our country, for which I can vouch."

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A preacher noted for his originality in his sermons one Sabbath said the remark: "A conclusive proof that God is benevolent is seen in the fact that He has placed death at the end instead of at the beginning of life."

Little boy: How old are you, pa? Father: I will be forty-seven on my next birthday. Little boy: When is that? Father: The 22d of February. Little boy (surprised): Why, I thought that was Washington's birthday.—N. Y. Herald.

Two Texas ladies were talking about the children. "How is your boy coming on at school?" "He is quite an artist. He is drawing live animals." "So is my boy, Bill. He drew a cat up in a tree. He drew it all up by himself, too." "Did he use a crayon?" "No; he used a rope."—Texas Siftings.

"Husband, did you mail my letter?" "Yes, my dear; had you run like fury to catch the first mail." "Why, here it is in your pocket now." "Hey? Um—yes; so it is—no, this isn't your letter; this is that; is this isn't the one you wrote; and this is the one you were going to write and forgot." "John Henry!" "No, Mary, I didn't mail your letter." "Well, I'm awfully glad. I want to add a postscript."—Chicago News.

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