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Who has seen the cicadas
Of the red deer when they die?
With death they sleep away
Out of the sight of the sun,
Out of the sight of the living; they
Pay the debt and are done.
No marble marks the place.
The sunburnt forest floor
Covers them over with tender grass
Just where they laid them down.
But a few years, if you see
In summer a deeper green
Here and there, it is like to be
The spot where their bones have been.
Thus, not rare, to the poor dead year
No grave nor costly stone,
But a greener life and a warmer cheer
Be the only sign that he's gone.
—Christian Register

BURNE-JONES.

Rossetti's Influence in Causing the Artist to Inebriate His Name.

It may or may not be true that it was Rossetti who urged Burne-Jones, when at the outset of his career, to connect with a bygone "Burne" and "Jones," says William Sharp in The Atlantic. "Jones is nobody," Rossetti would declare, "only a particle of a vast multitude! But Burne-Jones—that is unimpeachable!"

It was an amusing trait in Rossetti that he was wont to designate the good work of this or that friend as the work of—*and he would mention the most distinctive name or part name of the person concerned.* Thus he would say, "Yes, that is Burne-Jones, but this, this here, you know, is only Jones," or "That now is the real Holman Hunt, but this here is only Hunt," or, "You can hear Tennyson in that, but Alfred wrote the other lines."

I recall two amusing instances where Burne-Jones more or less unconsciously adopted the name method. He was asked once if he thought William Bell Scott more eminent as a poet or as an artist, he replied, "Then, seeing a book of surprise, added, with a humorous twinkle, 'I liked old Bell Scott—old Scott, as we always called him—immensely, and I think William Bell Scott wrote some very fine verse, but I always thought it was a pity that Bell took to painting!'"

The other instance occurred when some one remarked to him that "Parnell was only an agitator." "Charles Stewart Parnell," he replied with emphasis, "was one of the greatest public men of our day and far and away the ablest Irish leader." "But Parnell," etc., resumed the objector, to be again corrected by the other disputant, "Charles Stewart Parnell," etc.

The Oldest Patent.
The question as to the holder of the oldest patent in this country has brought out from the heirs of Joseph Jencks some additional facts which tend to show that he was the first inventor in this country. Patents granted from the sovereign power of England for land, water and other privileges were not uncommon in early colonial times. Joseph Jencks of Lynn, Mass., a number of years previous to receiving a patent for an invention of a sythe had been granted one for "an application of water power to mills." Biographical notes state that Mr. Jencks introduced to the Massachusetts colony the idea of patenting inventions, and that he might protect and introduce his ideas seems to have been a reason for coming to the new country. The grass sythe patented in 1653 was perhaps the most valuable of his inventions. The improvement over the old English sythe, with its short, thick blade, like a bush sythe, consisted in lengthening the blade, making it thinner and welding a square bar at the back and strengthening it. Today this sythe, practically unchanged, is used in Europe and America. The patent was withheld from Mr. Jencks for nine years, as it was thought to be too valuable to be monopolized.—Hartford Courant.

A Popular Delusion.
"Did you read this, dear?" said Mrs. Grigsby to Orlando the other night. "It's a strange case. A harmless lunatic imagines that he's a grain of corn and will not go into the yard lest a chicken eat him. Isn't it an odd delusion?" "Oh, the world's full of such delusions, dear!" said Grigsby. "I know a harmless lunatic who seems to imagine that she's a piece of cheese, and she will fly from a room when a mouse enters it for fear the little creature will devour her."—London Tit-Bits.

New Ornamentations.
Some great man was taking a party of friends over his newly built house. One of the party would not admire it and complained that there were too many anachronisms. "Oh," said a lady who was noted for her toadyism and who had been unstinted in her admiration, "don't you like anachronisms? I think they are such a beautiful ornament."—Spectator.

The Professor's Conundrum.
"Professor," they said, "give us a deep metaphysical conundrum."
"Well," he said after a moment's thought, "when is 'which' 'what'?"
They gave it up.
"When it is neither," explained the professor.
And when they had studied it out they understood.—Chicago Tribune.

Crete has lost through political disturbances of recent years olive trees to the value of \$10,000,000. It will take 40 years to restore the orchards to full bearing condition, and in the meantime 200,000 Mohammedans and 300,000 Christians will have to starve.

In Australia spring begins Aug. 20; summer, Nov. 20; autumn, Feb. 20; and winter, May 20.

There are said to be fewer suicides among miners than among any other class of workmen.

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AN EFFECTIVE PARABLE.

General Joubert's Story Saved the Lives of the Jameson Raiders.
A most interesting account of the manner in which the lives of Jameson and his men were spared, after the surrender to the Boers, is told by the Nieuwe Van den Dag of Amsterdam: "The stern old Boers, whom they had Jameson and his fellow officers in their hands, determined to execute the leaders of the band at daybreak. The meeting took place in President Kruger's house, 20 being present, of whom the great majority, wild with indignation at the sudden inroad into their territory, were for shooting the British officers at once."
President Kruger opposed this summary plan and used all his eloquence and all his influence on behalf of the prisoners. For a long time his efforts were vain. It was 4 o'clock in the morning, and the president's opponents were still for execution. The lives of the foreigners hung by a thread.

At length General Joubert, one of the few who agreed with the president, had recourse to the old time Boer method of convincing his hearers. He made use of a parable.
"Friends," he said, "will you not listen to my voice once more? Suppose that close to my farm lives a bad neighbor who keeps three hounds in his house, worrying my sheep exceedingly and also killing some. What, then, would you have me to do? Should I kill the hounds to be free of this worry? Truly my neighbor would say unto me: 'Thou hast killed my hounds, yet their value is greater than the value of your sheep. Pay thou me!' Is it not better that I should take the hounds and go into my neighbor's house say, 'These are mine; now pay me for the harm they have done my flock?'"

There was silence, and the general continued: "We have caught the pack. Is it not better to send them to the British government with demands for reparation, lest the British send more hounds to worry us anew?"
The old form of argument proved successful. The wisdom of moderation became apparent, and the council of war accepted the advice of their chiefs.

SERVANTS' EXCUSES.

One Woman Who Was Clever Enough to Circumvent Them.
We have heard of the Canadian mistress who, with seven servants in her house, was obliged to go to the garden and pick berries for the table. Each of the servants declined the task with the stereotyped excuse, "It ain't my place to pick berries." Ord, in his "History of Cleveland," relates an anecdote of Margaret Wharton, who, while accepting her servants' excuse, yet made them do her will.

One of her visits to Scarborough Mrs. Wharton, with her usual economy, had a family pie for dinner, which she directed the footman to convey to the larder. This the man declined to do as not belonging to his place, or rather, as derogatory to his consequence. The lady then moved the question to the coachman, but found a still stronger objection.
To save the pride of both Mrs. Wharton resolved to take the pie to the shop herself. She ordered one man to harness and bring out the horses and the other to mount and ride behind, and thus the errand was done with all honor and ceremony. Then in due time the coachman was ordered to put to a second time and the footman to mount behind, and Mrs. Wharton brought back the pie in the same dignified state.
"Now," said the lady to the coachman, "you have kept your place, which is to drive, and you yours," to the footman, "which is to wait, and I mine, which is to have my pie for dinner."

Continuous Steel Pipe.
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She Loves Birds.
The dowager empress of China is devoted to birds of all kinds, and immovable bird nets are kept about the palace. She is reported to have wept copiously about the death of a favorite nightingale not long ago. Upon being told of a Chinese girl who had complained bitterly of the dreariness of life this exalted lady remarked sagely that a woman ought to take so much pride in her home that it could be a heaven to her, adding, "There are always birds and flowers." She is a clever artist and delights in painting from nature.

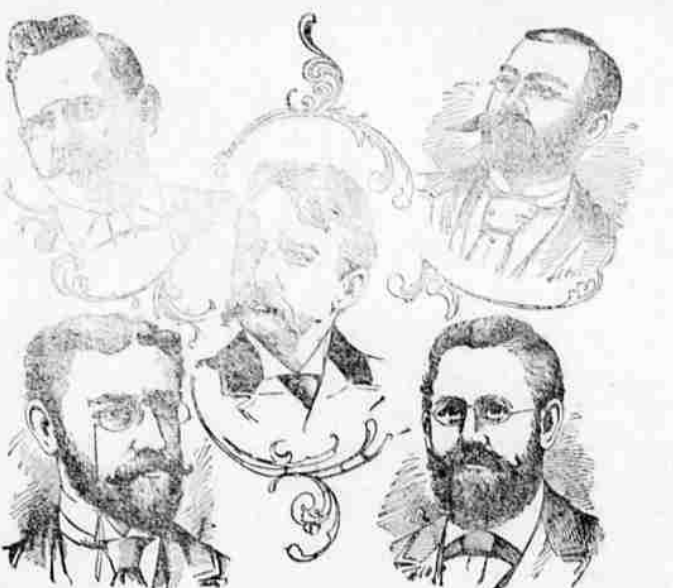
Can't Hold America Down.
"Why, sir," said the geologist, "the ground you walk on was once under water."
"Well," replied the friend, who is nothing if not patriotic, "it simply goes to show you can't hold America down."
—Washington Star.

A southern man says that the difference between yellow fever and dengue fever is that when one has the former he is afraid he will die and when the latter attacks him he is fearful that he will not.
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