PUBLIC ART EXHIBITIONS.

The Good Done by One of These in St. Louis—Argument for Sunday Opening.

Professor Halsey C. Ives, director of the St. Louis Art museum and of the art department of Washington university of the same city, was in town the other day. Professor Ives has devoted most of his time and effort for the past dozen years to the advancement of art interest in St. Louis, and as a result the museum is the best arranged and most intelligently conducted institution of its kind in the country, and the art school is one of the most thorough. The art museum is a handsome stone structure at Lucas place and Nineteenth street—the fashionable residence center of the city—and is one of the few buildings thoroughly adapted for its purpose. While its collections thus far are not large, they are intelligently formed, and every object shows not only a phase of interesting historical development, but is the best example obtainable for showing this. The museum has been chary in accepting miscellaneous gifts, and has purchased with the greatest discrimination. The art school is equipped with one of the finest collections of casts in the country, and from it have come a number of artists of ability. The school has sent abroad several students, and has partly supported them there. Said Professor Ives:

"We have quite a number of collections of fine pictures in St. Louis, but most of them contain almost exclusively works by foreign artists. I hope, by a series of exhibitions of American pictures, to interest our people more in American art. I think that the best work of the American painters of today is equal to the best that is produced abroad in certain lines. I think that it only needs introduction to secure appreciation, and I want to show how sincere and strong much of it is. Our art museum is now beginning to be well appreciated. Since we began opening it to the public on Sundays our attendance has increased on all days, and many persons have manifested interest in it who for years passed the building every day without having sufficient curiosity to look inside. It is particularly gratifying to me that many workingmen visit the museum on Sundays. I generally manage to be there myself on Sunday afternoons, and I enjoy directing their attention to those things which will suggest improvement in the character of the work they do. Some of the men who became interested in the iron work from Nuremburg are now doing very clever work in the same direction. Others have studied the old carvings, and have gained a degree of artistic appreciation that they have applied in their workmanship to their very decided advantage. But for the Sunday opening many of these men would have absolutely no opportunity for visiting the museum, and from the results that have become evident thus far the wisdom of the plan has been demonstrated to me very clearly. I really think it is a public misfortune that any such museum in the country is kept closed on Sundays. To the great museums of France, so much resorted to by the working people on Sundays, is due much of that artistic quality that you find in almost every article of French production—even for the commonest uses. The same opportunities opened for our own intelligent, quick witted people would very soon influence the character of the work produced here."—New York Star.

Wedding Fees.

Said a well known clergyman the other day: "I think the clergy have too much to say about the smallness of some of their wedding fees. There is no earthly reason, in the first place, why a clergyman should receive any fee for his services on such an occasion. If fees are to be given at all, they would be much more appropriate when a clergyman is asked to officiate at a funeral, which in some cases may consume several hours of his time. But, granting that a wedding fee is allowable, my experience is that such fees are as a rule too large rather than too small. I have officiated at the weddings of a great many mechanics and workingmen, and in a large majority of instances the grooms have given me $10. Some of them have given $15 and even $20.

Now, the lowest of these sums is out of all proportion to the average income of a mechanic. It is much more than they can afford for a service which a Christian minister should be glad to render for nothing. And in my own practice I have always returned the fee in such cases, unless the groom was so foolishly proud as to refuse it. But in doing so I admit that I am running counter to the almost universal custom of the clergy. My own personal opinion is that in an age like this, when the world is so ready to find fault with the clergy, it would be wise to abolish wedding fees entirely. At the same time I do not assume to decide the matter for any one but myself."—New York Tribune.

Use Both Hands.

Recently, from my close attention in many years' capacity at the circuit court, I have been suffering from partial or incipient paralysis of the right hand, or what is otherwise known as pen paralysis, the result, of course, of constant writing with that hand. With so little use of that member, I am beginning to make my left hand very useful, and I find it is a much more important feature than we usually imagine. I think the habit of cultivating the service of the left hand should be more general and taught from early childhood; in that way the flexibility would be established and the right hand saved from the great strain upon it. It is not at all necessary to be what is termed "left handed" to be enabled to use that hand. I know one young lady artist who is not at all so, yet who can use the left hand as well as the right perfectly by cultivation. She can draw with the left hand as easily as she can with the right one, turned toward the right. My case should be a warning to writers especially, not to leave all strain to one hand, but to cultivate the service of the other, or at least its assistance. I now have to do much of my writing with my left, and accomplish it quite as well as with the right, and I am by no means "left handed."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The National Failing.

Jackson—I'm going to start a new paper, and I think I'll call it The Umbrella.

Merritt—Why?

Jackson—Because everybody who sees it will take it.

Merritt—Yes, people would take it, but they wouldn't pay for it.—West Shore.

THE FIRST PARTING.

"Come, Eva, kiss mamma good night, and go with nurse to bed.
What, tears? for shame! a moment since you would be good, you said;
You're quite too big a girlie now to sleep in baby's place,
Why soon you will be tall enough to go to school with Grace;
So kneel beside me, darling, here, and say your prayers, and I
Will sing that little hymn you love, of guarding angels nigh;
And when the birdies wake you up, tell Mary you may run
To have a romp in mamma's bed; just think, what lots of fun!"

The mother in the morning came, in longing, anxious mood;
With throbbing heart and dewy eyes beside the bed she stood,
Where Eva still slept soundly, her arms embracing tight
The gown her mother wore when she had kissed her pet good night
Its ribbons with her silent tears were stained and limp and wet,
Around the white and dimpled neck an empty sleeve was set;
While Mary slept she stole away ere dawn had lit the sky
That something of her idol near her sinless breast might lie;
Unheeded, save by Him who marks each grief endured alone,
She sought and found her solace for the first that she had known.

—Philadelphia Times.

He Couldn't Eat the Soup.

An elderly gentleman in a restaurant having been served with a plate of soup he had ordered, said to the waiter:

"Look here, I can't eat this soup."

"All right; I'll get you another plate."

On receiving the second plate the guest once more remarked:

"It's no use. I can't eat this soup."

Then the waiter went to the proprietor and said:

"The old gentleman over there is complaining about the soup. He says he can't eat it."

"You don't know how to wait on people. I'll attend to him."

The proprietor went to the kicking guest and said, blandly:

"I understand you say there is something the matter with the soup?"

"I didn't say anything of the kind."

"You said you couldn't eat it."

"Yes, I said I couldn't eat it."

"Will you tell me why you can't eat that soup?"

"Certainly. I haven't got any spoon."—Texas Siftings.

A Perfect Man.

Several years ago an artist of Dresden persuaded a locksmith there to give up his trade and become an artists' model. It was a good thing for the locksmith, who is now the famous "muscle man of Dresden, whose magnificently developed body makes him probably the most renowned model in the world. In order to preserve for future artists an exact duplicate of his extraordinary figure the director of the Royal Saxon Povzell anfabrik at Meissen, recently invited him there that a cast from life might be taken of the upper part of his body. It is said that "his muscular development is so complete and detailed that even the least and slightest cord of every muscle stands forth prominently, and his whole body looks as if it were woven together or plaited like basket work. His muscles have such a hardness that they feel to the touch as if they were carved in wood."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Silver Deadhead Ticket.

Probably the most unique railroad pass issued this year is that of the Silverton Railroad company of Colorado. It is a thin silver plate, about the size and shape of passes in general use. On the upper left hand corner of the face of the plate is a vignette showing a curve of the road between Silverton and Ouray. The pass is rolled from silver bars and stamped, the vignette and lettering, with the exception of the president's name, being in relief. The name is intaglio, and is gilded, as are the vignette and scroll. The number of the pass and the name of the person to whom it is issued are engraved by hand.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Floating Hospitals.

A novel idea is the fitting up of a steamer in England as a "sea going hospital." This is for the benefit of the deep sea fishermen, who are subject to sickness and accidents, and often have to endure great suffering before they can be taken ashore for treatment. One steamer has already been prepared and dispatched on this mission and another will be sent out as soon as it can be got ready.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The Iron Crown.

The iron crown of Lombardy consists of a broad circle composed of six equal plates of beaten gold, joined together by close hinges of the same metal. Within is the iron band which gives it a name. It is about three-eighths of an inch broad and a tenth of an inch thick, and is said to have been made out of the nails used at the Crucifixion, and given to Constantine by his mother, the Empress Helena, to protect him in battle.—New York Telegram.

A Clincher.

A letter was dropped into the letter box at the Auburn postoffice recently, bound for Boston, with the stamp fastened on with a pin. It was pushed through the stamp near the right side, thence through the envelope and its contents to the back side, and back again to the front. It was stronger than the common lot of pins or it would never have stood the pressure.—Boston Herald.

They Were Little Girls.

Master Burrill was an old time teacher in the town of Fairfield. A writer in The Somerset Reporter says that he used to punish naughty whispering girls by "bearding them"—that is rubbing his unshaven chin with a week's stubble on it down their pretty cheeks. It almost took the skin off.—Lewiston Journal.

Brayton Ives, the well known financier and society man, is a bibliophile. This may not seem to be an expensive pursuit, but Mr. Ives manages to spend a good deal of money upon it. Only the other day he spent some $1,200 upon a rare copy of an early edition of the Holy Writ.

The Meanest of Incendiaries.

"I cannot understand," said a well known Philadelphian, "what would induce a man, however depraved, to set fire to any property belonging to Mr. George W. Childs, whose reputation for generosity is world wide. When Mr. Childs was building Wootton he gave orders that every man who came along and wanted work should be given something to do. In consequence hundreds of persons were set to work grading and digging, and they were paid good wages in cash every night. To burn the property of such a man is simply abominable."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Cost of New York's Homes.

New York is not a city of homes except for the favored few. These must be able to invest from $30,000 to $100,000 in that "home" and spend from $10,000 to $25,000 a year to keep up the establishment. I live in a modest flat on Sixty-ninth street, west side, about midway between the Hudson and Central Park, paying $40 a month rent for that privilege. The same flat three squares nearer the elevated railway station would bring $60 per month. There are solid rows of residences about and being built near me, not one of which can be purchased for less than $30,000, and they run all the way up to $100,000. It costs from $7,000 to $25,000 to furnish one of these appropriately. Strolling up Ninth avenue the other day, I noted a sign board on a vacant lot between two residences on a side street—Eighty-first street: "This lot and party walls, $35,000." It was only the regulation twenty-four foot lot, but the cellar had been excavated.

Fancy a man in Philadelphia or Pittsburg investing such a sum in such a lot five or six miles from his business. I asked a contractor about the matter. He tells me that almost any lot on the west side of Central park will cost $10,000 excavated, and desirable ones from $15,000 up. The cost of excavating a shallow cellar for a high stoop residence is considerable, as the solid rock must be quarried. The steam drills are at it in every direction. There are six of them hustling away within pistol shot of me, and the dynamite explosions of the blaster rattle you up in almost any block north of Fifty-ninth street. At the present rate of building, within the next five years there will not be an acre of vacant ground the whole length of the great park. Each succeeding year makes all this still more and more expensive. Where will the New Yorker of the future live?—Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

An Innocent Man Twelve Years in Prison.

The governor has granted a pardon to A. P. Gipson, who was sent from Shasta county in May, 1878, to San Quentin prison to serve a life sentence. The crime of which he was convicted was the murder of a stockman named Schroeder, who bore an unenviable reputation in the community.

Convicted with Gipson for complicity in the same crime were men named Hilbrant and Tom Gipson. The latter was pardoned by Governor Perkins in 1882, and Hilbrant by Governor Stoneman in 1885. Both those governors received petitions on behalf of A. P. Gipson, but never paid any attention to them. Hilbrant made an affidavit that he swore falsely when he stated that A. P. Gipson was implicated in the crime. Tom Gipson also swore afterward that A. P. had nothing to do with the murder.

The man whom Governor Waterman pardoned was evidently the victim of a deep conspiracy. The petition for his pardon was one of the strongest ever presented to the chief executive. Over 500 citizens of Shasta county, including Judge Aaron Bell, of the superior court, who passed sentence, and other county officials, signed it. Judge Bell wrote in connection that he believed Gipson was an innocent man. The pardoned man is about 70 years old.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Let Well Alone.

An odd story comes from Indiana. In boring for natural gas the drillers, at a depth of 250 feet, are said to have struck an immense vein of water, which was cased off. At a depth of 900 feet a tremendous flow of gas was developed, the pressure of which lifted the casing and let in the water above, producing a veritable geyser. After some days the well had been nearly controlled, when a workman at the mouth of the well struck a match to light his pipe. An explosion followed, and the workman narrowly escaped being roasted alive. All efforts to restrain the well or even put out the fire have since proved futile, and the strange spectacle is witnessed of a resistless volume of fire and water issuing from the same pipe. The column is described as shooting with an appalling roar to a height of 100 feet.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Whose Bear Is This?

Christian Hess, a woodchopper, while on the way to his work on the Blue mountain, came upon the body of a bear lying near the edge of the woods in Elder creek, the head and fore paws resting on the bank. Fast in one of the bear's claws was a piece of corduroy nearly a foot long and three inches wide, which had evidently been torn from a hunting coat. There were two brass buttons on it. Hess procured the assistance of a fellow woodchopper, and they dragged the bear's carcass out of the water. There was a bullet hole in its left side and several ugly cuts on its head. The bear had not been long dead, as the blood where it lay was quite fresh. No one living in this vicinity is known to have worn a coat such as the fragment found in the bear's claw was torn from. There are no evidences of any struggle anywhere around the spot where the bear was found, but the silent testimony of the piece of coat and the bear's wounds leave no doubt that the bear and some unknown hunter had a big fight in the woods. What became of the hunter and who he was is as yet a mystery.—Houckville (Pa.) Cor. New York Sun.

Delays Are Dangerous.

"Doctor, just an instant, please," exclaimed a caller at the office of a man of physic as he caught sight of the physician disappearing in his private office. "I'll see you shortly, sir," was the curt reply. "But a second is all I want," persisted the caller. "I'll see you directly, sir," with sternness. The visitor took a seat in the general reception room, read the afternoon paper through, looked at the pictures, played with the dog and took a nap. After thirty minutes or more had passed the medicine man came out of his den, and with an air of condescension said to the visitor, "Well, now, my man, I am at your service. Your turn has come. What can I do for you?" "Oh, nothing in particular," was the reply. "I just dropped in to tell you that your neighbor's three cows have escaped from the barn and are having a picnic in your garden and backyard flower beds."—Buffalo Express.

Conceited.

"Allow me, madam, to congratulate you on your acquaintance with that charming lady," said a gallant Hungarian; "she is young, beautiful and intelligent." "Oh, certainly," replied the lady; "but don't you think she is a trifle conceited?" "Why, madam, just put yourself in her place, and say, would you not be conceited too?" was the rather startling comment.—Chambers' Journal.

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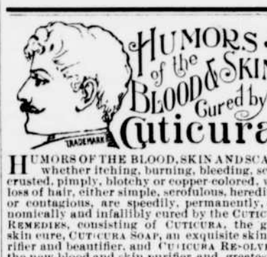

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