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The Missionary's Little Joker.

A native Maori chieftain, the descendant of cannibal kings, is now completing his medical education in Chicago. Cannibalism ended in his tribe, he says, when Bishop Selwyn converted his grandfather; but he tells some stories of it which have a distinctly humorous flavor. For instance: It is said that once a chief captured a missionary who was anything but a toothsome morsel, as he was old and thin and looked as if his flesh would be tough. The missionary warned the chief that he would not make a good dinner, and pulling up his trousers, cut a slice off the calf of his leg and offered it to the chief. The chief tasted it, said he didn't like it, and passed it to a subchief. The sub tasted it, made a wry face, and passed it on. The next man who took a bite of it spat it out. The missionary was released. After he had gone it was discovered that he wore a cork leg.

Use of a Great Name.

Here's a tip for some of our old friends who have big names and need a little ready money: Turner Beall, president of the Produce Exchange Trust Company used to be secretray of the Produce Excange and of the New York Southern Society. Among the men of his acquaintance he admires none so much as he does Colonel Williamde Hertburne Washington. A little while ago he asked Colonel Washington if he might use his name in a financial transaction. Having implicit faith in Beall, the colonel consented, and was pleased to receive a short time afterward a check for $15,000, his share of a deal made by his friend on the strength of the name of Washington.

The Elder's Inspiration.

At the close of a forenoon session of a ministerial conference, in announcing the opening subject for the afternoon, the presiding officer said: "Elder H. will present a paper on 'The Devil.'" Then he added, earnestly: "Please be prompt in attendance, for Brother H. has a carefully prepared paper and is full of his subject." And the Homiletic Review says that it was some minutes before the presiding officer understood the laughter which followed his remarks.

Cooked Towels in Vienna.

One of the best known citizens of Santa Clara, who has been along while Europe, brings back a number of funny stories about Vienna.

"In that city," he says, "poker and cocktails are playing the duce with men and women, especially these prepared cocktails. I was in a Viennese liquor place where one of the men spoke a little English.

"'Buy a bottle of cooked towels?' he asked me.

"'Gracious, what is that?'

"'Not know cooked towels? Surely monsier is an American?'

"'I am.'

"'Why cooked towels is the name of your drink. The great American drink.'

"'Do you mean cocktails?' I asked.

"'Ah, mon Dieu, no. Cooked towels. See, here's the inscription.'

"'We call these cocktails, my friend.'

"'Ah, thank you, I thank you. I ask the American ladies and gentlemen to buy the cooked towels and they laugh at me. Now I know. It is cockus tails. Ah, that is good to know; cockus tails.'"—San Francisco News Letter.

Returned the Compliment.

The obsequious person who seeks fees from travelers by pretending to mistake them for noblemen occasionally meets one who does not fall into the trap. The following example is taken from an English paper: An English gentleman of somewhat imposing personal appearance had a door opened for him at the Paris opera house by an usher, who bowed low and said: "The door is open, prince." The Englishman glanced at him, and, without extending the expected fee, sipmly said: "Thank you very much, viscount."

In Too Great Haste.

Wife—What's the matter, John? You walk lame. Husband—Yes, a pretty girl with fluffy hair and diamond earrings got on the car coming up, and I sprained my leg in giving her a seat.—New York World.

No One Said Nay.

"Scotland's emblem is a thistle, and her poets are fond of talking about braes," said the reckless punster. "One would judge from this that Caledonia is a paradise for donkeys."

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The Grand Brace.

One of the Bohemian citizens of the town went home the other night after having donned a pair of skates that would have slid him over an Arizona desert with the mercury bubbling out of the top of the thermometer. He had no recollection of how he got home and even the next morning he was not certain whether he was on a storm-tossed Atlantic liner or making a leap from a balloon minus a parachute. He went down to the breakfast table with enough wet towels wrapped around his head to make a turban for the mahdi. His wife met him with reproaches in her eyes, but she did not scold him. She wanted to inform him of his conduct the night before, however.

"My dear," she said, "did you know that you came very near killing us all when you went to bed last night?"

"Nope," said her husband, thickly, as he felt his hot forehead.

"Well, you did. You knocked over the baby's cradle. Then you blew out the gas and we were nearly asphyxiated. What do you think of that?"

Her husband is usually a resourceful man, but the fumes of many cocktails taken the night before somewhat clouded his intellect. He made a grand brace and tried to look pathetic.

"M'love," he said, as a ray of inspiration burst through his foggy brain, "wasn't I here to die with you?"—Washington Post.

Vanderbilt an Inventor.

"She works, Mr. Waite," said Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., as he entered the office of the superintendent of motive power of the New York Central railroad. He had just come down from Albany, where locomotive No. 947 had been tested to see if the fire box invented by Mr. Vanderbilt was a real fire box or only a toy.

The young scion of the great railroading family ran the locomotive himself. It was built at the company's shops at West Albany, and it made its first tirp on Wednesday afternoon.

The Vanderbilt fire box can be easily taken out for repairs and put back again. This is an improvement over fire boxes in use at present, which cannot be extracted under 10 days.

Young Cornelius, the inventor, is a draftsman in Mr. Waite's office, and has designed several locomotives.

Explosives.

Thirty years ago there were only two dozen explosive compounds known to chemists; now there are over 1,000.

Passing of the Horse.

So soon as nature sees an improvement there is a change. The candle gave way to electricity and the horse to the automobile. The fact that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has been sold for over half a century proves its value. There is nothing to equal it for stomach or liver trouble.

The Old Man Caught.

The Father—Young man, I think I heard you kissing my daughter in the parlor a short while ago.

The Young Man—Oh! then you are not as deaf as people think you are, after all?—Yonkers Satesman.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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To help the lock-out workmen in Denmark an entertainment and ball was given in Brooklyn recently.

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A $500,000 sugar beet factory has been offered Fort Dodge if sufficient beets are guaranteed.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

For 13 years the left arm of Eli Forbes, of East Brushfield, Mass., had been useless from rheumatism. He was sitting at his window one evening recently when a thunderstorm arose. A flash of lightning seemed to play about his affected arm, causing a shock and prolonged pricking sensation. In an instant the arm shot forward involuntarily, and from that time it has been as well as ever.

Beginning Tuesday last, the Denver Overland Cotton Mills put on a double shift of workmen in response to the demand for low grade cotton stuffs throughout the country. The company will run day and night. The former force was 250 employes, but this will be doubled as rapidly as the works can be adjusted to the new conditions.

The Brute!

"He tried to kiss me, judge," said the female complainant.

"Did he succeed?" queried the court.

"No, sir."

"Five dollars' fine!" thundered the court, turning to the prisoner. "Be more careful next time."—Philadelphia North American.

Street cars propelled by liquid air have been satisfactorily tested at Zurich.

The Sandwich Islanders estimate the beauty of women by their weight.

The Unpardonable Breach.

"Maud, would you like to sue a man for breach of promise?"

"Not unless the promise he had made was to buy me ice cream."—Chicago Record.

HAS A HOUSE FULL OF HONEY.

Wisconsin Farmer Makes a Discovery in an Abandoned Building.

Mr. Whitte, a Pleasant Prairie, Wis,. farmer, has more bees and honey than he knows what to do with. About two years ago a swarm of bees took possession of an old frame house on his farm and as they were not disturbed they multiplied until there are millions of them.

Mr. White recently made an attepmt to enter the old house; he succeeded in getting far enough to find the whole interior lined with honey comb and then he made a hasty retreat. He says there must be several hundred pounds of honey there, but he does not want any of it at present. He will wait for zero weather before making another attempt.

The machinery moulders of Pittsburg have decided to ask the manufacturers for an advance in wages of at least 10 per cent, and the establishment of a minimum wage rate of not less than $2.75 per day. The attendance numbered over 300, representing every machine shop in the city and almost 1,000 skilled mechanics. The moulders have made no demand for a wage advance since 1889, when they won their fight after a short strike. Since that time wages have gone up and down, and all semblance of uniformity has been obliterated. Some of the shops are paying as high as $3 a day, while others pay 40 to 50 cents less.

Stunned With Woe.

The gentleman with the red, red nose got aboard the trolley car which by some mischance had stopped for a moment. The silence was intense. The little boy looked at the man with the nose.

And the little boy didn't ask his father anything.

"Merciful heaven!" muttered the fond parent "I am the father of a freak!"—Indianapolis Journal.

Nearly all the omnibus horses in London are imported from the United States and Canada.

An ordinary dinner-table wine glass was recently broken by singing. The man who did it had a deep, full voice. He set the glass on the table, stood beside it and ran up and down the scale as though in search of a note. When he settled on one rather high the glass shook visibly. The note was repeated, sung as loudly as possible, and finally the glass shivered and crashed into bits.

The lily of the valley contains prussic acid. It is thought dangerous to put the stalks in a person's mouth, because if the sap chances to get into a crack in the lips an annoying swelling is produced.

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My Fellow-Passenger's Story.

A PECULIAR sound came from behind the newspaper in the corner of the railway carriage. It was a prolonged groan, followed by a string of adjectives, uttered in quick succession, like the reports from a six-chambered revolver fired against time. I shifted my seat a little further from the newspaper and let down the window, so as to be within reach of the communication cord should necessity arise. As I did so, the paper fell on to the fat, drab knees, disclosing a red, clean-shaven face and a pair of savage gray eyes.

The man in the corner appeared to have experienced a warm time of it behind the newspaper, for drops of perspiration stood like small glass beads on his high forehead, and his face was distorted oy passion, which made him look anything but a desirable fellow passenger. I wished the train would reach a station; even a slight accident to stay its headlong speed would have been welcome to enable me to put a few carriages between me and the man in the corner. But nothing of the kind happened, only my fellow passenger, after staring fiercely at me a few seconds, blurted out:

"Them sales of great auks' eggs made me wild. I hate the very name of 'em. They say the blooming bird is extinct, and the sooner them eggs are, the better I shall like it."

I felt relieved that my fellow passenger wasn't a madman or in a fit, as I had been at first led to suppose. He was only laboring under a little excitement occasioned by reading an account of the recent sale of a couple of great auks' eggs.

I smiled, and remarked that he was not a lover of great auks' eggs.

"No; dash 'em!" returned the man, savagely; "I wish the whole seventy, which, they say, are knocking about the world, were burnt up, and the ashes scattered to the winds of heaven!"

I felt interested and longed to hear further particulars, so, taking out my cigar-case, I handed it to him, at the same time venturing to inquire if he had ever had any dealings in great auks' eggs. I thought by his manner he had.

He paused a moment before answering, while he bit off the end of his cigar. "Well, yes—or, more strictly speaking, no," he said slowly. "But there, it's a queer story." I looked interested, and after lighting up he began:

"It was one night some years ago I was accosted in the Commercial Road by a shabby fellow, who asked me to buy a queer-looking thing which he held in his arms. It looked something between a foot-ball and an Edam cheese, as hard as adamant, and the color of a walnut-peeler's hands. The man said he had just arrived in England from abroad, where many years of his life had been spent. The ball had been a present from some black king; he did tell me his name, but I forget it now. I know it took ten minutes to say it, and you had to sneeze twice at the end to pronounce it properly. The man didn't know what the ball was, but the king had valued it highly. I told him it was no use to me, but he begged so hard for enough to get him a night's lodging that I at last gave him a trifle for it, and took the thing home, thinking it would do to keep the door open, if nothing else.

"For a long time the queer old thing was knocking about the house; it was useless for holding open the door. The only use it appeared to be was for people to fall over. I fell over it first and injured the bridge of my nose and knocked a leg off a table. My mother-in-law followed me over it a few days after, and was laid up three weeks with a black eye and shock to the system. Then one of the kids let it fall on the cat's back, and though they say a cat's spine is made of india-rubber it couldn't stand that ball, and snapped. At last the baby made a desperate effort to rid the house of that dashed thing by eating it up, and injured the only two teeth it possessed. My wife grew very indignant at this, and said the injury to Obadiah's teeth was the last straw that made the load too heavy to bear, and she chucked the ball into the back-yard, where it lay for months behind some boxes, forgotten and uncared for.

"It was a couple of days before the Derby, and a friend of mine had dropped in to arrange about going, and how we were to raise the necessary funds, as we were at very low water. We were having a smoke together in the yard, while his little beggar of a dog was scraping about for rats, which existed only in his imagination. In his search, among other things he laid bare was that old ball, which he sent rolling forward almost onto our toes.

"'Why, Bob, what have you got here?' cried Joe, bending down to examine it.

"'That's just what I want to know,' I said. 'It's a ball of mystery altogether.'

"Joe began scraping the dirt off with his foot, and examining carefully. Then he began laughing for to kill himself. 'It ain't a great auk's egg, eh, Bob?' he said.

"'No,' I says; 'I wish to goodness it was.'

"'If it don't happen to lay claim to that proud title, why don't you make it?'

"'What's the good?' I answered. I couldn't see what Joe was driving at.

"'Why,' said Joe, 'I was thinking it was just the article to suit that old fool, Billy Muster. Fake it up a bit and sell it to him as a great auk's egg. He'd never know the difference; at any rate, it wouldn't hurt him, and do us a great deal of good.'

"I thought it a capital joke. We soon cleansed the old ball of the dirt, and set about at once converting it into a great auk's egg by a good polishing up. I have never seen a great auk's egg, and never want to; but I should think it was as near like one as you could make anything.

"Billy Muster was one of those fellows who would never, as the saying is, 'set the Thames afire.' He had been in business once, and just as he had been on the verge of bankruptcy an obliging relative died and left him sufficient to pay off his debts and retire gracefully from business. He wisely didn't venture again, but gathered together the remainder of his money, and was trying to do the independent gentleman in a tiny, gayly painted villa out Clapham way.

"The next morning we set out with the great auk's egg to pay Billy a visit. As we neared his abode we saw him doing the grand in his smoking-cap and slippers in his six feet of front garden. 'Just taking my usual morning walk in the garden,' he remarked, as we shook hands. We explained that we had got something special to show him, and he at once led the way into his pretty front parlor and bade use be seated.

"Joe placed the great auk's egg on the table, and began relieving it of the six newspapers which had enshrouded it. It is always well to give worthless things a good packing; it lends such an air of value to 'em. Billy watched the sheet after sheet of paper being pulled off with great interest. As the last bit was peeled off, and the shiny, round, mahogany-colored ball stood revealed, Muster rose from his chair and approached the ball. 'What did you say it was?' he asked.

"'A great auk's egg,' chimed in Joe and I, together.

"'A granorkseg,' repeated Billy; 'and what may that be used for?'

"'An ornament which no gentleman's house is complete without,' answered Joe.

"'Bless my soul, you don't say so?' said Muster. 'What won't they invent next? Well, at any rate, they are showy-looking articles. What did you say the figure was?'

"'Five guineas,' answered Joe, 'and it's a bargain.'

"'Dear, dear,' said Billy, 'five guineas is a lot of money. Won't they make 'em cheaper? I could do with a couple of sizes smaller.'

"We laughed, and said it was the only size kept in stock, and further gave him to understand it was dirt cheap, several of them having been sold for over a hundred pounds each. 'Well, I never,' was all Muster could say. We could see he was greatly impressed with it, and was dying almost to call it his. But he wanted something to bring him to the buying point. So Joe rose, and began replacing the paper. 'I see, Mr. Muster,' he said, 'you ain't a buyer. If we go to any of the dealers we can get three times as much as we have, out of pure friendship, agreed to accept from you. I thought, as you are now classed among the gentry, it would have been your greatest ambition to own a great auk's egg, which, as I said before, no gentleman's house is complete without.'

"This fetched him. 'Stop a minute,' he cried, starting forward; 'you are in a blessed hurry. I'll tell you what I'll do—I will give you three pound ten.'

"'No,' said Joe; 'it's no good, I see, haggling over such a bargain.'

"Muster grew very serious, and came and took the parcel from Joe's hand, and unwrapped the ball, and gazed intently at it a few seconds. Then without a word he went to fetch the money.

"'Joe,' I said, in a whisper, 'you don't mean to let the old fellow pay over the money, do you?' for, to tell the truth, I didn't relish this kind of business.

"'No,' said Joe, 'of course I don't. What do you think? You know all is fair in business, love and war. Besides, it may, after all, be a valuable curiosity, as it belonged to a king, and worth the money.'

"Presently Muster reappeared, and counted the money into Joe's hand, and we took our departure.

"'It shall be a good day for us tomorrow,' said Joe, chuckling.

"Well, to make a long story short, we went to the Derby and blued every shilling of that five quid. We never experienced a worse run of luck in our lives. It was a sort of judgment on us, I thought at the time.

"A few days after Joe called round to see me. As he shook hands he laughed so much I thought he had gone a bit wrong under his hat. He said, by way of explanation, he had been to see old Muster and the great auk's egg. It appeared he had accidentally encountered Muster, who seemed delighted to see him, and insisted on his going indoors.

"One of the first things Joe's eyes lit on as he entered the little front parlor was the great auk's egg. A big hole had been made in the side, disclosing the fact that it was hollow. 'Been getting the yoke out, eh! Mr. Muster?' said Joe, laughing. 'Yes,' returned the old man, in a pleasant tone. 'Was it yellow and fresh?' inquired Joe. 'Beautiful,' said Muster, beaming with pleasure all over his face. 'You don't regret your bargain?' queried Joe. 'No, no, that I don't,' returned the old man. And to show he didn't he went and got out some whisky and behaved like a brick.

"We both agreed the old fellow must be gone a bit wrong in the upper story.

"Soon after Billy Muster moved from Clapham and took a large house up west, where he lived for some years in good style. When asked by his friends where the money came from, he said he had made a very successful speculation. It was only when he shuffled off this mortal coil that I learned that I had been fool enough to let a fortune slip through my fingers, for that blessed old great auk's egg was crammed with precious stones, which the curiosity of the old man had unexpectedly laid bare. It was supposed that a sailor coming off a long voyage had, in a drunken bout, lost a treasure which he brought from a foreign shore, and Billy Muster had luckily bought it."—Yankee Blade.

LAW AS INTERPRETED.

The right to read medical books to the jury for the purpose of proving the symptoms of disease is denied in Bixby vs. Omaha & C. B. R. & Co. (Iowa), 43 L. R. A. 533, although they are admitted to be standard books, where they have not been referred to by witnesses whose testimony is to be contradicted by them.

The rule that freedom from contributory negligence must affirmatively appear and is not presumed is adhered to in McLean vs. Perkins (Me.), 43 L. R. A. 487, in case of the drowning of employes while going to their work in an old punt with a crack in one side calked with waste and a part of one end split off, when they were all drowned, and there is no evidence as to the cause or manner of such accident.

The acceptance by a defendant in a divorce suit, over whom no jurisdiction was obtained, of the decree rendered and his remarrying are held in Hekking vs. Pfaff (C. C. A. 1st C.), 43 L. R. A. 618, insufficient to stop him from disputing the validity of a subsequent ex parte proceeding in the divorce suit by which the judgment is opened and a decree for alimony entered against him.

Color Due to Bacteria.

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Scarcely any German soap comes to this country. England is Germany's best soap customer, and last year bought 2,250,000 pounds out of a total export of less than 5,000,000. In 1898 Germany's exports of perfume amounted to $2,250,000, a gain of almost $500,000 over 1897.

The Terre Haute city council has passed a resolution for which Councilman Reinbold, vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, has been working for three years, that all city printing be done in a union office.

Every alderman in Grand Rapids who voted for the street railroad franchise and stood for re-election in the recent municipal contest was defeated by the labor vote.

Denny—"Th' gur-rul thot Oi marray must be loike foine silk." Nora—"An' how is thot?" Denny—"Not shrink when it comes to washing."

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Bibb county's representatives to the Georgia legislature will be asked to use their efforts to get a bill through the legislature making it criminal for a druggist or pharmacist to prescribe medicine.

The arabs assert that they were the first to make butter. The method was strangely discovered. It was their habit to carry milk in skins, on the backs of camels. The steady jogging of the animals churned the milk into butter.

French railroad companies have been ordered by the courts to provide their passengers with season tickets without advertisements. The Western railroad had increased the number of advertisements until a season ticket was as thick as a pocketbook, and commuters refused to carry them.

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