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A Divided Duty.

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Tramp—I'm very sorry, mum, but I've got an engagement, an' must hurry off.

"Why, what have you to do?"

"It is my solemn duty, mum, to go out into the highways and byways, and tell hungry gents like myself that this 'ere house is a good place to git a square meal."—New York Weekly.

More Than He Bargained For.

—Texas Siftings.

Everything in the Style.

Senator Matt Ransom is back from North Carolina, happy over his re-election and handsomer than ever. His pose for the galleries is strengthened by some new elements. A brother senator who congratulated Ransom on his re-election slipped back into the cloak room and told this story:

"I never see Matt Ransom without thinking of an incident they tell about down in his own neighborhood. They have the biggest fair in the state there. One year a lank, lean mountaineer brought a horse down to the fair. It was blind, spavined and had the glanders. A sorrier looking beast couldn't be found in that country. The horse dealer showed his paces all around the track.

"'Take a look,' he cried, 'at the finest hoss in Northampton county.'

"He had gone half way around the track when a man came up to him and said:

"'Look heah, stranger, that hoss is blind.'

"'Can't help it, it's the finest hoss in Northampton county,' and the mountaineer passed on a little further. Somebody else struck him and said:

"'Hello, there, that hoss is lame.'

"Still the mountaineer called out:

"'Take a look at the finest hoss in Northampton county.'

"He had got around the circle when Matt Ransom met him. Thinking he would have some fun the senator went up and said:

"'That the finest horse in Northampton county? Why, it's lame, blind, and wheezes like thunder. What are its good points?'

"The mountaineer sized the senator up, changed his cud of tobacco, and said:

"'Can't help that, boss; its name is Matt Ransom, and it's — on style. That makes it the finest hoss in Northampton county.'"—Washington Cor. New York Tribune.

A Cheap Lesson.

"That piece of paper isn't worth shucks, is it?" queried a stranger as he handed a check in to the cashier of a Griswold street bank the other day.

"No, sir," was the reply after a brief glance.

"It is signed John Smith."

"I see it is."

"He's a fraud?"

"I think so. Where did you get the check?"

"At the depot. Lent a party $20 to get off on a train with, and he gave me this check of $50 as security."

"You have been confidenced."

"I know it. I knew it half an hour ago. When I started to come to town my brother said I'd let some one make a fool of me."

"And you have."

"I have. Turned out just as he said. Say, wasn't that confidence operator rather fresh?"

"How?"

"See here. Here's a wallet with $3,800 in it, and the fool only asked we for $20! Won't he kick himself if he ever finds out how cheap he let me off?"—Detroit Free Press.

Boarding a Man-of-War.

"We continue to have a great many conventionalities in our naval and army service, and to cling to much of that which is old and useless in teachings and practices," said an old navy officer the other day. "We continue to instruct our naval cadets and marines in boarding ships," continued he, "when there is not the least particle of sense or utility in it. It is as senseless to talk about boarding a modern man-of-war as it is to take a trip to the moon. I remember that during one of the last engagements in European waters a man-of-war belonging to some country ran alongside a British vessel, and all hands were ordered to board her. The crew got out on the Britisher, but after pounding around with cutlasses, axes, etc., were wholly unable to enter the ship, and had to go back and continue the fight at long range. We will have to do our fighting with ships by means of dynamite rams, steel projectiles and the big guns. We have no use for the barbarous side arms and other relics of antiquity."—New York Sun.

STORIES ABOUT MEN.

How the Duke of Wellington Got Even with Some Practical Jokers.

It may interest some of your readers to hear a characteristic story of the great duke, which was told me by a gentleman principally concerned in the affair.

The Duke of Wellington at one period of his life was rather fond of telling a certain pigsticking story, and persons who knew of this weakness used to lead the conversation so that the great man might have an opportunity of relating his favorite anecdote. But at length he became suspicious, and any allusion to the subject made him extremely angry. About this time—nearly sixty years ago—the duke was staying at Belvoir. One of the visitors at the castle had never heard anything about the pigsticking adventure, and was easily persuaded that the duke would be pleased if he were asked to tell his famous story. Accordingly one morning after breakfast in the long gallery, when seated not far from the duke, the gentleman ventured to tell his grace how much he should like to hear some of his experiences of Indian sport. At first the duke was inclined to be seriously offended, but looking round, and discovering from the faces of the company that the inquirer had been prompted, and that the request was made in perfect good faith, he quietly got up, and, drawing his arm through the gentleman's, said: "I shall be delighted to tell you all you want to know, but let us come to the end of the gallery, where we can talk quietly." A pleasant half hour's conversation ensued, and it was not till some hours later that the intended victim learned what a triumph he had achieved over the practical jokers, and what a quiet rebuke had been administered to them.—The Athenæum.

No Use for Receptions.

The social phase of public life which so many find the chief delight of high station is not a source of pleasure to Senator Coke. He does not feel at home at balls and receptions. Just prior to the president's New Year's reception, when it was the social event agitating Washington people, a brother senator remarked to the Texan:

"Coke, I suppose you are going to the reception?"

"Well, I don't know," was the reply. "I haven't made up my mind."

"Oh, you ought to go," urged the senator to Coke.

"Yes," said the latter, "I suppose I ought, but I hate those receptions, those crowds. I don't find room enough to get about, and am always in somebody's way, or somebody's in my way. Now, the last time I was at one of the big receptions I got off in a corner where I thought I was out of the way. Pretty soon along came a lady dressed in style. She commenced to bow and smile at me, and though I did not know her I bowed and smiled back. There she stood bowing and smiling, and then I noticed that she was pulling at her dress that trailed over the floor. I noticed a young fellow standing behind her, and so I reached over and, shaking him by the shoulder, said: 'Why don't you get off the lady's dress?' Well, she looked straight at my feet, and, by George, I was standing on her dress myself."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Balzac's Serious Mistake.

The proposed Balzac monument gives rise to an enormous number of anecdotes apropos of the great writer in the French press. Here is a good one from among them. The late Baron James Rothschild was always on excellent terms with Balzac, who dedicated more than one novel to him. Once, when he was obliged to make a trip to Germany, and when, as often happened with him, he was in money difficulties, Balzac went to the baron, who, with his usual benevolence, advanced him the sum of 3,000f., giving him also a letter of recommendation to his nephew at Vienna. The letter was unsealed, according to custom. Balzac read it, found it cold, poor and unworthy of him, and never took it to the nephew. Returning to Paris he went to see Baron Rothschild. "Well," said the latter, "have you seen my nephew?" Balzac proudly said that he had kept the letter. "I am sorry for you," said the baron, "have you got it with you?" "Yes, parbleu—here it is." "Observe this little hieroglyphic below the signature; it would have opened a credit of 25,000 francs for you at the Vienna firm." Balzac bit his nails and said nothing more.—Pall Mall Gazette.

A Story About Du Maurier.

In appearance Mr. Du Maurier bears a striking resemblance to Mr. Alma Tadema. This likeness has given rise to many amusing complications. Some time ago, at a dinner party, he happened to sit next to a daughter of his host. "I cannot understand," remarked the young lady, "how people can be so absurd as to mistake you for Mr. Tadema. To me the likeness is very slight." A little later she said: "Oh, I bought your photograph the other day. Would you mind—er—putting your autograph to it?" Mr. Du Maurier expressed his willingness, and later on in the evening the young lady conducted him to a writing table and handed him the photograph for his signature. Mr Du Maurier looked at it, sighed, and then laid it very gently on the table. "That," he said, "is Mr. Alma Tadema's portrait."—London Globe.

The French in Algeria.

All this indicates that the French in Algeria have come to stay. The only drawback to this is not physical, but moral; it is in the French themselves, who, not content to expatriate, willingly submit to expatriation, but are always sighing for la patrie. As I paid my compliments to the engineer on his splendid work, I expressed the hope that he would live to see all these mountain valleys filled by a French population, to which madame quickly replied: "But we hope to return to France!" "Ah, yes," said the husband, "there is but one France." It is this sighing for the old home that makes it difficult for the French to become good colonists.—Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

Leaders of Finny Tribes.

How much influence do fish exert on each other? W. A. Carter, in speaking recently on "Marine and Fresh Water Fishes," mentions a shoal of carp following a single one acting as a leader, which conducted them a long distance to a considerable amount of food. Trout sometimes seem to follow a leader which swims along at the head of a tribe. Both fresh water and salt water fish appear to show the same characteristic. Herring and bass have frequently been observed following an apparently chosen leader.—Chicago Tribune.

Safeguard Against Fire.

It is a common practice in France to coat the beams, the joists and the under side of the flooring of buildings with a thick coating of lime wash as a safeguard against fire. It is a preventive of prime ignition, although it will not check a fire when once under way.—Frank Leslie's.

Emperor William is reported as saying to a young officer: "It is the one button left unbuttoned which ruins an army."

"WHEN I WAS A BOY!"

"When I was a boy," the grandsire said
To the bright lad by his knee,
"Of the victors crowned with fame I read
Who triumphed on land and sea!
And through the years, from the deathless page,
A summons has sounded long:
To youth, and manhood, and hoary age,
The message is this: 'Be Strong!'"

"When I was a boy—" he paused and said
To the listener by his knee,
"Of the men who were as lights I read
In a dark world's history!
They prized the truth and were loved of God,
And no fear of man they knew;
And still from the glorious heights they trod,
The message was this: "Be True!"

—J. E. Eastwood in The Quiver.

RESEARCHES ON SNAKE POISONS.

Peculiarities of the Venom of Serpents. How Death Is Caused.

The Smithsonian institution has published Dr. Mitchell's and Professor Reichert's researches on snake poisons. The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal says of the work: "The new researches have been executed with so great skill, the results are so important, and the presentation of the whole matter is so excellent, that the memoir must at once be ranked a classic." We give a few of the results:

No chemical difference can be detected in the poison of all known snakes. The poison resembles in some respects the saliva of other animals, and differs but little from normal elements of the blood.

Introduced within the living tissues, it produces destructive changes more rapidly than any other known substance, and yet it is harmless within its own tissues. Herein, as The Journal suggests, it resembles the gastric juice, which digests all substances except that of the stomach itself.

Like most other poisonous substances, it is associated with more or less innocuous matter, from which the active principle can be separated by chemical analysis and obtained pure.

It has generally been supposed that the malignant effect of the poison was due to an intense inflammation to which it gave rise. But in inflammation it is principally the white corpuscles that escape from the blood vessels, while snake poison causes the blood to exude unseparated. In the former case, also, the blood strongly coagulates; in the latter, it retains its fluidity.

The red blood globule, in its normal form, is biconcave, or hollowed out on both sides; the poison renders it round, softens it, and causes the globules to run together like a gelatinous mass. The tissues become black with the infiltrated blood, break down, and rapidly putrify and slough.

It is probable that in most cases death results from the paralysis of the respiratory centers—those parts of the brain that preside over the acts of respiration.

The bushmen of South Africa use as an antidote the powdered poison sac of a different species of snake; some, a small lizard, dried, powdered and rubbed into incisions around the bite. Observations of travelers seem to confirm the efficacy of these antidotes.—Youth's Companion.

Queer Things in China.

A decree has been published in The Pekin Gazette which gives definite shape to the negotiations of China with the pope. The cathedral schools, dwelling houses, hospital, museum, printing office and library, so well known for 150 years as the Peitang, are to be removed to another site a quarter of a mile distant. The bishop is highly praised and rewarded with second rank decorations, as is also Mr. Commissioner Deitring of the customs, Tientsin. Abbe Favier, who went to Rome and Paris from Pekin to conduct the negotiations, is honored with the third rank decorations and £500. The accord of France with China seems to be perfect.

The new cathedral and other buildings will be erected at the expense of the Chinese government, following in this respect the example set by the great Emperor Kanghi in the latter part of the Seventeenth century. The empress wishes to have the cathedral, which overlooks a park where she will reside occasionally, in the western precincts of the palace. What she will do with the cathedral is a secret, and perhaps not yet decided.—London News.

Slavery in Eastern Countries.

It is a mistake to regard the condition of a slave in the east as utterly wretched. On the contrary, he is much better off than the average artisan in Europe. The worst he has to endure is the severance from his home and the journey to his place of destination. The relations between master and slave in eastern countries have little analogy with those formerly existing in Brazil and North America. It is usual for the Arab to grant freedom to his bondsman after a certain term of servitude; but in general the boon is declined and the slave prefers to continue in a service where he is well taken care of. The children of a Mohammedan master and a female slave stand upon an equal social footing and enjoy the same legal rights of heirship as the offspring of the legitimate wife. The mother, by the very event of the birth, becomes free and cannot be sold. An emancipated slave frequently inherits his master's property and carries on his business. In Meccah and Jeddah I know many freedmen of this class who have become eminent merchants.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Dispatch.

Leprosy in New Orleans.

While delving for information on the subject of the city's health I ascertained what I believe is not generally known in New Orleans—that leprosy exists here to a remarkable extent. It has been known here in a vague sort of way that there were some cases of the dreaded disease in the lower parishes, but not that it prevailed to any extent in New Orleans. There are now under treatment in the Charity hospital no less than eighteen cases. What is more remarkable, and should be of absorbing interest to the people here, is the fact, I am informed on authority, that the luckless victims do not know with what they are afflicted, and are going about their usual vocations.—New Orleans Letter.

In the Dim Distance.

Herr Falb, of Vienna, is an eminent scientist, whose contributions to the literature of seismology are highly valued. According to a cable special he has just published a work on planetary revolutions, in which he makes some astounding predictions. The theory put forth by Herr Falb is that the earth, like all the planets in the solar system, is slowly but surely drawing nearer to the sun, and that in the course of time a collision is bound to occur. The moon, in the meantime, is approaching the earth at the rate of nine feet in a century. The result will be to change the tides and the climates. The sea will invade the land, and the final collision will smash up everything. The other planets will meet the same fate, and the sun itself will, one day, be extinguished. Upon the whole, Herr Falb is a much nicer man than Wiggins. His predictions are to take effect at such a distant period in the future that they cause no immediate alarm. This is as it should be.

What Some of Them Used to Do.

Caustic review of our dear 400 finds very few really old timers among the names of today. True there were Rhinelanders in earlier days in New York, but they were selling teacups, teapots, saucers and crockery in a small way, and were not "in society." There were the Goelets too, but they were haberdashers on a humble scale, sold knitting needles and steel buckles, and were not in society either. The Goelets were the rich tradesmen who left Mr. Gerry his cash. Even the Stuyvesants had taken to being drapers and tailors; the Brevoorts were market gardeners, some of them, and others of them were in the pin and needle line, while the Roosevelts dealt in sugar and molasses, oil and cheese.—New York Press.

A Coincidence.

Those who are interested in coincidences will find this quite remarkable. Our beloved friend, the Rev. Gideon N. Draper, died on the 8th day of December, 1889, when on a visit to his son in Yokohama, Japan. The day was Sunday. His father, Gideon Draper, Sr., died on the same day of the same month and the same day of the week in 1861. The grandson of the last named, who writes us the facts from Japan, tells us that this coincidence of the days of the week and the days of the month, he believes, occurs only once in twenty-eight years.—Christian Advocate.

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There is no doubt that man is a fine mechanism, but like every other machine he wears out by friction. It is said that he is born again every two or three years. His body is virtually remade from food. To retard this making over is radically wrong, as a man loses so much vitality in the delayed process that it takes a long time to recuperate. The process of making anew is so accelerated by purging with BRANDRETH'S PILLS that a new man, as it were, may be made in two or three months, and the change in the mechanism is such that the worn-out part is replaced by the new without the usual running down of the entire machine. You don't have to stop for repairs. Purge away with BRANDRETH'S PILLS the old, diseased and worn-out body.

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