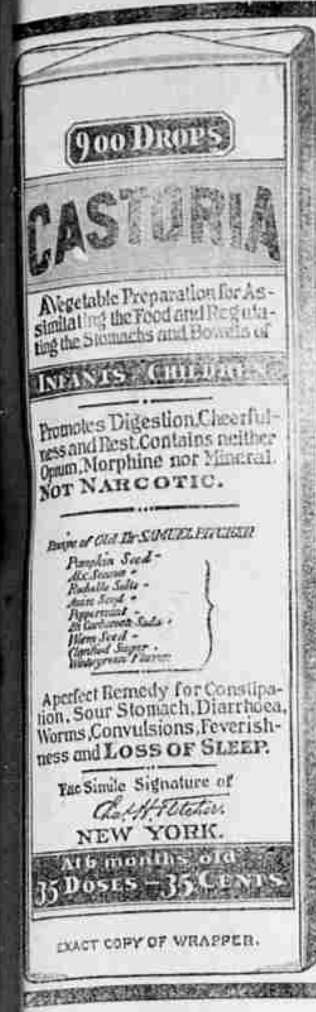

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One of the strangest contrasts in Naples is to walk from the royal palace, with its fine marble staircase, up the new Corso Re d'Italia and to climb into the steep streets around the Church of San Severino e Sosio.

These streets are the dwelling places of the dyers, and one steps from regal magnificence into a crowd of seminaked people, who are busily dipping great hanks of cotton or wool into seething caldrons. As elsewhere, the work is carried on in the street, and little streams of water—red, yellow, brown and black—pour over the rough stones and gather in multicolored pools, while on low benches against the walls women are washing clothes, standing in the dirty, soapy water that splashes over from their tubs.

The passersby walk heedlessly through the dye and soapsuds, while the children find pleasant occupation in throwing mud of every variety of color at anybody who chances to be wearing light colored garments. It is a veritable feast of color from the merely spectacular point of view, but a visit to these streets leaves a bodily as well as a mental impression.

Very often in the depths of these sordid alleys one comes across a forgotten old palace, built when carriages were unknown, its great court of honor crowded with booths, its vast halls filled with a heterogeneous collection of men, women and children, fowls, goats, sheep and occasionally a donkey, all living together in the happiest proximity. The massive old walls are hidden beneath centuries of dirt; the woodwork has, for the most part, disappeared; the rooms that once knew the revels of Angevin nobles now shelter the haphazard existence of lazzaroni.—Ludgate.

FUN IN THE FOOTNOTE.

A Popular Librettist Couldn't Withhold a Joke on Prospective Bride.

W. S. Gilbert does not retain all of his humor for use in his librettos.

In the early days of his success, when Gilbert and Sullivan were considered by managers as the "sure winners" in the comic opera field, a young woman who was a member of one of the "Pinafore" companies wrote to Gilbert telling him of her approaching marriage with a young man of good position and family.

Gilbert congratulated the young woman and expressed the hope that her future might be prosperous and happy.

Only a little more than a month passed, and another letter from the same girl reached him, in which she stated that her engagement with the young man had been broken and that she had accepted another suitor.

He replied that he had every confidence in her judgment and again expressed his hearty wishes for her welfare.

It was almost two months after that that Gilbert received a third letter from the same girl, who informed him that young Lord —— had proposed and that she had accepted him after breaking her engagement with No. 2.

Gilbert's humor could no longer withstand the temptation, and he wrote, "I desire to congratulate you on your approaching marriage with"— Here he placed an asterisk and in a footnote added:

"Here insert the name of the happy man."

This is probably as characteristic a piece of humor as any that appears in his "Bab Ballads" or in his works for the stage.—New York Press.

Wonderful Pumping Engines.

The standard attained by the performance of modern pumping engines is pretty high, as was illustrated by an incident which occurred not long ago here in New York, where some large pumping engines that had recently been set up and were working at rather high speed and almost absolutely without noise were inspected by an expert in such matters who hailed from an interior city. He remarked, "Well, those engines work very nicely now, but wait until you get to pumping water at that speed and then you will hear something from them probably."

His astonishment may perhaps be imagined when it was demonstrated to him that they were at that moment pumping water and had been continuously doing so for 48 hours.—American Machinist.

They Help One Another.

A singular custom prevails among the Tartars or Kurds. If a man gets into difficulties—that is, loses his cattle or other movable property—he pours a little brown sugar into a piece of colored cloth, ties it up and carries one such parcel to each of his friends and acquaintances. In return he is presented, according to circumstances, with a cow or sheep or a sum of money. He is thus at once set on his legs again. The same method is adopted when a young man wishes to marry, but is not in a position to satisfy the parents of his intended bride in the matter of the "bashlyg"—that is, marriage dower. Only in this case he does not go round himself, but sends a friend or a servant.

Japanese Fireworks.

In Nagasaki, Japan, there is a fireworks maker who manufactures pyrotechnic birds of great size that when exploded sail in a lifelike manner through the air and perform many movements exactly like those of living birds. The secret of making these wonderful things has been in the possession of the eldest child of the family of each generation for more than 400 years.

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At our tryst by the ruined mill,
And [illegible] sound that greets my ear
Is [illegible] the whippoorwill.

The silver [illegible] of the August [illegible]
O'er the [illegible] ruins fall,
But the only sound that comes to me
Is the whippoorwill's sweet call.

I wait in vain for a sound more sweet,
A note that is far more dear,
The signal which says that I love is high,
A whistle soft and clear.

The [illegible] in the old beechwood,
Where I wait by the ruined mill,
But naught I hear in the silent night
Save the lonely whippoorwill.
—Rose VanB. Speece.

AFGHANISTAN VENDETTAS.

How Deadly Blood Feuds Are Waged In the Khyber Pass.

During the time I have been in India, writes a soldier correspondent, the most interesting period was when I was stationed on duty for three months some years back in Landikotal, on the Afghanistan side of the far famed Khyber pass. Here I was able to forcibly realize the meaning of "vendetta," as the characteristic blood feuds of the Afridis are quaint and interesting.

The pass itself is a neutral zone between India and Afghanistan, but we exercise our dominion over the road that winds its way for 21 miles through the narrow valley. Here, as elsewhere in Afghanistan, blood feuds are a recognized institution among the tribes and last through generations, the dishonor resting with that family who last suffered from some defeat or treacherous murder.

When an encounter occurs between two tribes occupying settlements on opposite sides of the road mentioned, one or other must cross it before commencing firing, as firing across the road is prohibited, but on either side they can exercise their friendly feelings toward each other without hindrance.

But still quainter is it when the feud is between close neighbors. Each family, with near relations, occupies a number of mud huts, inclosed in a square surrounded by a thick, high wall of mud, stone and wood. At one corner of these squares is built a watch tower 20 feet high, where the family marksman takes his position and playfully picks off any unfortunate who shows himself in the next square. Constitutionals are therefore confined on both sides and limited to nightly prowls.—Strand Magazine.

Manners Outside the Navy.

The ordinary seaman's respect for rank and station when not connected with his beloved vessel is decidedly meager. When the president of the United States visits one of our men-of-war, he is received at the gangway by the admiral, commanding officer and all of the officers of the ship in full uniform, the crew at quarters for inspection, the marine guard drawn up with the band on the quarterdeck, the national flag is displayed at the main, the drummer gives four ruffles, the band plays the national air and a salute of 21 guns is fired. The same ceremony also takes place on his leaving.

On one occasion the president visited one of the ships informally, dispensing with the salute and ceremony, when one of the men rather indignantly asked another who that lubber was on the quarterdeck that didn't "douse his peak" to the commodore.

"Take your luff, will you," was the reply, "that's the president of the United States."

"Well, ain't he got manners enough to salute the quarterdeck, if he is?"

"Manners! What does he know about manners? I don't suppose he was ever out of sight of land in his life."—"On a Man-of-war."

Plurals of Nouns Ending In "O."

In the formation of the plural of nouns with this ending the general rule is that es is added to the singular, as in potatoes, cargoes, buffaloes, yet the following words add only s: Grotto, junto, canto, cento, quarto, portico, octavo, duodecimo, tyro, solo (all, by the bye, foreign words), and also all nouns ending in io, as folio, folios; or, in fact, whenever o is immediately preceded by a vowel, as cameo, embryo, etc. A notable peculiarity is to be observed with regard to nouns substantive ending with the sound of o. If they be words of more than one syllable, they for the most part end simply in o, but if only of one syllable, they take an e after the o, thus, canto, potato, quarto, hero, but doe, foe, roe, sloe, toe, woe, etc. Yet other monosyllables, not nouns substantive, have no final e, as so, lo, no.—Literature of Typography.

Crabs and Earthquakes.

For some time previous to the day upon which the great Chilean earthquake occurred swarms of crabs of an unknown variety were seen in the bay of Payta. They all appeared to be greatly excited and were literally climbing over each other in their efforts to escape the impending calamity. There were millions of them, and "ten days after the earthquake the dead crabs were thrown upon the beach in a wall line 3 feet or 4 feet wide along the whole extent of the bay."

"To the Lamppost."

This is a mistranslation of "A la lanterne!" There was no lamppost. The lamp was hung over the middle of the street, in the center of a cord, which passed over pulleys at the sides of the street. The lamp was let down, the person to be hanged was substituted for it, and the ends of the cord pulled.—Notes and Queries.

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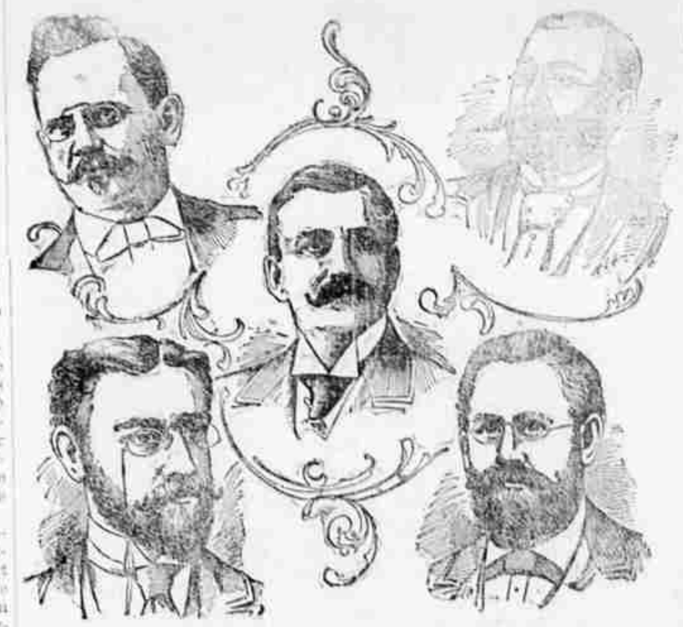

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