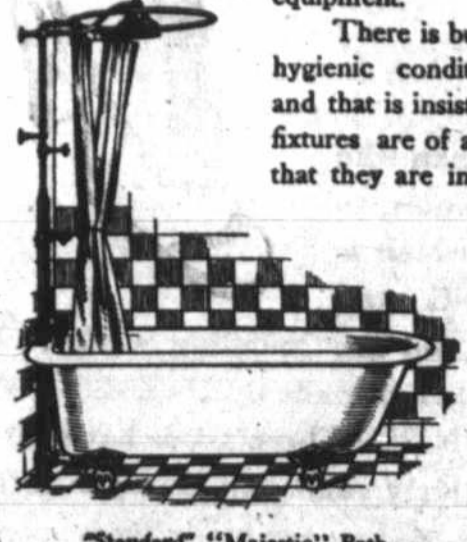


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A contributor to the Manchester Guardian has been visiting the Chapelle Expiatoire, in the Rue des Mathurins, which he describes as "the saddest spot in Paris." He had got it into his head that the remains of Louis Seize and Marie Antoinette had entirely disappeared, but he was undeceived: "This little chapel was built, after the restoration, on the site of the old burial ground of the Madeleine as an act of expiation for the horrors of the revolution and especially for the murder of the king and queen. In that graveyard it was that they were hastily buried in open coffins filled with quicklime. But loving eyes and hands watched and marked the spot, and the day came when the poor remains were brought to light. Even quicklime is not all powerful, and there remained the skulls, a bone or two and—pathetic detail—the elastic metal garters which the unhappy 'Autrichienne' was wearing when Sanson's tireless ax fell upon her beautiful neck.

"Nor was that all. The lime had formed a hard crust upon the open coffins and around the bodies, and there embedded lay all the rest."

The visitor descended a flight of steps to a subterranean chapel, dim and chilly, and he continues:

"There before me, in a tiny circular space just beneath a little stained window, stood a white marble altar. Enshrined in that altar, minus the relics at St. Denis, lie all that cruelty and hatred, time and nature, have left of Louis Seize and Marie Antoinette. All was silent. The stray visitors above had gone. The traffic penetrated not to this barren and almost secret cell. I was alone with the injured dead, with the irresolute king who was his own worst enemy, with the frivolous, fascinating, suffering, martyred queen, in whose behalf the 10,000 swords for which Burke cried out in his agony never leaped from their scabbards—alone with the poor remnants of perhaps the most historic woman in history."

"This spot is seldom visited. 'You wonder,' says the writer, 'how much the people on the boulevard a few yards away know or care about it all.'"

FABULOUS TABLE ANIMALS.

Such as Welsh Rabbit, Scotch Woodcock and Mock Crab.

When one comes to think of it, it is surprising how many fabulous animals come regularly to the dinner table or supper table.

Among them, of course, the most familiar is the Welsh rabbit, which in its original form was merely toasted cheese. Some folks declare that the name is a corruption of "rarebit," but this has never been proved.

Then there is the golden buck, which is a Welsh rabbit with a poached egg on top. Chinese rabbit is a Welsh rabbit with rice in it, and a Mexican rabbit (otherwise known as a Spanish rabbit) contains tomatoes and onions.

So much for rabbits. But how many people are familiar with the Cape Cod turkey? Plenty in New England, where codfish goes under that name.

Scotch woodcock is two slices of hot buttered toast, with an anchovy on each slice and a sauce made of half a pint of milk and the yolks of three eggs poured over them.

Less familiar perhaps is English monkey, which is made by soaking a cupful of breadcrumbs in a cupful of milk and adding a tablespoonful of melted butter, a beaten egg and half a cupful of grated cheese, the whole with salt and pepper added, being poured over toasted crackers.

The mock turtle is one of the most familiar of fabulous table animals, being served in the form of soup. In "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" will be found a striking picture of this remarkable reptile, represented with the body of a turtle and the head of a calf.

Mock duck is a roll of chopped meat and breadcrumbs baked. Mock crab is made by mixing equal parts of grated cheese and butter, seasoning with salt, pepper and vinegar and adding a few drops of anchovy sauce. The paste thus prepared is spread on slices of dry toast or sometimes served in crab shells.

Last, but not least remarkable, of these mythological animals, known only to the kitchen naturalist, is the corn oyster, which is a small fritter of green corn fried like a real oyster.—New York American.

RAMMED BY WHALES.

Vessels That Were Disabled by the Force of the Collision.

While cruising in the south seas the whaler Essex on Nov. 20, 1820, was furiously attacked by a cow sperm whale supposed to have been the mother of a calf which had just been harpooned. The whale had not been wounded herself, and her attack was very determined. At her first rush she passed under the Essex and carried away a great length of her false keel. Then, coming to the surface a considerable distance away, she appeared to take bearings and deliberately charged the vessel again, ramming her with such violence that she stove in the bows, while the ship rolled so heavily that the captain thought she must be dismantled. The case is memorable because the crew had to abandon the vessel, and one boat was never heard of again.

A more singular instance of a whale attacking a vessel occurred in 1895. The singularity lies in the fact that in the case of the Handa Isle the attack was entirely unprovoked. This vessel, a brigantine of 360 tons, was on her way to Sydney with a cargo of timber. On Aug. 24, about noon, a couple of sperm whales rose very close to the vessel, and while the crew watched them "sporting" across her bows the pair suddenly slued around and came straight for her. One thought better of it and dived below the Handa Isle. The other struck her fair and square on the beam, crushing in her timbers. Having rammed the ship in this resolute fashion, it sheered off, terribly damaged about the head, and presently sank tail first.

Fortunately there were some packages of rawhides on board, and the crew were able to keep the vessel afloat with the pumps until a rough and ready collision mat had been fashioned out of these and drawn over the leak.

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HIS FIRST TASTE OF WAR.

The Time When Schley Was Almost Scared to Death.

"The late Admiral Schley admitted in conversation with me one afternoon, sitting on the veranda of an Atlantic City hotel, that the first time he was under fire he was frightened almost to death," remarked Victor Murdock of Kansas.

"When Admiral Farragut at Mobile bay boarded my ship I was a young officer," said Admiral Schley, "and in the height of the battle the captain of my vessel was killed. I suddenly found myself face to face with a situation which for the moment seemed to take away all of my nerve.

"I was in a moment elevated to the command of a battleship in actual engagement. If I had been unnerved by the shot and shell before, I was almost terrified at that instant. In the midst of my predicament—for that is what it amounted to—Admiral Farragut boarded the ship. I do not know what thought came to him when he saw me, for my face must have betrayed my fear.

"Just at that moment a shell whizzed across the deck, cutting a line as cleanly as if it had been done by a chisel. Farragut turned around to me and said: 'Lieutenant, let's take our stand on this line. They say that lightning never strikes twice in the same place.'

"I was mighty glad to follow," said Admiral Schley. "Farragut stood there with the shells bursting all around, and I shall never forget how big and grand he appeared."—Washington Post.

GOLD NUGGETS.

There is a Curious Resemblance Between Them and Meteorites.

How do nuggets of gold originate? Sometimes a mass of the precious metal worth a thousand dollars or more is found. By what process was so much gold compacted into a lump?

An attempt was made not long ago to answer this question. An investigator in Australia cut and sliced and polished gold nuggets with the sole purpose of finding out just what is their structure. The first thing he discovered was that there is one curious point of resemblance between gold nuggets and meteorites. Both, when polished and etched with chlorine water, exhibit a crystalline structure. In the case of meteorites the lines thus exhibited on the etched surface are called Widmannstättian figures, and their presence is said to be one of the most invariable characteristics of those metallic bodies that fall from the sky to the earth.

But it is not meant to be implied that gold nuggets have fallen from the sky because they exhibit a crystalline structure recalling that of meteorites. The resemblance is apparently only superficial, and the crystals of the nuggets differ in form from those of the meteorites.

Another curious fact is that when a nugget is heated in a Bunsen flame explosions take place on its surface. Bubbles are formed which continue to swell until they burst with a sharp report and bits of gold are violently scattered about. It is evident that the nuggets contain either gases or some liquids or solids which are easily converted into the gaseous form, the expansion of which produces the explosions.—Harper's Weekly.

Reward of Boasting.

"Father," boasted the farmer's son, home from college for over the holidays, "I'm the strongest man in our college this year."

"You don't mean to tell me?"

"Yes; they tested me with different kinds of strength testing machines in the gymnasium, and my record shows that I'm the strongest student enrolled there this year. The physical director says I'm a 'modern Hercules.'"

"My son, I'm glad to hear the good news. Instead of going back to college you can stay home here and help me lift the mortgage off the farm."—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

The Various Alphabets.

The alphabets of different nations vary in the number of their letters. Arabic has twenty-eight letters, Armenian thirty-eight, Coptic thirty-two, Dutch, German and English twenty-six; French twenty-five, Georgian (Transcaucasian) thirty-nine, Greek twenty-four, Hebrew twenty-two, Italian twenty-one, Latin twenty-three, Persian (Parsic or Zend) forty-five, Russian thirty-three, Sanskrit forty-nine, Slavonic forty, Spanish twenty-seven and Syriac twenty-two. The Chinese have no alphabet, but they have 20,000 syllabic signs—their phonetic alphabet.

The Golden Gate.

The center gateway in the Brandenburg Tor in Berlin is reserved for the exclusive use of the kaiser. An American visitor drove through the sacred space in his automobile and was promptly arrested.

"The fine is 200 marks," said the policeman.

The American handed the policeman 400 marks.

"Sir," protested the policeman, "I said only 200."

"I know," replied the American, "but I am coming back again."—Saturday Evening Post.

His Bust.

Daniel C. French, the sculptor, who was commissioned to make the bust of Ralph Waldo Emerson, which is now in Memorial hall, Harvard university, told this story:

At one of the sittings Mr. Emerson rose suddenly and walked over to where the sculptor was working. He looked long and earnestly at the bust, and then, with an inimitably droll expression, he said:

"The trouble is the more it resembles me the worse it looks."

Natural Query.

A little slum child was enjoying his first glimpse of country life. The setting sun was gilding the grass and roses of the old fashioned garden, and on a little stool he sat beside the farmer's wife, who was plucking a chicken. He watched the operation gravely for some time. Then he spoke:

"Do yer take off their clothes every night, lady?"—Youth's Companion.

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Lion For Dinner.

On Christmas, 1874, a curious dinner took place in Paris. Some score of contributors and draftsmen of the Chasse Illustrée dined at Magny's restaurant under the presidency of M. Firmin Didot, the publisher, to taste the ham and heart of the last lion killed in Algeria by Constance Cheret. The flesh was found to be particularly firm and close grained, like that of a horse, but nevertheless quite palatable. The ham was preferred to the heart, which, although skillfully prepared with truffles, was pronounced somewhat tough and difficult of digestion.

Mighty Texas.

"Texas is a big state," remarked the native. "A man from the eastern part of the state is a southerner; a man from the other side of the state is a westerner."

"How about a man from the northern part of the state?"

"He's a Yankee."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Another Mystery Explained.

A woman frequently changes her mind. That's why she is able to give a person a piece of it and still always have enough left for the next one.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Interpreted.

"That tramp talks funny, ma'am. He says he castigated his itinerary from Boston."

"He only means he beat his way."—Baltimore American.

Inherited.

Pa—Son, you talk too much. Son—Well, pa, am I to blame for your marrying into a talkative family?—Boston Transcript.

Fake Curio.

Dr. Wakening, the Egyptologist, tells us that it is useless to warn the tourist against the fake curio. He buys and is sold with an unfailing regularity, and hardly any imitation is too gross to deceive him. Dr. Wakening tells us of a lady who bought a scarab from a boy who assured her that he had himself stolen it from the excavations in the temple of Aknaton. And she displayed her treasure triumphantly and always with the words, "And I am sure it must be true, for he had such an honest little face."—Argonaut.

No Use For the Doctor.

"Why did you send the doctor away without permitting him to do anything for you?"

"He said he could get me up and out in three days," the sufferer groaned, "and my accident insurance amounts to \$30 a week more than my salary as long as I'm disabled."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Business Tip.

She (looking at photo proofs)—Do you mean to tell me that I have such an ugly nose as that? Photographer—My apparatus cannot lie, madam. She—Then for goodness' sake have enough sense to go and get one that can!—Boston Transcript.

Pessimistic Thought.

Every rose has its thorn. And the man part of it is that the thorn stays on the job when the rose has withered.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Folly often goes beyond her bounds.

but impudence knows none.—Ben Jonson.

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