...ed Wallet Robbed a ...or of His Prey.

...ong in a small ca- ...numerous tributaries ... looking for ducks ...orth shooting, when ... behind me a fearful ...plashing in the water. ...er prevented me see- ... but thinking it was ... pinchos bathing, I ... order to get a shot ... a huge snake hang- ... with his body curled ... times round an unfort- ... water around them ... every now and then ... part of the snake ... below the surface ... for several sec- ... the snake ... into a sort of ... the seal right ... they would re- ... air, only sup- ...'s tail. At one ... seal jump out of ... catch hold of the snake, ... remained in the air, roar- ... fearfully for some ... they dropped into ... the snake never los- ... the tree.

...e combatants seemed to ... affected by my ap- ... canoe within some ...ds of them, so as to ... at the snake next ...d, and I had scarcely ...dle and caught up ... me up again. I ... snake where he had ... the seal, and gave ... The effect could ... The snake let ... with the whole ... into the water, ... and then again ... After about a ... up on the other ... ing at me and ... the same way ... come out of ... breasts, and ... was bleed- ... he neck, but ... from a bite of ... snake ... crawled up ... barranca" out of the water, as if ...ng was the matter with him, so I ... him one shot more, "which made ... disappear in the bushes, where I, ... alone in the canoe, thought it ... prudent not to follow him. He ... a very big one, for from the branch ... which he had his tail attached down ... the water was a distance of some ... een feet, and when he fell his tail ... I do not un- ... uld have ... als, each ... an ordi- ... standard.

...FFECTS OF CREDIT.

...ney Saved If You Abstain from Running Bills.

...t there are things about ... hopping trade of ours that ... know. Let me explain ... we have two kinds of ... nd credit. For the ... no risks and ... credit cus- ... and every ... effort to ... some houses ... ases are sent, ... address ap- ... offerers write the ... put her ... Others houses, ... dislike to force them ... y wait until such a lady asks ... a day's or a week's accom- ... to pay for a heavy purchase, ... comes and asks in plain terms ... owed to run a bill here. Then, ... does not know how eager ... jump to accommodate her. ... who has a bill at our store ... ll the way from 50 per cent. to ... more than if she hadn't. ... y does she buy every thing she ... at this store where she has a ... sing all the rest every day, but ... things she does not always ... need not laugh; men ... g. We are glad to ... ills here as well as ... yesterday that ... at he had never ... essed until we ... with us. He ... with money for ... sibly do without, ... dressing gowns, ... carfa a plenty. ... ows what. He says ... ets our bill once a ... ays pushed into doing ... of work—he is an ... to get extra money to ... He is different ... because he says this ... causes him to make ... he is driven to earn a ... than he spends each ... bill comes in. But the ... o that, you say. No; ... nt it out or coax it out ... ds.—N. Y. Herald.

...rs around Elberton, Ga., ... rth of persimmons, and ... it a point never to ... tree. In places ... been left standing ... like orchards; and ... persimmon orchards, ... h bear fine crops of ... valuable as corn for ... The farmers say that ... draws but little ... from the soil, and ... e grown even be- ...

... nd of his life, it is ... ade was accustomed ... mpositions to a secre- ... d the ... m, suiting ... In "Love ... ours in the ... on your ... atist gave the ... off with such ... gesture that his ... ived. He ...

THE FIRE-WORSHIPPERS.

Description of an Entertainment Given by a Parsee Nobleman.

Perhaps no race of people is less known or more interesting to the student and traveler than the Parsees or Fire-Worshipers of India. They are delightful hosts, and, as it was my good fortune to form the acquaintance of Sir Framgee Demshaw Petit, who was knighted for a gift of $500,000 to an educational institution, I will endeavor to describe an entertainment I attended at his palace. Sir Framgee lives in patriarchal magnificence, and when his whole family is seated at table they number fifty-five. We were received in the grand drawing-room, as large as a fair-sized church, and presented to the ladies. We found them pretty, intelligent and vivacious, and it is no exaggeration to say that they compared quite favorably with their American sisters. The ladies were attired in graceful native costumes. The dress consisted of a waist, such as is worn by Europeans, with a long scarf of embroidered silk, or crape, called a *sarre*, wrapped several times around the waist and falling in broad folds about the limbs in lieu of a skirt. One end of the sarre was brought over the head and dropped gracefully in front, constituting a very effective head dress. Their jewels were magnificent. No crowned head of Europe possesses their equal, and such an array of diamonds, pearls, sapphires, and emeralds can scarcely be imagined. One of the guests wore eight strings of pearls, which far exceled the celebrated necklace of Queen Marguerite of Italy. The state costume of the men is white, but on ordinary occasions they appear attired in the conventional evening dress. One peculiarity of their costume is not, however, to be met in a London drawing-room. They never uncover their heads, and a high, conical Persian hat, or, at meals, a skull cap, always completes their dress.

On the occasion I am describing an orchestra played selections from Italian operas, and, after conversing awhile upon topics of universal interest, our host made a sign to the servants, who brought in baskets filled with large bouquets of Eastern flowers. Each lady selected one, sprinkled it with rose-water from a tall silver vase, presented it to the gentleman who was to escort her to dinner, and then, taking his arm, she led the way to where a table was spread, overlooking the sea.

There we were regaled with tea, coffee, cakes, fruits and twenty-two kinds of delicious native sweets, which had been collected in honor of our coming. It was an event not to be forgotten. The waving palms and tropical flowers, the splash of the waves, mingling with the soft strains of music, the beautiful women with their flashing jewels and graceful dress, were typical of the languid, dreamy East, and carried one unconsciously back to the days of Haroun al-Rashid.

When tea was over we were taken for a delightful drive in handsome European turnouts, and then to dine at another Parsee house. The ceremony was long and stately, all the dishes were native, but the wines were European, and this dinner, with that exception, was representative of native manners before they had received the European touch. The ladies whom we escorted gave us bouquets, as in the afternoon, and the host hung chaplets of white jasamines about our necks and wrists. The menu cards bore gilded crests, and they gave us bonbons wrapped in gold leaf to carry away. It was a dream of the East, but the perfectly-appointed table, surrounded by intelligent men and graceful women, made it hard to believe that the members of this refined society were the Fire-Worshipers we had been brought up to despise as heathen.—W. B. Chatfield, in America.

An Ample Apology.

Through some unaccountable carelessness in the composing-room of a rural journal, the obituary of one of the town's livest citizens crept into the paper one morning. It was not many hours after the issue of the edition that the "lamented" himself crept into the sanctum, and vigorously demanded a correction in the next morning's paper. It appeared as follows:

"Our yesterday's edition contained the announcement of the death of our esteemed fellow-townsman, Colonel Jones. It is with profound regret that we state that our announcement was premature. The Colonel still lives, and we beg to assure him not only of our distinguished consideration, but that it shall be our constant effort to see that he shall not be annoyed in this manner again until the last dread hour has in very truth arrived. To this end we have ordered the standing obituary of Colonel Jones to be distributed. —Harper's Magazine.

—Last year there were 5,315 divorces granted in France. The demands were largely made by the wives, and those who had been married from five to ten years were the most numerous in seeking release from matrimonial bonds. There were two divorces granted of couples who had celebrated their golden weddings.

—In England the proper ratio of doctors to population is said to be one to 1,200, but by this rule there are 1,943 too many doctors in London, and while 600 die every year, 1,800 new ones are turned out. Competition is so great that in some parts of the city doctors will see a patient, prescribe and supply medicine for sixpence a visit.

—To test cake in the oven never insert a broom splinter, but draw it gently forward and put the ear close to the loaf; if it be not done there will be a little spluttering sound. When it is thoroughly baked there will be no sound.

—Malaria is due to microbes, which reach their victims either from the air, by inhalation, or from drinking water which has absorbed them. Boil the water, avoid the night air, sleep in the higher rooms of the house, and guard against all excesses.

—A few pence will buy an ounce of saturated solution of permanganate of potash at a chemist's. If when a drop of this solution is added to a tumbler of water its color changes brown, it is unfit to drink; if it remains clear, or slightly rose-colored after an hour, it is, broadly speaking, safe.

—An excellent remedy for a cough is flaxseed tea, made as follows: ... ounce of whole flaxseed a ..., let the tea stand ... for twent...

SOME SHORT SAWS.

A Few With Unusually Long Teeth That Have Been Newly Sharpened.

"I love you for yourself alone," as the blackbird said when he swallowed the gooseberry.

This is the commonplace expression of false friends, who, while they make the utmost use of us, even to abuse, profess the most unbounded admiration of and regard for us.

"That's neither here nor there," as the crow said when an egg fell out of her nest.

How many of us have to lament the spoiled life, the wasted opportunity for good, the lost time, the possibility that was in our life and went out of it, the wreck of this image God made!

"I'll never do that again," as the monkey said when he fell from the top of the mango tree and broke his back in the fall.

There are many people who take credit to themselves for abstention from evil when they are not able to commit the evil they renounce. The sick man says: "I tear myself away from the world;" the poor man, "I deny myself the luxuries of life;" the old man, "I abstain from the follies of youth;" the blind man, "I take no pleasure in riotous living;" the deaf man, "I make a point of never listening to the whispers of scandal."

"Oh, you swindler, you've a stone inside you!" as the wasp said when he ate into the plum.

Few people are more virtuously indignant that the cheat when he finds himself outwitted.

"This is a thing that ought not to be permitted," as the fox said when he found the henroost empty.

The assumption of virtue is common to mankind, but none assume it so loudly as those who have the least right to it. By such people any shortcoming on the part of others is made a subject of complaint.

"You've got a bee in your bonnet," as the hive said when the old lady came to look at the honey.

While it is an inherent weakness of human nature to love to find fault without reason, in none is that weakness so fully developed as in those who are most guilty of "little sins."—Quiver.

MILLIONS FOR CHARITY.

The Enormous Bequests of an Italian Duchesse to Various Charities.

The late Duchesse de Galliera was as large-hearted and as open-handed as the late Mme. Boucicault, though perhaps less judicious in the use she made of one of the largest fortunes of this age. The late Duke of Galliera was one of the Continental railway kings and a keen and venturesome speculator. He died leaving personalty in France alone amounting to $55,000,000, and in Italy over $15,000,000. The Univers gives the following list of her well-known deeds of generosity: Two thousand dollars a year to the poor of the Seventh Arondissement; $4,000 a year to the poor of Paris; for the Brignole Galliera Museum, near the Trocadelo, $1,000,000; for the creation of an orphanage at Meudon, $2,800,000; for the support of that institution, $2,000,000; for the building of three working-class lodging-houses in Paris, $400,000. To deepen the port of Genoa she gave $1,700,000, to the present Pope $500,000, to build two hospitals $1,800,000.

Besides the above donations she gave Genoa the palace called the Palazzo Rossa, with its art furniture and pictures, comprising a collection of ancestral portraits by Rubens and Vandyke. The gift of a palace and estate at Bologna to the Duc de Montpensier can hardly be called a charity. Her last great benefactions were the founding of two asylums, one for 200 old men and 100 old women, and another for Christian Brothers too old or broken down in health to teach. It was at the opening of the former at which she caught cold, which, degenerating into inflammation of the lungs, killed her. How she disposed of the remnant of her vast fortune is not yet known. The Duchess had an idea she was insulting the poor to ask them to live in meanly-constructed alms-houses. She therefore created palaces for them.—Paris Letter.

The Charge of the Ewes.

I was sheep-herding then in Northwest Texas, and had about five hundred ewes and lambs under my care. The day was warm, though the wind was blowing strongly, and when noon approached the flock traveled but slowly toward the place where I wished them to make their midday camp. To urge them on I took my long bandana handkerchief and flicked the nearest to me with it as I walked behind. As I did so the wind blew it strongly, and it suddenly occurred to me to make a sort of flag of it in order to see if it would frighten them. I took hold of two corners and held it over her head so that it might blow out to its full extent. Now, whether it was due to the glaring color, or the strange attitude, or to the snapping of the outer edge of the handkerchief in the wind—and I think it was this last—I can not say, but the hindmost ewes suddenly stopped, turned round, eyed me wildly, and then half a dozen made a desperate charge, struck me on the legs, threw me over, and fled precipitately as I fell. It was a reversal of experience too unexpected! I lay a while and looked at things, expecting to see the sun blue at the very least, and then I gathered myself together slowly. In all seriousness I was never so taken aback in all my life, and I was almost prepared for a ewe's biting me. —Cornhill Magazine.

—An American may suffer from a lack of dollars, but no Calcutta man ever went to the poor-house because of a lack of rupees.—N. Y. Sun.

—It is faith in something and enthusiasm for something that make a life worth looking at.

—The evening of age is largely conditioned upon the nights of youth.—Washington Post.

—Good looks should not be despised. There have been few heroes with turn-up noses and bow legs.

—There is in effect no virtue properly so-called, without victory over ourselves; and that which costs nothing is worth nothing.

—When a man's coat is threadbare, it is easy to pick a hole in it.

—The existence of life is sometimes measured by the memory of its burdens.

—If you amuse a man he'll be likely to forgive you for cheating him afterward.

—Wealth has made more men covetous than covetousness has made wealthy.

... we did but ...

MAINE'S SOLID STONES.

They Make the Great Buildings and Bridges Half the Country Over.

As long as there are post-offices, custom houses, big bridges and the like to build, the State of Maine is sure to come in for a generous share of the money expended in their construction, for there is enough granite down here to build a bridge to Ireland, and it is of the very finest kind, too. Sections of Maine's geological makeup are distributed all over the country in the form of magnificent public and private edifices, and many a mile of metropolitan pavement, as far west as St. Louis, is composed of granite blocks from the quarries of this State. Dix Island, Vinal Haven, Blue Hill, Mt. Waldo, Gouldsboro and Sullivan, on the eastern coast, have long been famous for their quarries, and now Hollowell, on the Kennebec, is becoming a great place for the knights of the hammer and drill. Four hundred men are at work there now, and business is booming. Granite is being taken out for the Metropolitan Museum of Art and American Bank building, New York, and for the ten-story Bank of Commerce building in Pittsburgh, Pa., and the contracts for monumental and tomb work now on hand amount to $100,000. The shaft of the John Wentworth monument in Chicago was quarried and cut at Hollowell and shipped last week. The shaft is fifty-two feet long, weighs sixty-five tons, and was shipped to Chicago on two cars specially built for the purpose. Some very creditable sculpturing is done at Hollowell, a large building being devoted specially to such work. The sculptors are now at work upon eighteen life-sized figures for the Bible building in New York City, and the last of the figures for the Plymouth monument has just been expressed. A life-sized plaster bust of the late Governor Bodwell has recently been completed, and is pronounced a work of genuine art. It will be copied in marble, and the reproduction placed on exhibition in the State House this winter. A big granite quarry is a handy thing to have around a town, for the quarrymen get good wages, and there are so many of them that their patronage brings joy to the hearts of the shopkeepers.—Bangor (Me.) Letter.

AN HEROIC COURSE.

The Straits to Which a Young Married Man at Boston Was Put.

I heard the other day an authentic story of something that happened here in Boston, which recalls an incident in one of Balzac's novels and tends to support the old saying about truth and fiction. It seems that the wife of a young man who has a little house of his own somewhere in the outlying districts, but whose salary is very small, fell ill, and was unable to leave her room for several months. The doctor, as often happens, prescribed a great many remedies, tonics and beverages, such as Apollinaris water and champagne, which, being very expensive, were far beyond the young husband's means. What could be done? He was bound that his wife should have everything which the doctor ordered, and, his purse having been emptied, he stole out one evening with the parlor clock under his arm and returned with a five-dollar bill. A large easy-chair was expended two days later for a few bottles of port wine, and, to cut the story short, by the time the young woman was able to go down stairs, the rooms on the first floor had been stripped of their contents to pay the grocer and the apothecary.

It must have been a bitter moment for the poor young wife when she first saw what havoc had been wrought in her drawing-room, and I dare say that for a few minutes at least her good man felt that he had been too clever by half. It must be acknowledged, however, that he acted pretty wisely. Health is more important than furniture, and in time the household goods will be replaced. The plan which this enterprising fellow pursued was surely better than helping himself out of his master's cash-box, and perhaps it was preferable to the ordinary course of running in debt; certainly it was more original.—Boston Post.

Separate Municipal Elections.

Without venturing to decide which plan is the more desirable, we think there is no longer any doubt in any impartial mind as to the need of the proposed separation. There can be no improvement in our municipal government, no relief from the extravagant and oftentimes corrupt expenditures which make life in our cities so enormously expensive, until we bring the mass of voters to the comprehension of two points: First, that it is playing into the hands of the men who make their living out of politics to allow National and State political considerations to enter into the choice of municipal officers; secondly, that the burden of taxation is not borne by the rich alone, but largely by the poor. The voters must think when they are deciding how they will vote, not as to what the effect of their ballot will be on a candidate for Governor or President, but upon municipal taxation, schools, police, paving, lighting, street-cleaning, sewerage, docks.—Century.

—During the trial of a case in Kingston, a Kingstonian was examined as a witness. After the lawyers had asked him all the questions they could think of about the case one of them facetiously inquired about the dry goods business. "They are selling off at cost," promptly answered the witness; "yes, for less than cost." Then, as he realized that he was still on the witness stand, he earnestly added: "But I want you to understand I'm not under oath now!"—Kingston Freeman.

—"Hadn't you better wash the dishes before we go?" said a man who was taking a hired girl out for a walk; "your missis will be sure to see them and scold you." "No, she'll not," replied the girl; "as soon as she learns I am going out for the evening she'll spend all the time looking through my trunk."—Puck.

—Young man (to servant)—"Is Miss Clara engaged?" Servant—"Hiven rist your sowl, sorr, I hope she is. She's in the parlor now wid a young man's arm twict around her waist."—

Very Unobtrusive Piety.

"Spotcash, who is that gentleman that went out of the store just now?"

"Rev. Mr. Goodman. I thought you knew him, Oneprice. He is our pastor."

"Your pastor, Spotcash? Are you a member of a church?"

"Of course I am. I've been a member for twenty years."

"And I have been ...

—Some men seem never to grow old. Always active in thought, always ready to adopt new ideas, they are never chargeable with fogyism. Satisfied yet ever dissatisfied, settled yet ever unsettled, they always enjoy the best of what is and are the first to find the best of what will be.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—Did you ever stop to realize how hard it is to down a man who has pluck, pride, enterprise and a modicum of common sense? You may get him under the wheels and you may dance on his neck in fiendish glee, and think you have done him forever, but at the first opportunity he will "bob up serenely," and live to make you ashamed of your cowardly conduct.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox says: "If I were asked to define the meaning of a successful man, I should say a man who has made a happy home for his wife and children. No matter what he has done in the way of achieving wealth or honor, if he has done that he is a grand success. If he has not done that, and it is his own fault, though he is the highest in the land, he is a most pitiful failure."

—We are apt to forget our duty toward our immediate relatives and friends. Dean Stanley says that each one of us is bound to make the little circle in which we live better and happier; each of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the widest good may flow; each of us may have fixed in his mind the thought that out of a single household may flow influences that shall stimulate the whole commonwealth and the whole civilized world.

—"Brother Dumley, do you suppose I can get your wife to give our Young Ladies' Domestic Economy Association an address on housekeeping or something of that sort? Her books and magazine articles are so much admired that I think she must talk delightfully." "Oh, laws! my wife can't talk." "Why, what's the matter with her?" "She's all write."—Springfield Union.

—"Did any one in this car drop any money?" called the conductor, as he opened the door. There was a painful silence for half a minute, and then a man held up his hand. "How much was it?" asked the conductor. "I dropped forty-five dollars at faro last night, but I can't expect to get it all back. Give me thirty-five dollars and let the rest go to experience."—Detroit Free Press.

—"Have you done any thing for me?" asked the condemned man, in pitiful tones, as his lawyer entered the cell. "Yes, indeed," said the legal gentleman, gleefully. "Oh, what is it?" demanded the murderer, "a pardon?" "No." "A commutation of sentence?" "No." "Then, in mercy's name, what?" "I have succeeded," said the lawyer, "in having the day of your execution changed from Friday to Monday. Friday is an unlucky day, you know."

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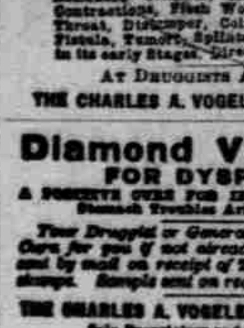

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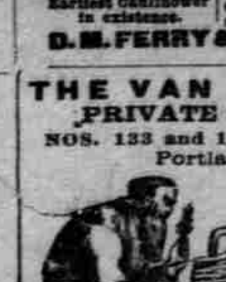

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