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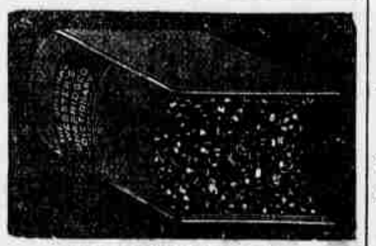

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A SLEEPING BEAUTY.

The Love Romance of the Present Emperor of Germany.

"When I was last summer in Denmark," says the Paris correspondent of Truth, "I went to Primkenau, where the dukes of Augustenburg had their residence. Empress Augusta Victoria was born and brought up there. The empress, as a child, had known, I was told by a member of the little ducal court, the emperor in childhood. But going to Cassel, and then to Bonn as a student, he lost sight of her. The acquaintance was renewed under romantic circumstances. When he was twenty or thereabouts he was sent in the early summer on a tour to Holstein, and extended it to Primkenau. The young princess was a finely grown girl and blooming as a rose. She somehow heard who was coming and dressed in her best to receive him. Growing tired of waiting she got into a hammock swinging in an arbor, which was scented with freshly-blown lilac. There she fell asleep.

The wandering prince came by the arbor, saw the sleeping beauty, and was conquered. It is said that as he was gazing on her she was dreaming that, more fortunate than her mother, she was being wafted to a magnificent throne, and that an imperial crown had descended on her head. William did not mean to disturb the sleeping beauty, but, as usual, he was in uniform, and the dragging of his sword on the asphalt of the summer house and the clanking of his spurs betrayed him. She awoke, and saw a pair of eyes that looked love at hers, and then she rushed away toward the residence. Presently her governess came to tell her that the crown prince of Prussia was there. Her mother, the duchess dowager, being ill, it devolved on Augusta Victoria to do the honors. She hastened to welcome the illustrious visitor. He lost no time in declaring himself her lover, and they were engaged before he left the house.

ECCENTRICITIES OF GENIUS.

Queer Doings and Ideas of Some of the World's Greatest Men and Women.

We often hear people offering objections to certain of their acquaintances because they are "queer." Eccentricity, however, is oftener allied to genius than not, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. Among the musicians there have been found some of the most whimsical of men.

Haydn could not compose satisfactorily to himself without first having put on his best suit of clothes and powdered his hair. Nor could he get his ideas in form until he had placed upon his finger a diamond ring presented to him by Frederick II. Another composer, Sacchini by name, declared that he never had any moments of inspiration excepting when his two pet cats were sitting upon his shoulders. In other lines than music we find that Tycho de Brahe, the celebrated astronomer of the sixteenth century, dropped to the ground whenever he caught sight of a hare or a fox. Ladislaus, king of Poland, took to flight as soon as he saw an apple. Henry III., king of England, could not bear to be in a room where there was a cat, even though he might not see it. Erasmus, of Rotterdam, one of the most enlightened men of the period, was thrown into a fever at the sight of a fish. Bacon, the great English chancellor, fainted while gazing at an eclipse of the moon. John II., grand duke of Moscow, fell into a swoon at the sight of a woman—surely the strangest peculiarity ever noticed in a man.

Chevalier de Guise was similarly affected by the sight of a rose, even without smelling its fragrance. Maria de Medici, the wife of Louis XII., fond as she was of flowers, generally speaking, could not disguise her repugnance to roses, even painted ones.

TYPICAL AMERICAN STUDENTS.

Two Unidealized Statues on Exhibition in Boston—The Dimensions of Each.

Two interesting statues, the result of much hard work, were put on exhibition in Boston recently. One was that of a young man and the other that of a girl. They were designed to represent the American college student, not the ideal American student of either sex, but the actual, typical student, the measurements used having been the average, or mean, of development of students from various parts of the country. The statues are described by the Rochester Post and Express as representing "fairly well built young persons, symmetrically developed, and without serious physical defects." The figures have an easy pose, standing firmly and gracefully. The faces, which were modeled after composite photographs made from the students from whom the measurements were taken, are handsome and thoughtful, with a marked air of refinement. The face of the young man is the handsomer of the two, but that of the young woman is nearest the classic standard. In the former's figure there are some marked departures from the standard. The hands and knees are large, while the wrists are small. The height of the male is five feet eight inches and of the female five feet three inches. The male represents a weight of one hundred and thirty-eight and one-half pounds and the female one hundred and fifteen pounds. Each figure represents measurements taken from forty-two leading parts of the body and these show the average development of each sex at the age of twenty-one years. It is worthy of note that the typical American student has a better physical development than that of the British or German, as is shown by comparison with measurements made recently in those countries.

Assuages His Anger.

The Arabian woman who is about to contract a second marriage goes to the grave of her late husband and prays that he will not be offended on account of her second nuptials. As a sort of propitiatory offering she pours over the place of his interment clear cold water that she has carried thither in goats skins. After this recognition on her part of respect regarding her first connubial relation, she goes her way, apparently feeling "allowed" to arrange for the second wedding.

G. A. R. NOTICE.

We take this opportunity of informing our subscribers that the new commissioner of pensions has been appointed He is an old soldier, and we believe that soldiers and their heirs will receive justice at his hands. We do not anticipate that there will be any radical changes in the administration of pension affairs under the new regime.

We would advise, however, that U. S soldiers, sailors and their heirs, take steps to make application at once, if they have not already done so, in order to secure the benefit of the early filing of their claims in case there should be any future pension legislation. Such legislation is seldom retroactive. Therefore it is of great importance that applications be filed in the department at the earliest possible date.

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There are also several fine articles by our best writers and the departments "Current Events," "Saturday Thoughts," "Educational News" "The Oracle Answers, Correspondents," etc., each contain much valuable reading for teachers or parents. The magazine has about 50 pages of matter, well printed and arranged. We pronounce the Western Pedagogue the best educational monthly on the coast.

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SEVERAL KINDS OF AN ANIMAL.

The Platypus, of Australia, Which Looks Like Birds and Beasts.

It is less than a century since the European hunted the platypus to his lair, the first published account of him having appeared in the Naturalist's Miscellany of London in 1799. It would be interesting to know the effect that was made upon the first discoverer of what Scribner's calls an animated paradox—than which nature furnishes nothing more anomalous, in its combination of duck-like mandibles and webbed feet, the latter further equipped with spurs like the game fowl and claws like the true burrowing quadrupeds, mole-like eyes and otter-like fur, body of musquash and tail of beaver. One who was addicted to his cups might recognize in the creature merely the figment of an alcoholized brain, and an artist regard him as the prototype of one of those uncanny monsters which sprawl upon the floor of St. Anthony's cave in Teniers' bizarre pictures of the temptation of that holy character. Our earliest and, in fact, almost our sole accounts of the platypus are confined to bald and literal descriptions of his appearance and habitat, from which we learn that he is confined to Tasmania and the southern districts of Australia; and although his race has been thought to embrace two or three species, it is now generally agreed to consist of only one. You may repair many times to the favorite haunt of the platypus before you see him, and to discover the retreat to which he modestly retires on observing your presence is a task impossible, except by accident, to any other than a black fellow. To these cunning hunters, however, there are no secrets of beast or bird; their unerring instinct tells them when the platypus, diving near the edge of the stream, is in quest of food, or when he is seeking the submerged entrance to his burrow; and they will advise you either where to point your gun in expectation of the animal's reappearance, or where to dig in the bank in confidence of striking the grass-lined nest wherein he dwells and rears his remarkable family.

POINTS FOR GIRLS.

YOUR mother is your best friend.

TELL the pleasantest things you know when at meals.

DO NOT expect your brother to be as dainty as a girl.

HAVE nothing to do with girls who snub their parents.

EXERCISE, and never try to look as if you were in delicate health.

INTRODUCE every new acquaintance to your mother as soon as possible.

DON'T think it necessary to get married. There is plenty of room for old maids, and they are often happier than wives.

ENJOY the pleasure provided for you by your parents to the fullest extent. They will like that as a reward better than any other.

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Some Revised Details as to Her Very Interesting History.

Louise Hungerford, with a younger sister who is now the Countess of Telfener, the wife of a Italian Count, left New York when about twelve years old, says the Working Woman. John Hungerford was a journeyman barber in New York, but enlisted in the Mexican war; later he was employed at his trade by one George W. Ciprico, whose shop in San Francisco was known as "Montgomery baths," and the chair that Jack Hungerford used is pointed out to the customers of the Ciprico barber shop to this day. Mr. Ciprico advanced $500 in gold to his employe, who immediately sent for his daughters. When Louise Hungerford and her sister arrived in San Francisco they went to the house of Mr. Ciprico, who took them into his family, they being nearly the same age of his own daughters. Here they were treated as members of the family, being taught Italian and French and music by the daughters. They lived with their benefactors six or seven years.

In 1865 Hungerford opened a barber shop on his own account at Mokelumne Hill, Cal., and Louise, who was then about nineteen years old, acted as her father's housekeeper—they having one room in the rear of the shop. He was proprietor of but short duration, for he soon "busted" up in business. During this period a Dr. Bryant, who kept a small drug store at Nevada City, about one hundred miles from Mokelumne Hill, paid attention to Louise and she was married to him after a short courtship. Dr. Bryant, being a man of dissolute habits, died two or three years afterward of delirium tremens, leaving Mrs. Bryant no means of support for herself and daughter Eva, now the Princess Colonna. Her father's failure in business and her husband's death compelled her to seek service in the family of J. W. Walker, brother of the late ex-Governor Walker, of Virginia, and there she met for the first time J. W. Mackay, superintendent of the Bullion mine at Virginia City, Nev. Louise Bryant, for a brief time previous to her going into the service of Mr. Walker, had tried a hand at keeping a boarding house for the miners.

Mr. Mackay was comfortably fixed and could provide her a home, such as the miners used in those days, simply a cabin of two rooms. So he courted and won the Widow Bryant. Her father in the meantime had gone back to his former "boss" and procured employment and helped to pay the youngest daughter's board. Mrs. Mackay was cook and general housekeeper and laundry-woman, and helped entertain her husband's co-workers in the mines.

Mr. Mackay soon after attained great wealth, and Mrs. Mackay and her sister had the advantage of a common school education and could speak fluently Italian and French, through the association of the Ciprico family, who were remarkably well educated—three of the daughters of Mr. Ciprico are school teachers in San Francisco to-day. When Mrs. Mackay, her daughter Eva, and her sister went abroad, it was to get away from her former associates. When she returned for the first time to San Francisco she called upon the Ciprico girls, but from that day to the present she has ignored her former teachers and benefactors.

The people of San Francisco who know the facts as above stated are indignant at Mrs. John W. Mackay's ingratitude to a family that had done so much for her in her early days of poverty and somewhat adventuresome life.

John Hungerford—now known as Col. Hungerford of the United States army—was formerly known as "Jack Hungerford, the barber." He was a good artist, and there is no disgrace attached to his business. Louise earned her daily bread as a boarding-house keeper. But the worst of ingratitude comes in to those who took care of her and gave her the advantages of an early education. This we think the worst of crimes.

The above is a true history of the Bonanza Queen of European society.

Origin of the Marine Band.

The origin of the National Marine Band at Washington is most curious. Nearly a hundred years ago, says the New York World, a Yankee captain kidnapped a strolling troop of musicians on the shores of the Bay of Naples and brought them to this country. From this handful of Italians the band was developed. The descendants of these stolen Italians are now among the wealthiest people of Washington. Some of them are prominent lawyers and others have their names connected with the best-known hotels and the largest real estate offices in the capital city.

INTELLIGENT INSECTS.

South American Ants That Cultivate Grass, Own Slaves and Use Umbrellas.

A recent lecturer on ants and their ways described those of South America, who build immense structures and provide space for the storage of grain. Wood ants, inhabiting hardwood trees, divide their houses into forty compartments. Noticing the mining ants, the lecturer said much might be learned from their cleanly habits and their wonderful sanitary arrangements. Some kinds of ants do not keep cows, but live entirely on grain. Mr. Plunket gave some facts about their interesting harvesting operations — stating that they planted and cultivated a kind of grass called the rice and were so advanced in civilization that malting was understood by them. Then there are mushroom growing ants who cultivate fungus, and others again who use umbrellas. Several species make raids on the black ants, rob them of their larvæ and compel the poor black ants to be their slaves. In the burying of their dead ants show wonderful intelligence, having cemeteries, and even bury their slaves in a different place from their masters, and are quite up in funeral pageantry. In conclusion the lecturer said that much could be learned from ant life, in their wonderful government, sanitary arrangements, common brotherhood, nursing and care of the young, temperance and love of fresh air.

W. F. Liesching, writing in the new number of the Selborne Society's Magazine on ants in Ceylon, says he saw one day a string of ants streaming forth, evidently in search of "pastures new." He flicked away the leader and waited to see the result. An immediate halt was made by the foremost ants, and a scene of the utmost confusion ensued. The ants from behind kept arriving at the scene of the catastrophe and there was soon a black crowd of ants huddling and jostling one another. Some detached themselves from the main group and took a turn round, trying to find traces of their leader. At last the tail end of the line arrived, and after brief consultation they all started off again, and a line soon began to unravel itself from the tangled mass, moving back to the hole from which the whole company had so lately started on "pleasure bound or labor all intent."

AS TO DUCKS.

A Man from the City Finds Nothing to Admire in the Ambihibious Fowl.

The Boston Transcript doesn't seem to like ducks. It is a mistake, it says, to regard the duck as a complacent cheerful, amiable creature. It is really a restless, eager, unhappy fowl, with a want long felt, an aching void in its crop that is never filled. A duck is simply a waddling appetite. The farmers have taken to raising ducks to supply eggs for the Boston market, where they bring higher prices than hen's eggs do, though the farmer himself and his family scorn to eat them. The pond is not considered a requisite for ducks. "Give 'em plenty to eat and plenty of water to drink," says Uncle Ira, "and they don't want any water to swim in." Perhaps they don't ask for it, but it is hard to believe that they don't want it. It is a terrible thing to see ducks eat meal. They shovel it with their bills until their throats are crammed, then waddle to the trough and drink a lot of water and then shovel a great deal more of the dough. In drinking they do not lift their eyes to heaven after the pious fashion of the hens. Uncle Ira took a fork and went to digging in the earth near the chip pile. Instantly the ducks swarmed quacking around and fell to picking up the earth-worms that came up with the fork. Nothing could parallel their greed. They eat until they could surely eat no more, and Uncle Ira desists for fear of killing them, and then they run off and go to hunting insects as if they had had nothing to eat for a week.

Lifting the Hat.

In Paris the custom of gentlemen removing their hats upon meeting female acquaintances is falling into "innocuous desuetude." Many gentlemen now just touch the brim of the hat in military fashion when meeting a lady, and it is accepted as being good form.

The World's Metropolis.

The London of to-day, with its millions of inhabitants, includes more Scotchmen than there are in Edinburgh, more Irish than there are Dublin, more Jews than there are in Palestine, and more Americans than there are in Kalamazoo.

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