

THE AMERICAN ACCENT.

An English Writer Finds His Mind on the Subject.

"The American accent," writes a contemporary correspondent, "is far less irritating than the cockney dialect, and it would be well for us if the former, which is at least musical, could be substituted for the cacophonous patois of our east end."

As a matter of fact, we think that the cockney accent has a certain number of real admirers, but what we wish to call to our readers' minds particularly is that America has its cockney, so to speak, precisely as we have. People in Kentucky have a rather burrish way of speaking, and they loathe and detest the frisky twang which overwhelms New England. The westerner, again, is responsible for the dialect which was supplied on the English boards by stage Yankees.

Whether you acquire the American accent or not depends on the length of time you remain in America. Englishmen who stay in New York for protracted periods preserve their native cadences intact. It is the man who pays a flying visit to the United States who comes back and always says "nop" for "no" and "yep" for "yes."

Once we met a man who had returned from a week's stay in Boston. He said he had heard it was easy to acquire the twang and finally exclaimed: "Waal, stranger, I guess it may be dead easy for some, but not for Blank Z. Asterisk," meaning himself. "Now, what's your opinion? Am I right?"—London Globe.

THE VORACIOUS TUNAS.

What Happens When They Meet a School of Flying Fish.

One time at San Clemente we sighted a feeding school of tuna, an exhilarating sight. A flying fish weighing a pound and a half or more would start from the water and soar an extraordinary distance, nearly out of sight, but every inch of that flight it knew was covered by a big tuna keeping his place just beneath the flier and ready to seize it the moment it fell into the water. This rarely failed. The moment the fish began to drop the tuna would spring at it like a tiger, turning and tossing the spume into the air with a splendid and electrifying rush, a maneuver that was repeated all over the blue channel.

The sensational charge meant that a school of tunas had discovered a school of its natural prey, flying fishes. At once the lust for blood and food was on, and carnage was the result.

I have observed some curious scenes at sea, but never have I seen fear so forcibly expressed as by a school of flying fishes, exhausted and at the mercy of the voracious tunas. I have had them gather about my boat and cling to its keel as closely as they could, while the air was full of leaping tunas and soaring fish. At such times when a school of sardines is rounded up the fishes are so terrified that men have rowed up to them and scooped them in by the pallul.—Outing.

Curious Optical Properties.

Asterism is the beautiful name given to a curious optical property of certain minerals. They show a star shaped figure where light is reflected from them or transmitted through them. This is seen in the star stone, which is a sort of sapphire, and in the star ruby. There is asterism also in mica. The photograph of a lamp flame taken through a plate of mica shows a six rayed star, with six fainter radiations between. Outwardly star mica resembles the ordinary form and shows the same phenomena under polarized light. When examined under the microscope, however, the star mica is found to contain fine needles of another mineral. And these are regularly arranged at angles of 120 degrees. To these needles is due the star seen by transmitted light.—Chicago Tribune.

The Butcher Bird's Larder.

It is possible that the butcher bird's "curious and cruel habit" of impaling various creatures upon hedge thorn is his way of supporting his wife during her period of seclusion. Of many species the female is fed by the male on the nest, but the butcher bird's prey consists often of creatures which are too large to be eaten at a mouthful. Even if the male could always drag these carcasses to the nest it is obvious that the female could not eat them there, so the "larder" may have been hit upon as a happy device to get over the difficulty, the female flitting thither to help herself whenever she is hungry.—Country Life.

Slim Chance For Her.

A missionary who was making his way through a backwoods region came upon an old woman sitting outside a cabin. He entered upon a religious talk and finally asked her if she didn't know there was a day of judgment coming. "Why, no," said the old lady; "I hadn't heard o' that. Won't there be more than one day?" "No, my friend; only one day," was replied. "Well, then," she mused, "I don't reckon I can get to go, for we've only got one mule, and John always has to go everywhere first."—New York Sun.

Might Help Some.

"It's up to you to do something to help our Neighborhood Improvement association."

"I'm for it. I'll make my daughter sell her piano."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Leave your son a good name and an employment.—Stevenson.

KANGAROO MEAT.

Why the Native Youngsters of New Guinea Refused It.

In certain parts of New Guinea the wallaby, a species of kangaroo, are very plentiful, and the traveler in search of sport finds the pursuit of them an exciting occupation. Wallaby steak is a refreshing change from canned meats, and the natives are only too glad to have the remnants of the carcass. A writer in an English magazine tells an amusing incident connected with the animal.

He had been ashore in one of the sparsely populated regions of the coast and secured four wallaby, an ample supply for the whole party, native guides and servants included. But he found that, although wallaby is regarded as such a delicacy that no trouble is considered too great to obtain it, none of the native boys in the party would touch it.

This was a mystery until one of them explained that they had been trained in childhood in the belief that if they ate wallaby before reaching a certain age it would stop their growth. These boys all belonged to the part of the country where wallaby are few, and one can imagine the crafty old folks seated round the festive pot and winking at one another as the young people declined the succulent dainty.

LACEMAKING.

An Old Legend That Tells of the Origin of the Art.

Lacemaking is by no means so old an industry as most persons suppose. There is no proof that it existed previous to the fifteenth century, and the oldest known painting in which it appears is a portrait of a lady in the academy at Venice painted by Crespaccio, who died about 1523. The legend concerning the origin of the art is as follows:

A young fisherman of the Adriatic was betrothed to a young and beautiful girl of one of the isles of the lagoon. Industrious as she was beautiful, the girl made a new net for her lover, who took it with him on board his boat. The first time he cast it into the sea he dragged therefrom an exquisite petrified wrack grass, which he hastened to present to his fiancée; but, war breaking out, the fisherman was pressed into the service of the Venetian navy. The poor girl wept at the departure of her lover and contemplated his last gift to her. While absorbed in following the intricate tracery of the wrack grass she began to twist and plait the threads weighted with small beads which hung around her net. Little by little she wrought an imitation of the petrification, and thus was created the bobbin lace.

Too Realistic.

During a performance of "Captain Lapalisse" at a Valencia theater some years ago an incident occurred which for lifelike effect left nothing to be desired. During the said play some of the actors mingle with the spectators in order to co-operate from the body of the house. No sooner had Miralles, the actor, taken his seat in the stalls than a daring pickpocket robbed him of his gold watch. Miralles seized the man by his coat collar and called out in a deep bass voice:

"Police! Help! Thieves!"

The audience, taking this little episode to be part of the performance, roared with laughter. Even the policemen joined in without stirring hand or foot.

"This is no farce!" cried the actor in tones of despair. "The fellow has got my watch!"

The voice sounded so natural that the audience broke into loud applause at "such excellent fooling." Meanwhile the thief managed to break away from his captor and escaped.

A Judicial Expert.

The native with a stogie met the native with a pipe.

"Howdy, Zeb?" quoth the stogie native. "Hear 'bout th' fuss down to th' courthouse?"

"Nope," drawled the man with the pipe. "What was it about?"

"Why, Jim Simpson has been suin' Abner Hawley for alienatin' th' affections of his wife, an' Judge Musgrove told th' jury to bring in a verdict of 6 cents damages, 'cause he thought that was all the damage was worth to Jim. An' Jim's wife got mad an' threw a chair at th' judge, an' he had her arrested an' put in th' cooler."

"But didn't th' judge go a little too far when he fixed her value so low?"

"Not at all, not at all! You see, he was her first husband."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Singer and Orator.

"If I had my way," Dr. Macnamara once confessed to an interviewer, "I should be singing in 'Carmen' instead of making speeches from the treasury bench, but unfortunately the British public thinks a great deal more of a man who can make a bad speech than a man who can sing a good song."—Westminster Gazette.

To Reform Him.

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"Doesn't it make you the least bit envious to see what elegant furniture Mrs. Eyeddy is putting into her house next door?"

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Good Roads.

A special representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., Dr. Maurice O. Eldridge, best known authority on good roads in this country, will speak on that subject at the following points on the dates shown: Baker City, May 18; Enterprise, May 18; Lagrange, May 19; Heppner, May 20; Pendleton, May 21; Condon, May 23; Moro, May 24; The Dalles, May 25; Hood River, May 26. Portland, May 28.

Threshers' Association.

Second annual convention Oregon Threshers' Association, Albany, Oregon, June 2-3, 1910. Round trip rate of one and one third fare on the certificate plan will be made by O. R. & N. and S. P. Co's. Tickets on sale May 29 to June 3 inclusive, good for return until June 10. Important subjects will be discussed including an address by a special representative of the U. S. government. For further information as to rates, dates of sale, etc., call on any O. R. & N. or S. P. agent.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, dated the 26th day of May, 1910, in a certain action in the Circuit Court for said County and State, wherein The First National Bank of Heppner, Oregon, a corporation, plaintiff, recovered judgment against Jennie W. Matlock and H. J. Matlock, Defendants, for the sum of Eleven Thousand nine hundred ninety-one and 30/100 (\$11,991.90) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 22nd day of March, 1910, and the further sum of eleven hundred and no 100 (\$1100.00) dollars attorney's fee, and costs and disbursements taxed at fifty-six and 20/100 (\$56.20) dollars, on the 22nd day of March, 1910.

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Taken and levied upon as the property of the said Jennie W. Matlock and H. J. Matlock or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the said judgment in favor of the First National Bank of Heppner, Oregon, a corporation and against said Jennie W. Matlock and H. J. Matlock, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

E. M. SHUTT, Sheriff.

By GUS MALLORY, Deputy.
Dated at Heppner, Oregon, May 20, 1910.

May 26 June 23.

Notice for Publication.

Isolated Tract—Public Land Sale. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, May 4, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stats., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 7th day of July, 1910, at this office, the following described land: The SE 1/4 SE 1/4 section 17, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 section 20 and N 1/4 NW 1/4 section 21, T. 3 S. R. 29 E. W. M. Serial No. 06983.

Any persons claiming adversely the above described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.
COLON R. EBERHARD, Receiver.
May 12-June 16.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 4, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Thomas E. McDondel, of Lexington, Oregon, who, on April 28th 1905, made homestead, (Serial No. 03565 and 05580) No. 14400, for E 1/4 SW 1/4 section 13 a d N 1/4 NW 1/4 section 24, and additional December 3, 1909, for W 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 sec. 23, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 section 14, township 1 North range 26 East Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. O. Hill, County Clerk, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, on the 21st day of June, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: B. S. Clark, J. R. Ashinburett, Royul E. Tyler and C. J. White, all of Heppner, Oregon, Galloway Route.
C. W. MOORE, Register.
May 12 June 16

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 11th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Adam J. Knoblock, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on November 16th 1904, and additional on July 28th, 1909, made homestead, (Serial No. 13979) No. 05110, for SE 1/4 SE 1/4 section 21, S 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 section 22, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/4 NW 1/4 section 27, and NE 1/4 NE 1/4 section 28, township 3 south, range 25 east Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. O. Hill, County Clerk, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, on the 22d day of June, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Bellenbrock, Oliver J. Cox, Archie R. Cox and Eugene D. Gilman, all Heppner, Oregon.

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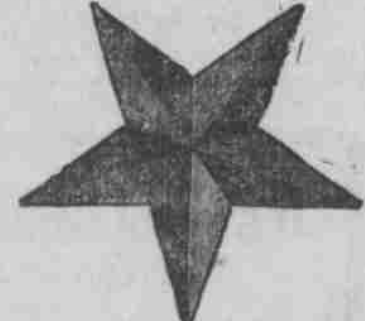
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