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Stories of Wonderful Clocks.

Many years ago two clocks of great ingenuity and elegant workmanship were made in London and presented to the Emperor of China by the East India Company, a wealthy organization engaged in commerce. Each clock was made in the form of a chaplet, in which was placed the figure of a lady leaning her right hand upon a part of the chaplet; and under it was the clock of curious workmanship. It was smaller than a silver twenty-five cent piece, would repeat and strike the hours and would go for eight days. Upon the finger of the lady sits a bird, finely modeled, set with diamonds and rubies, with its tiny wings extended in a flying posture. By touching a diamond button the bird would actually flutter for a time. The body of the bird, although it contained a part of the wheels that gave motion to the clock, was not more than one-sixteenth of an inch in size. The lady held in her left hand a gold tube, not much thicker than a large pin, on the top of which was a small round box to which was fixed a circular movement set with diamonds and not much larger than a ten-cent piece. Over the lady's head was supported by a small fluted pillar, a double umbrella. The pillar was no larger than a quill. Under the largest umbrella a bell was fixed at a considerable distance from the clock with which it seemed to have no connection; but in reality communication was secretly conveyed to a hammer that regularly struck the hour, and repeated the same at pleasure by the touching of a diamond button fixed to the clock below. At the feet of the lady was a gold dog, and before it, from the point of the chaplet, was two birds fixed on spiral winds, the wings and feathers of which were set with jewels of various colors, and appeared as if flying away with the chaplet. From another secret motion the chaplet was made to run in a straight, circular, or indeed in any direction. Above the umbrella were flowers and ornaments of precious stones, and it terminated with a flying dragon, ornamented in a similar manner. The whole clock was made of gold, most delicately executed and embellished with rubies and pearls.

A wonderful piece of mechanism known as the Clepsidra, or water clock, was once upon a time presented by a Turk of high rank to Charlemagne. In the dials of the clock were twelve doors opening at the hours which they represented, and little balls equaling the hours in number appeared and struck the time upon a brazen bell. The doors continued open until noon, when twelve knights, mounted on horseback, issued forth, one from each door, and after parading around the dial of the clock shut themselves in again.

In the tower of the Town House in the City of Heidelberg, Germany, there existed many years ago a clock so constructed that when the hours struck the figure of an old man pulled off his hat, a cock crowed and clapped his wings, and bands of soldiers appeared and fought with each other. This curious piece of workmanship was burned in the year 1693, together with the castle and town.

In olden times there was a remarkable clock in the cathedral at London. Every hour two horsemen came out of the clock to encounter each other, a door flew open disclosing the Virgin Mary on a throne, with Christ in her arms, people are gathered around presenting gifts, and two trumpeters are sounding their horns. This clock also, showed the month, day of the month and all of the festivals and holidays of the year.

In the Village of Pittenwee in Scotland, about fifty years ago, there was made and exhibited by Mr. Smith, a clock and watch-maker of that place, an automaton clock which, from the description on given of it at that time, appears to have equaled anything of the kind ever produced. It comprehended a very striking illustration of the musical and religious character of the people of Scotland. The case, which was of the finest mahogany was seven feet high, with fluted columns upon each side. The upper part of the clock was ornamented with carving, fret work and gilding, with a golden bird having its wings extended standing in the center. The case contained a large eight-day musical clock, with three dial plates and a chime of sixteen bells. The whole clock was divided into five different parts, each of which had its own particular weight. The first was the going part; the second kept a small musical band in motion. The band played a favorite tune over once before striking the hour. The third part struck the hour; the fourth moved a large musical band, containing eight celebrated Scotch tunes, one of which played every three hours, with great exactness. The front dial plate or face,

which was about eighteen inches in diameter, had an arch which showed the hours, minutes and seconds, with the name and date of the month, without variation during the entire year, even on the 28th of February. The clock turned out all the old days in one night and brought out the first of March on the following morning. In the plate there were also two small hands, one of which discovered the day of the week. When Sunday came there appeared the words: "Remember Sunday," and at 12 o'clock the music stopped, playing until 12 o'clock on Sunday night. The music then began again and continued until the next Saturday night. On the right hand was another dial plate eight inches wide, with an arch. It contained a hand that pointed to the name of the tune the clock played. The dial plate on the left was of the same size as the one on the right. It represented the front of a house with a door in the middle. At each side of the door stood a sentinel, with his arms, in the livery of the city guard of Edinburgh, painted on brass. In the inside of the center of the door was seen the mace or clerk of the lords of the council, dressed in his robes with his mace in his right hand. As soon as the clock began to play he took off his hat with his right hand and walked past the door, followed by fifteen lords in procession. The figures were painted on thin brass and very much resembled life. All this was but a part of this wonderful eight-day clock. —Will M. Clemens, in Detroit Free Press.

Keeping a Room Cool.

The composing room of *The Peacemaker* is situated in the upper story of its publication house, just under the roof, and in summer is extremely hot. An inspiration seemed to have come to one of the oppressed occupants, and, in accordance with it a vertical wooden box was constructed in the corner of the room, with openings at the floor and ceiling, and furnished with a pipe for supplying water at the top, and a pan and drain at the bottom for receiving the flow and carrying it away. The supply pipe was bent over the upper end of the shaft, and fitted with a nose like that of a watering pot, so as to deliver a shower of spray instead of a solid stream. On connecting it with the service pipe the movement of the water was found to cause an active circulation of the air in that part of the room, which was drawn in at the upper opening of the shaft and issued again cool and fresh at the floor level.

The most surprising thing about the experiment seems to have been the effect of the water in cooling the air to a degree much below its own temperature. With Mississippi water when drawn from the service pipe indicated a temperature of 84 degrees, the air of the room in which the thermometer at the beginning of the trial stood at 96 degrees was cooled in passing through the length of the shaft to 74 degrees, or about 24 degrees below the temperature at which it entered and 19 below that of the water which was used to cool it. Of course the absorption of heat by the evaporation of a portion of the water accounts for its refrigerating effect, but the result seems to have been so easy and inexpensively attained that the experiment would be well worth repeating in other cases. —New Orleans Peacemaker.

Bright Conceit of a Dude.

Two dudes of the most offensive type met on the 1 o'clock car on Walnut street on Thursday night. They were in evening dress, and after greeting each other with sickening effusion one gasped: "Well, old fellow, I sprung it on 'em."

"Now, did ye though; how did it work?" "Oh, you'd-a-died. It was at supper, ye know, and we were at nuts, when I fixed my eyes on Miss Edith. I regular transfixed her, and every one saw that something was coming. There was a dead silence when I said: 'Miss Edith, did you get that letter?' 'Wh-what letter?' she stammered, getting red all over. 'Letter go, Gallagher,' said I. You can imagine the effect."

Then the two sweet things laughed until they choked. —Philadelphia Times.

A Sure Sign

"Do you think that Col. Yenger is going to run again for the legislature?" asked an Austin gentleman of a friend. "I know that he is." "Did he tell you so?" "No." "Then how do you know he is going to run again?" "You see I live near him, and his wife is beginning to pay back tea and coffee they borrowed a year ago, just after he was defeated. He is beginning already to win over the dissatisfied element of his party." —Texas Siftings.

AN ARCTIC WONDERLAND.

Interesting Geographical Discoveries in Alaska—An Immense River and Gigantic Peaks.

In a letter dated Sitka, Alaska, Sept. 10, Lieut. Schwadsky says:

"The expedition was left at Icy Bay on July 17 by the United States steamer Tula, and began the survey of the bay at once with preparations for explorations in the St. Elias Alps on and about Mount St. Elias, which mountain was afterward ascended to a height above the snow level greater than was ever made before above that line by Alpine climbers. Icy Bay is a mere indentation on the Alaskan coast some fifty to sixty miles west of Yakutat Bay, and would have no existence were it not for an immense glacier emanating from Mount St. Elias and jutting out into the Pacific ocean far enough to make the western side of the bay. On Monday morning, July 19, the expedition for the exploration of the mountains got under way. The course at first lay up the eastern shore of Icy Bay, to where the Indians said a large river came in, the head of the bay, thence up the river to where it came from under the ice of

IMMENSE GLACIERS.

as far as the Yakut Indians ever go when hunting bears, mountain goats, etc., and thence to the base of Mount St. Elias. At 8:30 o'clock the party struck a small river, fifty to seventy-five yards wide, which had to be forded middle deep in ice-water from the glaciers. The next hour's walk was over a beautiful prairie, with heavy grass and wild pea-vines, interspersed with strawberry patches loaded with fruit and many pretty clumps of evergreen trees. This march brought the party to the great river which empties into the head of Icy Bay, and which was struck about six to eight miles from its mouth. Its immense size was a great surprise, as it was not supposed that such a river existed in that part of Alaska. Where it was first struck the stream is from a mile to a mile and a half wide; 800 to 1,000 yards is water, the remainder being low mud, sand, and gravel. The bay is covered at high water, when the stream must be

A SECOND MISSISSIPPI

in appearance; its western bank is a perpendicular wall of ice, part of the same great glacier which forms the western shore of Icy Bay. It was loaded with glacier mud from the Mount St. Elias Alps, and its swift current, with waves about a foot high, was thought to be eight or ten miles an hour. It was surmised at the time, and afterward partially corroborated, that the great river was entirely too big in every way to be draining only the seaward slopes of the St. Elias Alps in the vicinity of the mountains from which it comes. It must lead far beyond the range and break through them at Repartian pass, and after draining the Traversé pine districts its muddy waters from the glaciers discolored all the waters of Icy Bay and for many miles out to the sea. It was named Jones river, after George Jones, of New York city, and, geographically, was one of the most important discoveries of the expedition. It is not thought to be rivaled by any Alaskan river emptying into the Pacific ocean. The real

ASCENT OF MOUNT ST. ELIAS began July 25. After several days' climbing the barometer showed an ascent altogether above the sea level of about 7,200 feet, nearly all of which was above the snow level. This gave to the party, it is believed, the Alpine record of the highest climb above the snow level ever made, certainly the highest on an almost unknown mountain. The party returned to Icy Bay well satisfied with its record. Its geographical results were beyond its expectations. Three immense peaks, from 12,000 to 8,000 feet high, were named, after the president, "Cleveland Peak," the secretary of the navy, "Whitney Peak," and the commander of the Pinta, "Nichols Peak." Returning from Icy Bay to Yakutat Bay, a swamp was encountered, and the party barely escaped. At Yakutat three separate excursions were made and many new geographical features mapped."

The Innocent Little Rustic

Among the unsophisticated and disingenuous country people: "Tell me my good woman, have you only this one cow?" "That is all." "How much milk does she give a day?" "Ten quarts." "And how much of it do you sell?" "Thirty every morning, monseigneur." —Tid-Bits.

A town in which people go from street to street in a boat is growing up around the shore of Lake Elsinore, Cal. The principal street of the town is circular, and can be touched by a boat at any point.