

CHANCE FORECASTS.

Writers of Old Who Dimly Pointed to Modern Inventions.

Chance phrases in the literary works of other days describe with uncanny exactness inventions of far later times. For instance, we find in the "Frolics" of Strada the Roman, which were published in the year 1617, what might be held to embody a crude description of wireless telegraphy.

Strada represents two friends as carrying on a correspondence by means of a "certain loadstone which has such virtue in it that, if it touches two needles when one of the needles begins to move, the other, although at ever so great a distance, moves at the same time and in the same manner."

In 1674 Robert Hooke published a work wherein he observed that as glasses improve the vision so ways might be found to improve our other senses. "It is not impossible," says he, "to hear a whisper at a distance of a furlong, and perhaps the nature of the thing would not make it impossible although that furlong should be ten times multiplied." This seems to be a fair forecast of the telephone.

In "Gulliver's Travels" Swift causes his hero to relate in the voyage to Laputa that the astronomers there "have likewise discovered the two lesser stars or satellites which revolve about Mars." This has been held to constitute a satire on sham science. Nevertheless Professor Asaph Hall a few years ago discovered the two tiny satellites.

It was more than 1,700 years ago that Lucian gave an account of the manner wherein the inhabitants of the moon drank "air squeezed or compressed into a goblet" so that it formed a kind of dew. This clearly suggests liquid air.

The same writer in "Vera Historia" humorously and at some length describes an aerial ship the sails of which were inflated by a whirlwind, thus impelling it through space to the moon.—Harper's.

SYSTEMS IN GAMBLING.

Monte Carlo Just Smiles at Them and Keeps on Winning.

There are only two games played at Monte Carlo—roulette and a simple card game called trente et quarante. One is assured that these games are played quite fairly and that the percentage in favor of the bank is 61 to 60. Whatever it may be, this certain percentage in favor of the tables overcomes all systems that human ingenuity can work out by any law of averages. M. Blanc will permit you to play any way you like, and to double your bet as often as you like until it reaches 6,000 francs at roulette or 20,000 francs at trente et quarante. Then you must begin over again, for it is quite clear that if one were permitted to double indefinitely it would only be a question of time and sufficient money to put M. Blanc out of business.

Thus it happens that M. Blanc, who takes no chance, wins against all those who are permitted to take any sort of chance they like. Sir Hiram Maxim disposed of all systems when he shattered a popular delusion in these words:

"If red has come up twenty times in succession it is just as likely to come up at the twenty-first time as it would be if it had not come up before for a week. Each particular coup is governed altogether by the physical conditions existing at that particular instant. The ball spins round a great many times in a groove. When its momentum is used up it comes in contact with several pieces of brass and finally settles upon a pocket in the wheel which is rotating in an opposite direction. It is a pure and unadulterated question of chance, and it is not influenced in the least by anything that has ever taken place before or that will take place in the future."—New York Daily Post in Saturday Evening Post.

Bringing Up a Dog.

A writer in Country Life in America gives some advice on the bringing up of a dog. As he tells it, the process looks easy enough. The first and most important lesson for a pup to learn is to stop anything he may be doing when you say "Stop" and to continue when you say "All right." If well learned this will explain to him all future commands. After this comes the lesson to lie down when you command "Down" and to stay down while you leave him. For this matter it is best to tie him to something and then if he does not drop when you call "Down" from a distance return quickly and, scolding, push him down forcibly. A caress and a taste of food should be his reward if he does right.

Old Time School Hours.

In Scotland, up to the middle of the eighteenth century, the usual school hours were from 6 a. m. till 4 p. m., with two breaks of an hour each. Some schools opened an hour earlier and worked so long as daylight lasted. No alteration in the hours was made on Saturday, and even on Sunday a certain amount of school work was done. The holidays were restricted to a day at Candlemas and at Whitsun, and a fortnight in the autumn.

Good Time Coming.

"I tell you, Hinks," said the millionaire, with great gusto, "talk about your fun! There's none to equal that of earning a million dollar by dollar." "By ginger," said little Hinks, "what a lot of fun there is ahead of me!"—Harper's Weekly.

Pretty Meek.

Robbs—Heiseckke always reminds me of a mouse. Robbs—Nonsense! If he was anything like a mouse his wife would be afraid of him.—Philadelphia Record.

A RESOURCEFUL REPTILE.

The Peaky Joint Snake Cleverly Fooled Uncle Henry.

At the village grocery the evening gossip had turned upon snakes. There had been the usual tales of dens of reptiles unearthed by excavators, of hoop snakes taking their tolls in their mouths and rolling rapidly down hill, and the like. Through it all "Uncle Henry" Carpenter sat silent, with a look of tolerant superiority upon his face.

"Have you ever had any experiences with snakes, Uncle Henry?" asked one of the listeners.

"Waal, I did have a queer thing happen to me about thirty year ago," Uncle Henry responded. "The minister happened in to dinner one day, and Mary Ann had me go to the chicken yard and kill our last rooster. While he was hoppin' round, as chickens do with their heads off, he started up one of these peaky joint snakes. In no time I had him broke in two at every joint. I'd heard tell, though, how they go together again, if ye leave the pieces layin' round, so I jest took the piece with Mr. Snake's head on it and burned it in the stove."

"Waal, we was enjoyin' our dinner anusual, and the minister was callin' for another helpin' of chicken, when a rooster began to crow out in the chicken yard."

"Land's sakes, Henry," says Mary Ann, "what rooster's that? I'm sure the only one we've got is right here on the table—and he's in no condition to crow."

"The minister and me, we hurried right out into the chicken yard, and sure enough we heard another crow, sort of husky like, before we got there."

"Waal, it was simple enough when ye stop to think. The joints of that snake had all joined together again, and when they couldn't find their own head they jest took the rooster's, which I'd left layin' handy."

"There was a moment's silence. When the conversation was resumed it no longer dealt with snakes.—Youth's Companion.

SHE WANTED A MASTER.

The Way a Woman of Montenegro Selected a Husband.

The Montenegrin woman wishes not only to be the mother of men, but the wife of a man. She holds to a high standard in husband, to one who will be master in his own house.

Here is the story of the wooing of Gordanne:

Gordanne was the beautiful daughter of an innkeeper. Her suitors were many, and it was time for her to wed. She promised to make her choice among three suitors and summoned them all to her father's house.

First it was a youth gloved and cravatted who during a week end at Cattaro had acquired the elegancies of city life. "Excuse me," he said, with a polite doffing of his hat as she met him at the doorway. "Will you let me pass?" Gordanne stepped aside, but as she did so she murmured, "You will never be my husband."

The second, a comfortable farmer, was less polite. "Let me in," he said, pushing past the girl. "Neither shall you ever call me wife," said the girl to herself.

Then came the third, who said nothing, but, sitting Gordanne by the arm, drew her aside and entered the house as if already its master. "That," sighed the innkeeper's daughter, "is a true Montenegrin. He is the husband for me." Of such stuff, after all, are the mothers of heroes made.—Paris Letter in London Telegraph.

NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, June 7, 1913.

To Harry A. Bassett of Bend, Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that G. W. Hill, who gives Bend, Oregon, as his post-office address, did on May 2,

1913, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, Entry No. Serial No. 07973, made January 16, 1911, for N 1/4 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 2, T. 29, S. R. 16, E. SE 1/4 Section 35, Township 19, S., Range 16, E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said entryman has never established residence upon said land; that he has never improved or cultivated the same.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your farther right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service

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You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 28th, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that William D. Bell of Laidlaw, Oregon, who on December 26th, 1907, made homestead entry No. 15832, Serial No. 04286, for SW 1/4 NW 1/4, sec. 13; E 1/2 NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 SE 1/4, sec. 14, township 16 south, range 11 east, Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land as so described, before George F. Aitken, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sisters, Oregon, on the 12th day of July, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: Jerry Richardson of Glat, Oregon; George Bell, J. P. Haley and William Hall, all of Laidlaw, Oregon. 13-17 C. W. MOORE, Register.

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