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## His Last Concert.

One of the most pathetic of sights was that seen in the Boston music hall at the last concert given by Mario, the once famous tenor. He was poor, and the hall was filled with persons who had been ardent admirers of his wonderful art, and now that he had lost his art were willing to put money in his purse.

The tenor tried one of his great songs, but his decayed voice refused to sing the notes. Again he tried, and again he failed. Then, with a sad smile, and a slow, mournful movement of his head, he suffered the orchestra to play through the air, and retired from the stage amid the silence of the pitying audience.

Another pathetic story is told of Bottesini, a famous violinist, concerning his last concert at Parma;

It was a rainy evening and the managers had forgotten to send a carriage for the veteran, who set out on foot, and had gone some distance before a passing friend perceived him and made him enter his carriage.

Arrived at the concert room, Bottesini tuned his instrument and began to rub his bow with rosin. The rosin crumbled in his hands, and, turning to his friends with a sad half smile, he said, "See, it is so that Bottesini, too, will break up."

Then he grasped his loved instrument and drew the bow across the strings, but instantly stopped with a wondering look, for he felt something strange in the tone; his touch was answered less readily and certainly than of old.

Once more he tried, and once more stopped, this time with a smile, saying only, "It answers no more." His audience perceived nothing unusual in the performance, which they applaud-ed as warmly as ever, but Bottesini seemed to feel the shadow of death.

On the following day he was stricken with illness, and soon after the won-derful hand was stilled forever.--Youth's Companion.

### How Gold Rings Are Made.

Gold rings are made from bars nine to fifteen inches long. One of these bars, fifteen inches long, two inches wide and 3-16 of an inch thick, is worth \$1,000, and will make 400 fourpennyweight rings. A dozen processes and twenty minutes' time are required to convert this bar into merchantable rings. First a pair of shears cuts the bar into strips. Then by the turn of a wheel a guillotine like blade attached to the machine cuts the bar into slices, one, two or three sixteenths of an inch wide. A rolling machine next presses out the slices and makes them either flat or grooved. Each strip is then put under a blow pipe and annealed. The oxide of copper comes to the surface and is put into a pickle of sulphuric acid, after which the gold is stamped "14 k." "16 k" or "18 k," according to quality. Next it is put through a machine which bends it into the shape of a ring of the size required. The ends are then soldered with an alloy of inferior fineness to the quality of the ring. Many people think that rings are molded because they can't see where they are soldered. The ring spins through the turning lathe, is rounded, pared and polished, first with steel filings, then with tripoli

## IT IS BETTER TO LIVE

I have sometimes felt that the burder Of life was too heavy to bear:

And have longed to lie down at the noontide, And rest and forget all my care But over my heart comes a message, Repeated again and again --"It is better to live and to suffer. Than to die to be rid of the pain."

There is rest in the darkness of dying. And an end to the weary despair

The grave holds sure peace and caim silence No sorrow nor pain can be there; But perhaps, in the struggle of living, In a soul that has need of my care-

Some heart may be bearing a burden That my hand may lighten or share "Twould be easy to say "I am weary."

And lie down and give up the strife. To suffer no more with the heartache And sorrow I meet in this life; But perhaps from my sorrow swept heart-

strings A melody sweet may be wrang. And my lins, when they drank deep of suffer

The tenderest songs may have sung.

'Tis so hard to be patient with living. When all of the world is awry; So wearisome waiting for pleasures That will only come after we die;

But even through all my complaining I can hear that undying refrain-"It is better to live and to suffer. Than to die to be out of the pain."

I will live and be strong, and will suffer, If need be, until 1 find rest, When life and its trials are over;

Though never my life should be blest, Though always the sun should be darkened By the clouds that hang over my way, I will trust that the light will be clearer When at last I awake "in the day." - Agnes L. Pratt in Boston Globe.

Repose of Manner.

Charles Corson is a merry, rollicking young man, who often tries his good mother by his great carelessness of behavior. She had often said to him that she wished he would sit more quietly, talk in a less noisy fashion, and try in every way to cultivate repose of manner.

One evening there was to be a roomful of formal company at the Corsons, and Mrs. Corson gave her son line upon line, and precept upon precept. "There is nothing more elegant in a young man," she concluded, "than

perfect repose of manner." The company came. Charles grevinterested in the conversation, and quite forgot his good resolutions. He rushed about the rooms, talked very fast, and at last, in fetching a dish of ice cream for one of the guests, stumbled against his mother's chair and spilled half of the ice cream down the folds of her gown.

Then came, with a flash of sweet tempered emphasis, words which contrasted drolly with the abashed face of the young man.

'Charles, dear," said Mrs. Corson, scarcely turning from the friend with whom she chanced to be talking, "Charles, dear, I wish you would cultivate repose of manner!'

The delicate contrast between the phase of reproof and the vexatious action that evoked it made every one smile; and Charles smiled, too, as, begging his mother's pardon, he knelt down, napkin in hand, to wipe the ruined folds of silk .- Youth's Companion.

## How Jay Gould Dispenses Charity.

Like most of the successful men of the present age, Mr. Gould is extremely methodical and systematic in his habits. He rises every morning at precisely half past 7, seldom varying from that hour more than ten minutes. At 8 o'clock he sits down to his breakfast, which in his case is usually French rolls and a cup of coffee, and expects to find every member of his family present at that meal. Breakfast over, his private secretary is called in, and the numerous begging letters of the morning's mail are laid upon the table. Each member selects at random a number of these letters and reads them over. If any one of them are impressed by any of the letters they are laid aside for future referher gift to a jeweler, who pronounced ence, while the others go into the waste basket. Those letters which who sold them afterwards for several have been laid aside are then taken up and discussed, and if a majority of those present conclude that it is a case which really deserves assistance the assistance is sure to come within a very few hours in a very substantial form and without the slightest hint as to the identity of the donor .- Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Dandles of the Time of Charles L.

When Villiers, James I's and Charles I's favorite, went on his mission to Paris in 1625 he had no fewer than seven and-twenty suits of clothes made, the richest that embroidery, lace, silk, velvet, gold and gems could contribute, one of which was a white uncut velvet, "set all over, both suit and cloak, with diamonds valued at four score thousand pounds, besides a great feather, stuck all over with dia-monds." "It was common with him," says a contemporary, "at an ordinary dancing to have his clothes trimmed with great diamond button, and to have diamond hat bands, cockades and earrings; to be yoked with great and manifold ropes and knots of pearl in short, to be manacled, fettered and imprisoned in jewels.

To the prevailing extravagance in dress the saturists again allude in the severest terms. "I have much wondered," says Henry Peacham, "why our English, above other nations, should so much dote upon new fashions, but more I wonder at our want of wit that we cannot invent them the edges of the broken parts quite clean, ourselves, but, when one is grown stale, send presently over into France to seek a new, making that noble and flourishing kingdom the magazine of our fooleries, and for this purpose many of our tailors lie leger (i. e. reside) there, and ladies jest over their gentlemen ushkes, to accouter them and themselves as you see. Hence came your slashed doublets (as if the wearers were cut out to be carbonadoed upon the coals) and your half shirts, piccadillies (now out of request), your ong breeches, narrow toward the knees like a pair of smith's bellows, the spangled garters pendant to the shoe, your perfumed perukes or periwigs, to show us that lost hair may be had again for money with a thousand such fooleries unknown to our manly forefathers.

The reader may find it a pleasant change to turn to the rhyming moralists. Here to the fore comes John Taylor, the so called water poet, launching his shafts-not too sharply pointed-at the excess of those who wear:

A farm in shoestrings edged with gold, And spangled garters worth a copyhold; A hose and doublet with a lordship cost, A gaudy clouk (three manor's price almost,) A beaver band and feather for the head,

Prized at the church's tithe, the poor man's bread

## Gentleman's Magazine.

### An Unknown Land.

Washington has her great unknown land, like the interior of Africa, says The Seattle Press. The country shut in by the Olympic mountains, which includes an area of about 2,500 miles square, has never, to the positive knowledge of old residents of the territory, been trodden by the foot of man, white or Indian. These moun-tains rise from the level country, within ten or fifteen miles of the Straits of San Juan de Fuca in the north, the Pacific ocean in the west, Hood's canal in the east, and the basin of the Quinault lake in the south, and, rising to the height of 6,000 to 8,000 feet, shut in a vast unexplored area.

The Indians have never penetrated it, for their traditions say it is inhabited by a very fierce tribe, which none of the coast tribes dared molest.

#### A Novel Pocketbook.

What is known as a commuter pocketbook is very popular with the young women who live in the suburbs of Cincinnati and ride on railway trains to and from the city on visiting and shopping expeditions. This pocketbook is flat, roomy and rectangular, and in the front is set a tiny watch, the face of which shows through a hole in the leather. The unfortunate woman who is always obliged to keep an eve on the flight of time has this watch in view when engaged in the whirl of shopping .- Exchange.

A Close Corporation.

Freshley-What did that colored man want?

Henry-What did he want? He wanted o borrow fifty cents.

Freshley-Did he get it? Henry-No. I yain't no Loan an' Bust ociashun.-Epoch.

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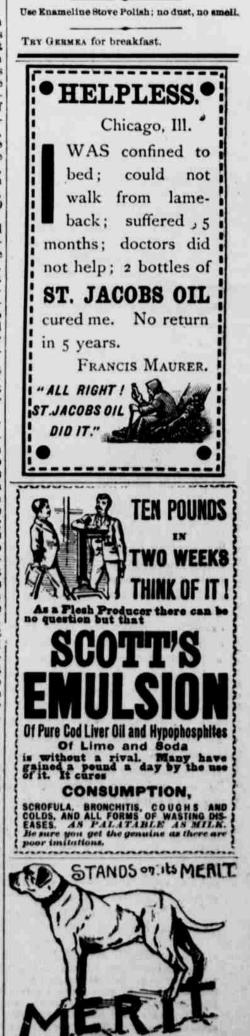
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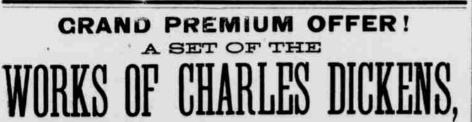


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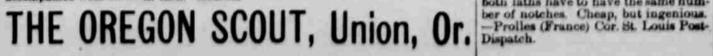
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and rouge.-Rehoboth Herald.

### How She Foiled the Thief.

Some years ago one of the present congressman from New York state and his brother were examining the stock of a pawnshop in London with the hope of picking up some curiosities. They came across a necklace of green glass beads, which the New York man purchased for \$2.50, intending to bring it home to his little daughter. The brother was surprised to find in the shop a counterpart of this necklace, which he brought home to his little girl. Two months later the latter showed the glass beads to be emeralds, and' thousand dollars. The member of congress, upon hearing this, took his necklace to the same dealer, who pronounced it to be composed of glass beads. The London pawn dealer had purchased them of a thief, who had stolen them from a wealthy woman. The latter kept the emeralds in a safe, and wore their glass counterparts. Of course no one could tell the difference when the necklace encircled her throat.-Exchange.

### **Gobelin Tapestry.**

"When you hear people talk about getting Gobelin tapestry," says C. R. Clifford, of The Upholsterer, "they usually don't know what they are talking about. The Gobelin works are in France, and are subsidized by the government. They turn out goods designed for state gifts, and the same goods are not made in Philadelphia, although as the manufacturer of tapestries she is the metropolis of the world. It is not that we cannot make tapestries as valuable as the Gobelin, but who would buy them? No one could make them without immense subsidy. Chevreul, the great centenarian chemist, used to be the chemist of the Gobelin works. They spend a year in turning out as much of the article as could be made in a day or two at our rate of working. People frequently talk about Gobelin tapestry, but they apply the word to some fancy work done by the women. There is no manufacturer of it here."-Philadelphia Inquirer.

### urious Ways of Bookkeeping.

The bakers here have a rather original way of keeping accounts which may be called a kind of bookkeeping by double entry. When the carrier delivers a loaf of bread, which, by the way, is about five or six feet long, he is handed a wooden lath about a foot long by the party to whom he delivers the bread. From a collection of laths of the same size, one for each customer, he picks out this particular customer's one, and placing the two parallel, he cuts a groove across the face of both. In the final adjustment of accounts both laths have to have the same num-

#### How Tippo Tib Got His Name.

Hamad ben Mohammed-Tippo Tib -accompanied Mr. Stanley down the Lualaba to the Seventh Cataract in 1876. The origin of the latter sobriquet is peculiar. It was applied to him by the people at Kansongo in consequence of their hearing the sharp, distant rattle of the bandits' guns wher on some of their slave catching excursions. The crack of the rifle shot sounded in their ears like "tip-tip-Another name that has been tip." given to this remarkable man on the eastern side of central Africa is "M'Kango Njaa" -- "Afraid of Hunger" -for the natives in the famine strick-en regions declare that that is the only enemy of which Hamad, with his large caravans traversing their barren country, is in dread. This man's life for the past thirty years has been one constant succession of adventures. He is at the present moment the strongest and most formidable ruler in the Congo regions of equatorial Africa. -- "Lafe Among Congo Savages," by Herbert Ward in Scribner's.

### To Clean Engravings It frequently happens that fine en-

gravings, notwithstanding every precaution, become soiled and stained, and a recipe for restoring them is val uable. Put the engraving on a smooth board and cover, it with a thin layer of common salt, finely pulverized; then squeeze lemon juice upon the salt until a considerable portion of it is dissolved. After every part of the pic-ture has been subjected to this treat-ment elevate one end of the board so that it will form an angle of 45 degs with the horizon. Then pour on the engraving boiling water until the salt and lemon juice are well washed off. It will then be perfectly free from stain. It must be dried on the board or some smooth surface gradually. If dried by the fire or sun it will be tinged with a dingy, yellowish color. --Pittsburg Dispatch.

Though it is improbable that such a tribe could have existed in this mountain country without their presence becoming known to the white men, no man has ever ascertained that it did not exist. White men, too, have only vague accounts of any white man having ever passed through this country, for investigation of all the claims of travelers has invariably proved that they have only traversed its outer edges.

The most generally accepted theory in regard to this country is that it consisted of great valleys, stretching from the inward slopes of the mountains to a great central basin. This theory is supported by the fact that, although the country around has abundant rain and clouds constantly hang over the mountain tops, all the streams flowing toward the four points of the compass are insignificant and rise only on the outward slopes of the range, none ap-pearing to drain the great lakes shut in by the mountains. This fact appears to support the theory that streams flowing from the inner slopes of the mountains feed a great interior lake, But what drains this lake? It must have an outlet somewhere, and, as all the streams pouring from the mountains rise on their outward slopes, it must have a subterranean outlet to the ocean, the straits or the sound. There are great discoveries in store for some of Washington's explorers.-Exchange.

### A Numerous Family.

There are some good sized families in Maine today, but probably none so large as one mentioned in the histories of old colonial days. It is told on the authority of Cotton Mather that the first royal governor of Boston was one of a family of twenty-six children, and was born in the woods of Maine near the mouth of the Kennebec in 1651. His mother was left a widow when he was a child, and is said to have had all she could do to provide for the wants of her family. It is hoped that when the governor got \$100,000, a knight-hood and a goblet valued at \$5,000 as a reward for finding a Spanish treas-

ure ship that had gone to the bottom half a century before, he remembered his mother and made her last days casier than her earlier ones had been.-Exchange.

### A Living Lantern.

South American fireflies have been called living diamonds. In the same part of the world is also found a pale gray or a particularly disagreeable looking moth which may be called a living lantern. Kept inclosed in a box for twenty-four hours, it will be tound when the box is opened that the body of the moth is giving forth suflicient light to enable one to read

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