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EVARTS' QUAIN HUMOR.

How He Passed a Poet and a Statesman into the Senate.

During the last days of Oliver Wendell Holmes' life he visited Washington in company with Robert C. Winthrop, and both of the venerable men visited the senate chamber on the occasion of some ceremonies which crowded the galleries with people, so that they were unable to obtain seats. They sent their cards to Mr. Everts, hoping that he might arrange a place for them, and when he met them in the marble room he explained the difficulty.

"The galleries are crowded, as you know," he said, "and the rules of the senate admit to the floor of the chamber only members of the two houses of congress, members of the cabinet, justices of the supreme court, ex-senators, persons who have received the thanks of congress and private secretaries to senators. I cannot get you admission in any other capacity, but if you will accept highly respectable and remunerative employment as my private secretaries I will find you seats on the floor." Both the poet and the statesman accepted, and Mr. Everts took them to the door, where he addressed the doorkeeper as follows:

"My dear sir, these two young men are my private secretaries. You will observe that they are both very green and ignorant, but I am trying to have patience with them and overlook their deficiencies. I wish you would take a good look at them so that when they come here

again to see me you will know them." And with that he pushed open the swinging doors and motioned Dr. Holmes and Mr. Winthrop to pass in, while the doorkeeper in a bewildered sort of way remarked in an undertone:

"Well, I'll be blanked!"

The Captive Canary.

"If Job had ever tackled the job I have been at all morning he would have lost his reputation," said the bird fancier. "I have been trying to teach this little rascal of a canary to fly down. I have not yet succeeded. He will fly up a little way and straight out, but not down. That is one big difference between a canary born in freedom and one born in captivity. Under the tuition of its parents the free bird will fly down as readily as up, but when left to his own resources or taught by a human friend the prisoner fears the downward flight. If his cage hangs only a few inches from the floor the little fellow peers down in trepidation. He distrusts himself and fears a bump. The open spaces around and above seem not nearly so dangerous."—New York Sun.

Not So Marvelous.

"I tell ye what it is, Silas," said Uncle Mose Peavey as he and the letter carrier sat in the postoffice discussing things in general, "old Squire Dunkley's a-bustin' good shot with a rifle. Ye can talk all ye please about these glass ball shooters and your various champagne shots down in the city, but there ain't many on 'em can shoot in the same day with the squire. He kin hit a dollar throwed into the air at fifty yards nine times out o' ten."

"Yes, I reckon he kin," said Silas. "But what if he kin? After all, Mose, ye know as well as I do that a dollar looks ten times bigger to old Squire Dunkley than it does to most o' the rest on us."—Harper's Weekly.

Wednesday Misad.

A Broadway actor got carried away by the spirit of the times and remained carried away for several days. He came to himself in his own room without knowing exactly how he got there. A friend sat beside him.

"Hello," he said as he opened his eyes, "what day is this?"

"This," said his friend, "is Thursday."

The invalid thought it over a minute.

"What became of Wednesday?" he asked.—Saturday Evening Post.

They Ate Him.

"Spare me!" cried the captive, "and I will be your slave for life. I am a cook by trade, and I can make you any dish you desire."

"Well," replied the cannibal king, "you do look as if you would make a good dish. I think we can use you."

This reply, being somewhat ambiguous, left the captive in doubt but not for long.

Dubious.

He—"Pon my word, madam, I should scarcely have known you, you have altered so much!"

She—"For the better or for the worse?"

He—"Ah, madam, you could only change for the better!"

MYSTERY OF DREAMS.

Story of a Curious Instance of Telepathy in Sleep.

The stuff that dreams are made of is usually of nonsense that is impossible in real and wideawake life, but frequently the dreamer sees before his sleeping eyes incidents that are quite within the range of possibility. Sometimes we wake up with a start and cannot at once grasp the fact that the realistic scene we have just been witnessing or taking part in was nothing more than a baseless vision.

It has often occurred to me whether, when one person, peacefully asleep in his bed, suddenly finds himself mixed up with other persons in a dreamland drama or comedy, these other persons are also at the same time transported into the strange fairyland and find themselves participating in curious ceremonies, no two persons having precisely the same dream, but all mixed up indescribably in a play which beggars description. Until a short time ago I had never put this idea of telepathy in dreamland to the test.

On a recent morning, however, I had a very short dream—it could not have lasted many seconds. Without any of the preliminary mysteries common to most dreams I found myself watching the violent struggles of a young man, who appeared to be tearing everything to tatters. In the midst of his struggles he crystallized into one of my colleagues, but whether he was fighting with any person or what was the cause of the struggle my dream afforded not the smallest clue. But I felt it was my duty to assist him in his gallant fight, so I sprang forward, gripped him by his coat collar, dragged him—my dream ceased on the spot!

Now for the sequel. I met my colleague in the afternoon, explained to him how he had been concerned in a violent altercation the night before and how I had bundled him out of the melee. When he was told that this occurred in a dream he at once replied that he had had a very disconcerting dream during the night. He found himself suddenly surrounded by a herd of infuriated bulldogs and he had the usual dreamland struggles in vainly endeavoring to escape from his tormentors.

It was when the yard long horn of the leader of the herd was about to pierce him that I rescued him! He had devoted his spare time the day before in reading exciting descriptions of the behavior of herds of buffaloes on the American plains in past times, and his dream followed almost as a matter of course. But why I should have been made a party to the incident is more than I can fathom.

I had read nothing and had not been out to dinner even, but I was unusually tired and had gone to bed a couple of hours earlier than usual. The explanation of the dreamland telepathy must be left in the hands of more capable investigators, but the facts stated above are incontrovertible.—Fall Mall Gazette.

How to Improve It.

When Grant was president a delegation went to Washington to see about getting an appropriation for dredging a certain stream. They called on the president and tried to interest him in the plan.

"Let's see," said Grant, reflectively, "didn't I cross that stream in such and such a campaign, just before we fought such and such a battle?"

"You certainly did, Mr. President," said the spokesman of the delegation, hopefully.

The president was silent for a moment. Then he said:

"I remember that stream; but I think you're going the wrong way about to improve it. Why don't you macadamize it?"—Youth's Companion.

Domestic Economy.

"It would appear," sagely observed a Boston divine, "that men, like plants, adapt themselves to conditions, and to illustrate this theory I may offer the story of two men at the Hub, one of whom said to the other at a pleasantly critical period:

"Do you think that two can live as cheaply as one?"

"Before my marriage I thought they could," was the guarded reply.

"And afterward?"

"Afterward I found that they had to."—Lippincott's.

Gave Himself Away.

After preaching on the occasion of the reopening of a restored church the bishop thanked the churchwarden, an old farmer, for his share in the good work. "And I must thank your lordship for your sermon," was the reply, "but I could not help thinking, as you talked about sin, that your lordship must have been a little wildish yourself when you were a young man."

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