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BOVEL IDEA IN STARTING A PAPER

Before Sailing For Italy Mark Tells of a Proposed Postmortem Blackmailing Sheet-His Comments on Aristophanes, Rabelals and Dowle. Does Not Want to He In Same Place With Elijah III, in Next World.

Henry W. Lucy, the British humorist, better known as Toby, M. P., arrived in the United States the other morning at New York for a five weeks' visit. Shortly after he arrived Mark Twaln, with his family, sailed for Italy, says the New York Times. The chief motive for the trip was the urgent need of an ocean voyage for Mrs. Clemens, who is an invalid. Mr. Lucy as he came off the steamship had a note in his hand which, he said, was from Mark Twain. It read, "You arrive this morning, and I sail this afternoon in order to avoid you."

In expinining the note he said: "Some time ago Mark Twain and I were at a surprise dinner to E. A. Abbey, the artist, when he proposed to me that we start a paper called the Obituary. We were to print the life of every living man of prominence, send him the proof and ask him for \$250 for suppressing the story. I considered the matter and wrote to Twain that it was agreeable to me. Since then he has made every effort, and successfully, to keep out of my way." Before Mark Twain sailed he was told what Lucy had said, and he re-

"That's true; we did talk it over, and I think there never was a better paying institution that could be devised. You see, the idea was to write the most scandalous things about a man while he was alive and tell him it would be published at the time of his death unless he paid to have it kept out of the papers. If the man paid handsomely we would allow him to alter the proof and cover up the spots on his career. There are very few men who have not some spots that can be artistically covered. He could cut the proof, add to it or polish it as much as he wished, but he had to pay for that. He could have as many of the copies of the paper in which the article was printed as he wished, and in the end he could by paying enough money get as good a reputation as he wanted and one of

which his family could be proud. "We had no circulation to our paper, for, you see, the circulation end is the losing end. When I got home I found 1 could make more money by Twain than eliminate Lucy from the money proposition. I calculated that he would not land until tomorrow or else I should not have sent the note until today. But he is a good fellow, and I hope he will do well. However, his situation reminds me of what St. Clair McKelway said to me when he learned that the Harpers had promised me a pension for life in consideration of work l had promised to do for them. 'Colonel Harvey is living on hope,' he said, while you are living on a certainty."

At the pier Mark Twain was occupied in getting eighteen pieces of baggage and his wife, two daughters and another lady who, like Mrs. Clemens, is an invalid on board the ship. Some one suggested that Mr. Clemens was having a great deal of trouble.

"Well," he replied, "I always was sorry for Father Noah, he had so much trouble getting all of his animals aboard the ark. But, you see, I'm peevish today. I have absorbed all of my wife's pugnacity and all of my daughters' audacity."

At the pier a tax assessor from Tur-rytown was waiting for the humorist. When Mr. Clemens appeared the assessor stepped up to him and said, an anxious look in his eyes, "When are you coming back?" Mr. Twain did not answer, but, turning to the reporters,

"I don't own the Casey bouse at Tarrytown. I have only rented it for a year. As a matter of fact I am tired of renting four houses and being able to occupy but one. I don't see that it matters to that fellow at what time I am going to return."

It was remarked that mention had been made of the fact that Mr. Clemens had been compared with Rabelais and Aristophanes.

"Rabelais, yes," he commented; "Aristophanes, no. I never knew Aristophanes personally. All of went I knew of him was told me by William Dean Howells. I get quite a confused idea of what he was like. Sometimes I think of him sailing up the English channel with Sir John Hawkins; again I think of Aristophanes as the Greek physician and again as an Italian virtuoso. If I had lived in the fifteenth century I should have been Rabelais. I know him from top to bottom."

"When you wrote 'Huckleberry Finn' and told of the king, who after stripping was painted as the tiger for the circus, did you have Dowle in mind?" somebody asked.

A deep frown came over the author

"I can't trace the slightest resemblance, for I have never seen Dowle disrobe. I have a presentiment that I am to meet Dowle in the next world. but I do not know where. If I find him in one place I will go to the other. I don't care how hot or how cold it is. but I do not want to be in the place where he is. I want society in the next world, but not that of Dowle."

Just before the vessel sailed a note from Mr. Lucy brought his love and his wishes for a good voyage.

THE STATELY STORK.

His Immense Power on the Wing and His Lack of Voice.

In Holland the nests of storks are generally on the summit of a tall post, put up on purpose for them, on which is fixed an old cart wheel. Says an English writer; "A Dutch gentleman of my acquaintance has one such post in his grounds within sight of his library window, but he improves on the cart wheel by having an iron framework for the reception of the nest. The first year it was put up, toward the end of June, a solitary young stork used to come daily and inspect this framework. I saw him there myself one day, standing in the empty receptacle exactly like a would be Benedict inspecting an empty house, contemplating the view and wondering if the drains are all right. The verdict was apparently favorable, for next season saw the nest occupied by the newly wedded pair. Their power of wing is very fine, and on hot days I have watched them ascending spiral circles. hardly moving their broad, black wings, till they have looked no bigger than flies. After the young are hatched they appear to be suspicious of one another and unwilling to leave the nest unguarded."

Storks have no voice. The only noise they make is "klappering" (snapping their great red mandibles rapidly and loudly). Thus they greet one another. generally by throwing back the head until the upper mandible rests on the back, but occasionally "klappering" is performed with the head and bill in the former position.

A Practical Demonstration.

"See this valve," said the officer. You will always have to open that be fore turning the faucets for the show er. Should you fail to open it you will get no water."

"Aye, aye, sir," said the sailor, stant ing at attention, with a solemn look. The officer, fearing that his explanation might not be understood, stepped under the shower and turned on both

Some one had opened the lower valve, and when the young officer opened the faucets the water came down through the shower in a deluge

soaking his uniform. Still standing at attention and with the most respectful look of interest in the proceedings of his superior officer. by two, so I gently but firmly had to the sailer watched the practical demon stration of the working of the faucets never allowing a smile to cross his face. "I think I understand the workings of it now, sir," he said.-Chicago Rec-

Shoes.

ord-Herald.

Considerable difference will be found in the wearing qualities of two pairs of shoes of the same quality and make worn by different persons. Shoes worn continuously in the house and outdoors will never give as much wear as it worn one day and left to rest a day. It saves money to wear cheap house shoes within doors and let the shoes worn outdoors rest and get into shape. Keep an old pair of shoes to wear under rubbers. The perspiration of the feet which india rubber excites ruins good leather. Select strong calfakin and keep it well olied in winter for outdoor wear. Low shoes are better for house wear, because they permit of ventilation. The hand is free from many of the ills of the foot partly because of its continuous exposure to the air .-Boston Budget.

Peculiarities of Worms, Many creatures supposed to have some of their "senses missing" are not so insensitive as people often think. Worms have neither eyes nor ears and yet are sensitive to light and music (vide Darwin's "Earthworms"). A bluebottle, in spite of not baving a nose, finds out a piece of bad meat easily enough. In short, many of the lower animals contrive to see, hear, taste or smell sufficiently for their purpose, and often in a high degree, with out being able to point to any special organs of these senses in their bodies. and to suppose they are devoid of a senra because we are unable to discover it is frequently to confess our ignorance.

Plant That Peigns Death.

In South America there is a plant. a species of mimosa, which resorts to death feigning, evidently for the purpose of preventing grass eating ani mals from eating it. In its natural state this plant has a vivid green hue, but directly it is touched by a human finger or by any living animal it collapses into a tangle of apparently dead and withered stems. Among British wild plants the most sensitive to touch is the insectigorous sundow of Engash bogs.-London Globe.

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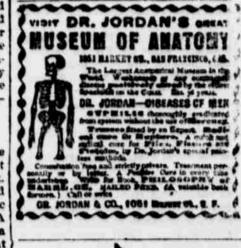
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