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Interesting Washing.

An amusing little story is told in connection with a French journalist, who in his early days as a reporter had a deeply rooted aversion to the regulation notebook of his order, and hit upon a method of taking notes which afforded him great satisfaction.

He wore large white linen cuffs, and upon them, by the aid of a tiny pencil, he took down his notes and impressions in all sorts of places, unobserved by those around him.

At first his landlady was greatly puzzled by these peculiar ornaments, but as time went on she learned to decipher many of them, and gathered the news of the week from her patron's cuffs, much to her delight.

One night, when she took home the washing, the journalist chanced to be coming out of his room as she entered.

"Ah, monsieur," she said, dropping a courtesy, "your last washing was very interesting, but we had less political news than the week before. Is it not so?"

—London Tit-Bits.

Curious Insurance.

A curious form of life insurance is springing up in French manufacturing towns under the name of La Fourmi (the ant).

The peculiarity is that the longer a man lives the less he becomes entitled to. The payment of \$1 a month secures the payment of \$1,000 to the heirs of a man dying before the age of 88, the payment diminishing proportionately to \$50 at 51. The idea seems to be that if a man dies young his children are likely to be in want, but that when he is 50 they will be able to earn their living.

Young Wife—John, mother says he wants to be cremated.

Young husband will tell her if she'll get on her things I'll take her there this morning.—Spare Moments.



Syrup of Figs

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With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant, family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

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RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

The Duke of Westminster is Awarded that Distinction.

His grace the Duke of Westminster, honest man, sheep easily. Though his children number some seven living, and he has grand-children too many to be reckoned readily, yet he has no fear for the morrow. The duke is probably the richest man in the world. Li Hung Chang has been rated higher, and Americans in their pride claim greater wealth for Mr. Rockefeller, but everything considered, the Duke of West-



DUKE OF WESTMINSTER.

minster's holdings will doubtless top those of the Chinaman and the American. He is certainly the heaviest owner of real estate in the world. There is considerable uncertainty as to the title of property in China. It is the subject's today; it may be the emperor's or it may be parcelled out among other citizens to-morrow. Mr. Rockefeller's is largely in stocks and securities. Its value and earnings are little affected by outside causes. For a century indeed the only variation has been an increase of value and rentals. The duke is interested in many commercial enterprises and railway and other corporations, but, as was said, the bulk of his belongings is in the nature of real estate, business blocks, market places, houses and farms. His income ranges from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 annually. It is not so great as that of several Americans, whose aggregate wealth is much less than that of Westminster, but if his returns are larger their risk is greater. The duke's belongings, real and personal, amount to about \$175,000,000.

The duke's popularity is as great as his wealth. If his position were elective and he were to resign, he would be returned again at the next election. He is a truly democratic peer—making the true distinction between democracy and the vulgarly and viciously democratic of Westminster, but if his returns are larger their risk is greater. The duke's belongings, real and personal, amount to about \$175,000,000.

His hospitality is boundless and his many ancestral seats are always filled with guests. The fire is alight at Aylesford, Queensberry and other notorious aristocratic dead and alive. He is beloved of his tenants and admired by people of all classes whether they are his dependants or otherwise. His popularity was not gained in politics or in diplomacy, but from association. His hospitality is boundless and his many ancestral seats are always filled with guests. The fire is alight at Aylesford, Queensberry and other notorious aristocratic dead and alive. He is beloved of his tenants and admired by people of all classes whether they are his dependants or otherwise. His popularity was not gained in politics or in diplomacy, but from association.

The duke, who describes himself as being in the prime of life, was born October 18, 1825, and is now in his seventy-first year. He is now married twice, the first time to a woman whose name was Lady Constance Gertrude Lewson-Gower, daughter of George Granville, duke of Sutherland. They had eleven children, of whom six are now living. The first duchess died in 1880, and in 1883 the duke married Katherine Caroline Cavendish, daughter of Lord Chesham. They have three children.

In discussing the democratic ways of the duke Englishmen relate the story of a stranger who desired to see the art treasures of Eaton Hall. He met an elderly man walking about the grounds, and from his dress, which was a semibarbaric costume and not too new, thought the man to be a retainer of the duke. The stranger asked the man to show him about the place, which the man did, pointing out, explaining and listening to the visitor's comments on the duke and the family with interest and received with thanks a half sovereign to requite him for his trouble. The following day the visitor rode out to the hunt and in the master of the hounds, who was also lord lieutenant of the county and Duke of Westminster, he recognized his guide of the day before. It is explained by the other than the fellow countrymen of the duke that the reason the great man did not decline the "tip" given him by the visitor was his fear of disconcerting the stranger. It would have been utterly out of character for an English servant to decline money that the peer would have been obliged to disclose his identity to explain his refusal.

It is a rumor even to those who seem to believe in the supernatural when a supposed ghost is clearly proved to be of earthly origin. One of the most famous murder cases in Australia was discovered by the ghost of the murderer sitting on a rail of a man (Australian for horsepond) into which his body had been thrown. Numberless people saw it, and the time was duly brought home. Even the skeptical admitted that this ghost seemed to be an authentic one. But some years after, a dying man making his confession said that he invented the ghost. He witnessed the crime but was threatened with death if he divulged it as he wished to do, and the only way he saw out of the impasse was to affect to see the ghost where the body was found. As soon as he started the story, such is the power of nervousness that numerous other people began to see it, until its fame reached such dimensions that a search was made and the body found, and the murderer brought to justice.

HILL A MISOGYNIST.

SENATOR IS NOT A CANDIDATE THIS SEASON.

Has risen from a Peasant Boy to His Present Position, with No Help Save His Own Brains. His Political Ambition Under Restraint.

Not His Year.

Senator David Bennett Hill will be 83 Aug. 23. He is a New Yorker by birth, and his juvenile days were spent on a farm. His mother was left a widow, and David, her eldest son, was compelled to go to work when very small. At the age of 11 he commenced to sell newspapers, candy, peanuts, etc., on the New York Central trains, and was probably the first business man ever engaged in that business in the United States.



SENATOR D. B. HILL.

Young Hill commenced to make money at the start, and some years later on Hou. Lucius Robinson afterward Governor of the State, was so attracted by the lad that he took him into his law office at Elmira. Step by step Hill began to climb the ladder of fame, until he was Governor of New York three times, and then went to the Senate, where he has taken front rank as a debater and worker.

The Senator is a bachelor, and is given up as a hopeless case, so far as venturing upon the matrimonial sea is concerned. Mr. Hill gives frequent bachelor dinners and entertains a number of the prominent men from various portions of the country from time to time. For society he has no use, and avoids the ordinary dinners and receptions, putting in most of his time in work and study. Evidently he thinks that men and women waste a great deal of valuable time, for not long since, when complaining that Congress was doing so little, he made the point that the men might be able to do more work in Washington if all the women were sent away while Congress was in session.

Mr. Hill declares to his friends that he will make no effort this year to secure the presidential nomination. He seems to think that this isn't his year. It is his intention, though, to take an active part in the campaign, no matter who is nominated, and he does not take a gloomy view of Democratic prospects.

Admission to Community of Letters.

It is not a community of writers, but a community of letters. One gets admission, not because he writes—write he never so cleverly, like a gentleman with articles about the secret craft and mystery of letters. What that secret is a man may know, even though he cannot practise or appropriate it. If a man can see the permanent element in things—the true sources of laughter, the real fountains of tears, the motives that strike along the main lines of conduct, the acts which display the veritable character of men, the things that are significant, the details that make the mass—if he knew these things, and can also choose words with a like knowledge of their power to illuminate and reveal, give color to the eye and passion to the thought, the secret is his, and an entrance to that immortal communion.—Century.

Not the Name.

A terse and clever characterization was that by Benjamen, the poet, summed up Victor Hugo's relation to the great republican spirit of France. Hugo, although it is said that he was not a republican at the very beginning of his career, became a most enthusiastic and outspoken one. He represented the pictorial, dramatic side of popular feeling and became so picturesque in his French politics that he could not have failed to serve as a popular idol.

Benjamin, who was a republican of the simplest type, notwithstanding his share in establishing Louis Philippe on the throne, defined the poet's attitude in one line.

One day, says the Contemporary Review, shortly after the revolution which overthrew the throne, an acquaintance of Benjamen met him coming out of the Palais-Bourbon. "I shall feel obliged," said the poet, "if you will see me home, for I do not feel at all well. Those violent scenes inside are there are not to my taste. I am not at all well," he continued, with a wistful smile; "I have been accused of having held the plank over which Louis Philippe went to the Tuilleries. I wish I could be the horse across the Channel on which he would return. Certainly I would have liked a republic, but not such as we are having in there."

He pointed to the home of the Constituent Assembly. "You ought to be pleased," said his friend, "Victor Hugo is in the same regiment with you."

"Victor Hugo is not in the regiment," was the quiet reply. "He is in the band."

Why They Wept.

Talker when I lectured there was not a dry eye in the audience.

Walker—Indeed, and what was your subject?

Talker—I had been addressing a school of cookery and giving a practical illustration of how to peel an onion.—San Francisco Examiner.

Mrs. Dukane—"The women of different cities have their own particular fad." Mrs. Gaswell—"What is the women's fad in Chicago?" Mrs. Dugane—"Husbandry."—Pittsburg Chronicle.

LICENSE FOR DRINKERS.

Provisions of a Temperance Measure Introduced in the Iowa Legislature.

Among the extraordinary measures introduced into the general assembly of Iowa during the first week of its existence was a bill sent to the senate committee on the suppression of intemperance, which provides that any person wishing to indulge in intoxicating liquors shall first procure a regular license from the municipal government under which he lives before being allowed to buy at dramshops and saloons.

The idea of the proposed law is to discourage drunkenness by forcing drinkers to exhibit their desire in public and to disgust them by facing them to show to the bartender a parchment with a green seal and blue ribbons before being allowed to drink his potion.

Senator Perrin introduced the bill. He represents a constituency which is earnestly in favor of prohibition. He himself is chairman of the senate committee on the suppression of intemperance, and he voted for the most modification of the state wide prohibitory law two years ago. His introduction of the bill was a surprise to his friends.

The bill provides that every person wishing to take a drink shall secure a license from the city council of the city or town in which he lives. For such license city councils are empowered to charge \$2, the net proceeds conferred thereunder being extended for a period of 12 months by the provisions on the face of the license issued.

The license shall be used to secure drink, which is to be consumed at a bar in the usual manner. The license is not transferable. Any relative over 14 or any friend of the applicant for a license may be named on the license, and for each sale to persons not having a license to drink, the saloon keeper shall be fined \$10 and the cost of suit.—Chicago Record.

Woman's Standing.

Rev. Leon Harrison, a prominent Jewish rabbi of this city, is delivering a series of lectures on "The New Woman." He thinks that the true sphere of the modern woman is not bounded on the north by the cradle on the east by the ballroom and on the west by the bargain counter. The civilization of any country may be measured by its standing accorded to woman. We are today on the verge of introducing changes, yet know not what their outcome will be. We hold a restaurant serving on this heretofore domain of the man. Advocate.

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