

THE RODEO.

Down, down the dark canyons we ride in a hurry. The cedars sweep by in their mystical hurra...

Has Been to Mecca.

I fancy that it is not generally known that there is in this town a man who has twice made the perilous journey to Mecca.

Bear Shooting in Tibet.

As I drew near I saw a large bear standing in the river feeding on the carcass of a yak.

Character from the Fingers.

As far as the fingers are concerned, experts in palmistry divide hands into three classes.

A Bait Fellow.

Pretty Girl—Did you see the way that can looked at me? It was positively insulting.

Big Brother—Did he stare? Pretty Girl—Sure? Why, no. He was as green over me and then glanced at some one else just as if I wasn't in a way.

ARSENIC AND AMMONIA.

Remarkable Contrast in the Effect of Two Poisons on the Complexion.

The slow absorption of many poisons changes in some more or less modified form the complexion, but arsenic and ammonia show their effect about as quickly as any.

It produces a waxy, ivory-like appearance of the skin during a certain stage of the poisoning, but its terrible after effects have become too well known to make it of common use as a cosmetic.

The effects of ammonia upon the complexion are directly the opposite to that of arsenic. The first symptoms of ammonia poisoning which appears among those who work in ammonia factories is a discoloration of the skin of the nose and forehead.

Many people are slowly absorbing ammonia poison without knowing it. The use of ammonia in the manufacture has greatly increased of late, and it is unquestionably used as an adulterant in certain food preparations.

Prof. Long of Chicago is authority for the statement that, if to fifty million parts of water there is one part of ammonia, the water is dangerous.

It Pays to Grumble Judiciously.

The utility of grumbling is something to be considered. Perhaps the following tale may set forth some of its advantages.

And the first words that passed her lips were addressed to the cashier thus. "Mr. Jones, for years I have transacted my business with this bank, and I've been annoyed all these years by men smoking in my face."

And she went away triumphant. All of which teaches that if you don't like a thing growl about it once in awhile.

Not to be Endured.

If the Federal government desires to stamp out the lottery evil, there will be little opposition on the part of the people and the press; but, if it gives irresponsible underlings the power to stamp out the press when it exercises its right to discuss the law, the result will be not only opposition, but indignation and trouble all along the line.

Just now the papers are having a good deal to say about the arrest of a Wisconsin editor because he published a clipping from an exchange questioning the validity of the anti-lottery law.

This policy will not work. If lotteries cannot be destroyed without also destroying the freedom of the press, the people will be in favor of letting the lotteries alone.

Fortunately it is no easy matter to bulldoze the newspapers of America. The menace of fine and imprisonment will intimidate very few.

Many of the valuable gems in the collection of the Fishmanieria are to be utilized in the construction of the new crowns recently designed by Emperor William for himself and the Empress.

The Penalty of Pride.

Ho—And so you're really going to marry that professor? You, the heroine of a thousand engagements! How did you ever come to accept him?

His Cousin from Boston—Why, you see, he proposed in Greek, and when I refused him I got mixed on my negative and—Meh-tou-ki—accepted him, and now I'm too proud to acknowledge my blunder. Oh, I'm his for life!—Life.

It Worked.



Mr. Oldboy Fly professor of electricity and practical mechanics—Come right in, my son. Don't be alarmed; it's only a little invention of your poor old father's.

In a Conservatory.

After a dance. He (diffidently): Not since last year: So glad again to find you! I've often thought of—this sweet place—and you.

She (coaxingly): Not fool me! "Auf Wiedersehen," my caprice beruht me. "Bye!" Aye, in years, but first in minutes!

How cruel! I have marked your every motion. Have caught your least light smile all night. I think; Dream in each glance and grace with fresh devotion.

She (bitterly): Sweetheart, for one brief moment let me fold you. And on your fair, fine lips a last kiss set; And then these eyes shall never more behold you.

The Key of Death.

The "Key of Death" is apparently a large key which is shown among the weapons at the arsenal at Venice. It was invented by Tibaldo, who, disappointed in love, designed this instrument for the destruction of his rival.

A Group of Statuary.



This clever artist can play upon anything from a piano to the sympathies of his admirers.—Munsey's Weekly.

Only a Brief Stay.

He was one of those dry old jokers, and as he settled his portly frame into a Murray rotunda rocker for his after dinner smoke a dashing, fashionably dressed young man rushed up, held out his hand and exclaimed:

"Well, I declare, judge, when did you get in?" "Oh, rather day; when did you come?" returned the "judge."

"Last night, over the Burlington." "How long are you going to stay?" "As long as my money holds out," chuckled the young man.

"Sorry you're going to leave so soon," observed the judge, without cracking a smile.—Omaha Republican.

Exposing Her Ignorance.

Farmer—Yess, yess that little cow. Wal, she gives more milk than all the others put together.

Men may say of marriage and women what they please, they will renounce neither the one nor the other.—Fontenelle.

We can forgive freely, if we want to, but the will to forget is not so much at our disposal.

It requires a good deal of aptitude to amuse a child.

The Church of the Future.

The churches of the future will be founded on the idea of righteousness. "Other foundation can no man lay."

Any narrower church is unworthy of humanity and of God, and will, in the natural course of events, be swept away. The gods of ecclesiasticism have very often been devils, but the true God is a perfectly good Being, and his church must therefore be co-extensive with the race.

A church founded on the idea of righteousness is a church which all wise men must approve, which all good men must love, for righteousness is absolutely necessary for the well being of mankind. A church founded on the idea of righteousness is part of that eternal and universal church which existed long before the Christian era.

They Worship a Log.

There is a log of yellowish colored wood standing just outside of Oh's Hua gate, Pekin. This log has remained in its present position since the fall of the old Ying dynasty.

The Chinese people believe that the log is the habitation of some god, and on that account gather and worship at its base at least once a year. Among the higher classes the day for this unique species of worship is the first of each succeeding month, unless that day should happen to be a new moon day.

Southern Wit in War.

"As we are reminded by the author of "Four Years in Rebel Capitals," the south, as well as the north, needed to exercise its sense of humor, whenever that was possible, to carry it through the terrible strain of the war.

Early in secession days a bombastic friend approached him with the question, "Well, sir, I presume your voice is still for war?"

"Oh, yes," replied the wit, "perfectly still!" "Always to be remembered is General Zebulon Vance's apostrophe to the rabbit, flying by him from a heavy rifle fire: "Go it cottonball! If I hadn't a reputation I'd be with you!"

Saving Oil.

A centrifugal machine is now used in engineering workshops by means of which 75 per cent. of the oil remaining in the metal cuttings from drilling and planing machines can be recovered.

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